



A Delhi court grants bail to RJD chief Lalu Prasad, wife Rabri Devi and their son & dy CM Tejashwi Yadav in the alleged land-for-job scam in the rly, noting since they were not held by the CBI there would be no need for arrest at court's instance, P 10

Scottish police have closed their investigation into an incident involving three radical Sikh activists preventing Indian high commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami, from entering a Glasgow gurdwara, saying no offence was committed, P 17

Canadian singer Grimes (Claire Boucher) sues former boyfriend Elon Musk for preventing her from establishing a 'parental relationship' with one of their three children

Speaker Kevin McCarthy is voted out of the job in an extraordinary showdown – a first in US history, forced by a contingent of hard-right conservatives, and throwing the House and its Republican leadership into chaos, P 17



Trio win Nobel in chemistry for 'quantum dots'

Three US-based researchers on Wednesday won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for developing tiny 'quantum dots' – particles just a few atoms in diameter – used to illuminate flat screens and LED lamps, several hours after a prematurely sent statement revealed their names. P 17

LS disqualifies Faizal for second time

NCP's Mohd Faizal P was disqualified as LS member on Wednesday after the Kerala HC rejected his plea for suspension of his conviction. This is the second time LS has disqualified him. PG OPP

21 dead in Venice bus accident

A bus with dozens of passengers fell 50 feet from an elevated road in Venice, causing a fiery crash that killed 21 people and injured 15, mostly foreign tourists, returning to a campsite. P 17

J&K student shot at by terrorists

A Class 10 student was critically wounded after terrorists fired on him in south Kashmir's Anantnag Wednesday. In Kulgam, security forces gunned down two Hizb terrorists. P 15

UP MLA's 'aides' damage 7km road

Miscreants claiming to be aides of a local MLA destroyed a 7km-patch in UP's Shahjahanpur using a JCB and assaulted workers after the contractor refused to pay 'goonda tax'. P 9

Excise probe: ED arrests AAP MP Sanjay Singh

No Proof Against Me, He Says; BJP Targets CM

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday arrested AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh as part of its probe into the Delhi excise policy, in a development which drags the AAP leadership into the saga of alleged corruption in distribution of liquor vends by the Arvind Kejriwal government. Singh was taken into custody after a daylong search of his residence and other premises in the capital. He is likely to be produced before a special PMLA court here on Thursday.

Singh claimed he was being arrested "without any evidence" and his party said the ED's action showed BJP's "frustration" as it was going

Photo: ANI

“The arrest of Sanjay Singh is completely illegal. This shows Modiji's nervousness. They will arrest many more oppn leaders until the elections
—Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal

It is clear for all to see today that the truth cannot be hidden. After Sanjay Singh, it will be Arvind Kejriwal's turn to face the music
—Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva

'I accept dying but not bowing down,' the AAP MP said



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to lose the 2024 elections to the INDIA bloc. BJP on its part mounted a blistering attack on CM Kejriwal, accusing him of being the 'kingpin' of the alleged scam and said "handcuffs" were not far.

The arrest of the vocal RS

member, the second AAP leader to be jailed in the case after deputy CM Manish Sisodia, came a day after a local court accepted the plea of two key accused to turn approvers. TNN

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10 dead, 22 soldiers among 82 missing as flash flood wrecks havoc in Sikkim

Photo: ANI

Kolkata/Siliguri/Kalimpong: At least 10 people died and 82 others — 22 of them Army personnel — were reported missing in North Sikkim after a brute of a flash flood triggered by a glacial lake outburst struck early Wednesday.

A mini truck touches the roof of a house after flash floods, triggered by a glacial lake outburst, hit a locality in Gangtok district on Wednesday

well as the information highway, with the gushing waters of the Teesta destroying telecom and power infrastructure at several places.

"We have found nine bodies so far, including that of an 11-month-old girl," said Tashi Wangyal, a spokesperson for Sikkim Police.

This is the second major price cut for Ujjwala beneficiaries ahead of elections in politically important states and follows a Rs 200 reduction in LPG refill price on August 29. The move is expected to blunt some of the opposition's criticism over rising inflation. P 9

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day, sweeping away portions of highways, swallowing entire bridges and breaching the Chungthang dam.

Gangtok, Sikkim's capital city, was cut off by road as

NewsClick chief in 7-day police custody; 16 media bodies write to CJL

NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and his HR head Amit Chakravarty were Wednesday sent to police custody for seven days. The two were arrested Tuesday in a case filed under UAPA following raids conducted in the wake of allegations that the portal was being paid to support Chinese propaganda. NewsClick said it had not been provided with a copy of the FIR and Purkayastha moved a plea seeking one.

Meanwhile, 16 journalist bodies wrote to CJL Chandrabhush and sought his intervention in the instance of police raids on houses of journalists affiliated to NewsClick "before it is too late and autocratic police state becomes the norm". They wrote, "Vague assertions about investigation of some unspecified offence have become the grounds for questioning journalists." P 12

Govt raises LPG subsidy for poor to ₹300

The Centre on Wednesday raised the LPG subsidy for 'Ujjwala' scheme beneficiaries by Rs 100, bringing the total to Rs 300. The cost of each refill has thus come down to Rs 603 for poor households against Rs 903 for general consumers.

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Neeraj overcomes Chinese 'goof-up' to defend title

Silver For Jena; With 81 Medals, India Surges Past Record Haul

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Hangzhou: "Aaj mazaa aa gaya. Thank you, Kishore Jena." The javelin final was anything but fun for Neeraj Chopra. His opening effort, well in the 85m-plus range, was not recorded with officials citing a glitch in the electronic distance measurement. Neeraj was asked to throw again. He complied, and duly took lead in his second throw of 84.49m.

Then teammate Kishore Jena's clearly legit second throw was red flagged. The Indians coolly sought a review and had it reverted. Jena's riposte came as a stunning 87.54m in his fourth, better than his world championship effort this August. It also left the



world and Olympic champion with a mountain to climb. Neeraj's reply was a terrific 88.88m, better than the 88.17m that made him world champion. The 1-2 result in javelin capped a historic day for India, when the country's Asian medal tally surged to 81, its highest ever. P 20, 21 & 22

IN THE COURTS

► SC says it will not restrict immunity enjoyed by MPs and MLAs for 'anything said or vote cast' in Parl or assembly but will revisit the PV Narasimha Rao ruling to see whether the shield extends to those who are engaged in 'cash-for-vote' corruption. P 10

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► A Poco court in Tripura sentences 2 youths to death for sexually assaulting and killing a 6-yr-old in 2019 when they were students. P 9

55 Chinese sailors dead as N-sub hits own trap: Report

Naomi Cantor

London: A planned ambush by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) on US and British vessels in the Yellow Sea boomeranged catastrophically when its own nuclear-powered submarine sailed into the trap, killing at least 55 sailors, the Daily Mail reported quoting a leaked UK intelligence report.

According to the tabloid, the submarine's oxygen system malfunctioned and poison

sioned the crew after the vessel sank at 8.12am on August 21. The dead included 22 officers, including the submarine's captain, Colonel Xue Yong-Pen. Seven officer cadets, nine petty officers and 17 sailors were among the victims of gas poisoning.

"The submarine hit a chain and anchor obstacle used by the Chinese Navy to trap US and allied submarines," the classified report states.

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Why Isn't AAP An Accused, Asks SC

LIQUOR POLICY: Court Says According To ED, Party And Not Sisodia Beneficiary Of Change

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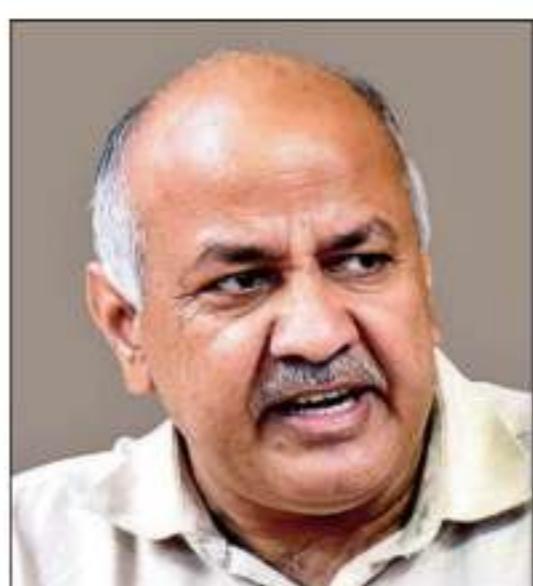
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought response from the Enforcement Directorate on why it did not arraign Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as an accused in the money laundering case relating to Delhi's now scrapped excise policy since the agency has alleged that the party is the main beneficiary.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and S V N Bhatti, while hearing bail plea of Delhi's former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who was arrested in the alleged excise scam, raised the question at the end of the day's proceedings and asked Additional Solicitor General S V Raju to come out with response on Thursday when the hearing would resume.

"As far as PMLA is concerned, your whole case is that it went to a political party. That political party is still not an accused. How do you answer that? He (Sisodia) is not the beneficiary, the political party is the beneficiary," the bench said.

The top court said Sisodia had not raised this ground to defend himself but asked the agency to respond to the question on not arraigning the party as an accused in the money laundering case.

Pleading for Sisodia's bail, Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi submitted that there was no evidence against the former deputy CM and the agencies proceeded on mere hearsay. During arguments stretching over two hours, Singhvi told the bench that change in excise policy was not an individual deci-



the cabinet and then finally sent to the LG for approval," Singhvi said explaining the decision making process.

He submitted that the only allegation levelled by ED against Sisodia is that Vijay Nair was his agent but it does not fulfil the requirement under PMLA to proceed against him. "There is not a word about how the petitioner has done any of the acts under Section 3 of PMLA. ED is still tracing the money. They only have a bald statement that Sisodia assisted in the generation of proceeds of crime. That is not sufficient for Section 3 of PMLA," he said.

Section 3 of the Act says that "whosoever directly or indirectly attempts to indulge or knowingly assists or knowingly is a party or is actually involved in any process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime including its concealment, possession, acquisition or use and projecting or claiming it as untainted property shall be guilty of offence of money-laundering".

"You have to show how Manish Sisodia is involved, not just say he is. You have to show at least some involvement in projection, concealment, possession," Singhvi said. He told the bench that Sisodia fulfils the triple test criteria formulated by SC for granting bail as he is not a flight risk, will not threaten any witnesses and will fully cooperate in the ongoing probe in the case.

Sisodia moved the apex court after his bail plea was rejected by the trial court and Delhi High Court. The agencies-CBI and ED- will commence arguments in the case on Thursday.

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ED reached my residence, they did not find anything, still I am being arrested
SANJAY SINGH

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New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party lashed out at BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the arrest of the party's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh in Wednesday.

While chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said more AAP leaders would be targeted because of the proximity of general elections, the arrested parliamentarian claimed not to fear arrests and was ready to die even.

Singh said that he was targeted for being vocal against the Modi government on issues related to corruption and what he called the "Adani scam". "Today the Enforcement Directorate reached my residence. They did not find anything criminal, but I was still arrested," the MP said in a video message.

He added, "I want to tell Modiji that he is going to lose the coming elections and what he is doing is a sign of his frustration and defeat. This is an example of the extent a coward can go to in order to win elections." Singh said that he was not afraid and was even ready to die.

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many more opposition leaders would be similarly targeted ahead of general elections. He and his wife, Sunita, met the family of the MP on Wednesday night.

The CM said, "ED officials searched the entire house of the MP but found nothing. Yet he was arrested in the eve-

KEJRIWAL SAYS
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ning. Now that elections are approaching and since the INDIA alliance has been formed, the PM is afraid of the success of the alliance and wants to derail it."

Kejriwal said that Singh was a "lion" and the PM was under the wrong impression that AAP would be frightened at its members being arrested. He said he would file a case in the court as well as fight this battle on the roads. "If we became as dishonest as BJP, all our problems would end. The

saffron party's problem is that we are 'kattar' (staunchly) honest," Kejriwal claimed.

The CM said, "They have searched my past seven lives but have not found anything. So, they are alleging a scam in the liquor policy and yet have not found an illegal penny but are still arresting people."

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann said on X, "If the public does not support him, it has become the nature of Modi ji to scare through ED. But we are made of a different material and are not afraid."

Singh's wife, Anita, also spoke to the media at her residence. She said, "They questioned us and searched the house but found nothing. They also misbehaved a little. I guess the pressure on the ED officials to arrest my husband. They did not give us any reason why they were arresting him."

She added, "It feels bad when your husband is taken to jail in a false case."

The MP's father said that his son asked him while being escorted out not to be afraid. "In response, I told him that truth always wins," he said. "I think they didn't have a basis to arrest him but since they had been ordered to arrest him, they had to do so."

Delhi BJP also claimed on

Kejriwal 'kingpin' of 'scam', handcuffs not far away, claims BJP

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BJP SAYS

Extortion was being carried out at the CM's residence, commissions were being fixed and these things have been accepted by none other than the accused, Dinesh Arora

Wednesday that the leaders of the party that had portrayed itself as staunchly honest were getting exposed before the public and soon chief minister Kejriwal would be behind bars.

Party spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia claimed that Dinesh Arora, one of the accused in the case, had told the probe agency that he had paid a bribe to Kejriwal. "Arora has admitted that he paid Rs 32 lakh as a bribe to Kejriwal by a cheque on being asked by Sanjay Singh at the meeting to pay for the party fund," Bhatia said. He accused Singh of being involved in the case as Kejriwal's "left hand".

Bhatia alleged, "His right hand, Manish Sisodia, has been languishing in jail for several months. Both the left hand and the right hand of Kejriwal are involved in corruption. It's Kejriwal who forces his MPs and ministers to commit corruption to fill his coffers."

He dared the CM to hold a press conference and clarify if he had not received a bribe of Rs 32 lakh by cheque from Arora.

Bhatia claimed that there were three "facts" that needed attention. "Arora, the first accused in the scam, has confessed that a meeting of liquor traders was held at the CM's residence. Extortion was being carried out at the CM's residence, commissions were being fixed and these things have been accepted by none other than the accused Dinesh Arora," he said.

At the behest of Kejriwal, Sanjay Singh asked Arora to put Rs 32 lakh in AAP's party fund, Bhatia alleged. "This makes it clear that the bribe of Rs 32 lakh was paid through cheque, but crores of rupees were paid in cash," he said. Bhatia claimed that the AAP leaders were still playing the "victim card" by dubbing action against them as politically motivated "even though their involvement in the scam is crystal clear."

Since morning, the AAP MP had been claiming that nothing was found in his house, "but he should tell us whether any cash was found in the houses of the accused during the investigation in the fodder and 2G scams", Singh said. When an investigating agency conducts raids, it does so with evidence, he claimed.

AAP is the first party whose big leaders are going to jail, and they haven't got bail even after applying for it 40 times, he said.

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'Delay In Formation Of Standing Committee Has Hit Okhla Work'

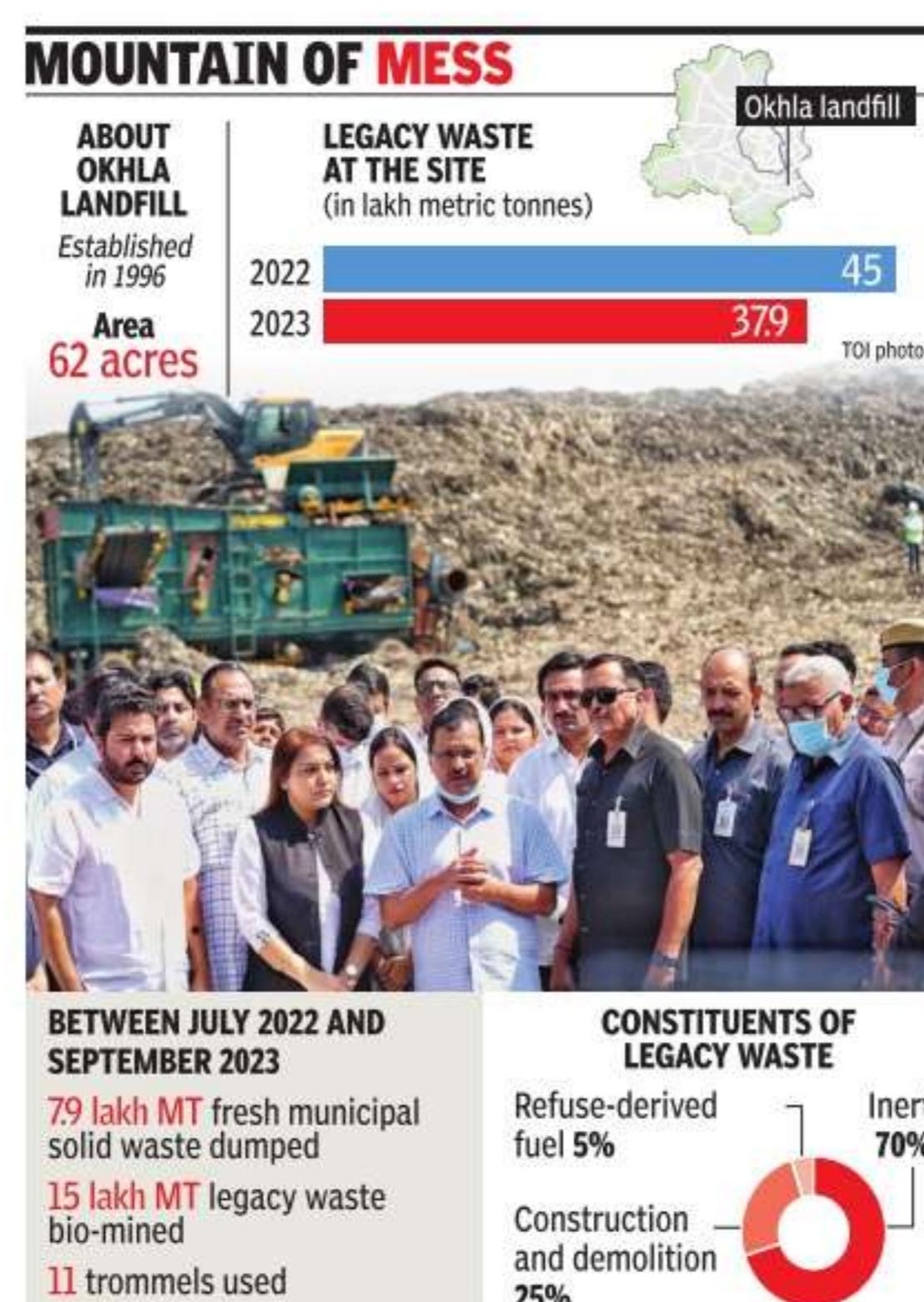
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New Delhi: With the work of bioremediation of the legacy waste at the Okhla landfill running behind schedule, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) would soon hire another agency to expedite the work.

The chief minister, however, added that non-formation of the MCD Standing Committee had caused the delay in hiring the agency.

While MCD had targeted to process 18 lakh metric tonnes of the total 45 lakh MT legacy waste lying at the Okhla landfill, it could barely tackle around 12 lakh MT. With the addition of over seven lakh tonnes of fresh municipal waste reaching the landfill, the municipal corporation now has a challenge to dispose of nearly 38 lakh MT waste by May 2024, the deadline announced by the then finance minister Kailash Gahlot in his budget speech earlier this year to flatten the mountain of garbage.

The high-powered Standing Committee plays a crucial role in all key financial decisions in the civic body. The committee has 18 members, including six elected by the MCD House and one elected from each of the 12 municipal zones. One person will be elected as chairman from among these 18 members. In the absence of the committee due to



political flux, several important development projects are pending for approval in MCD.

Kejriwal said the process to engage a second agency was almost complete and would be done as soon as the Standing Committee would be formed. Without the com-

mittee, the contract cannot be awarded to any other agency, he pointed out after visiting the Okhla site. "One more agency will be involved in the work to dispose of the legacy waste and the two contractors together will be able to meet the target of May 2024."

PWD officials said that the department was having some problems over dues with the contractors. A contractor said they had met PWD officials earlier, but issues had not been resolved. The association claimed that around 400 contractors had been facing the problem for the past eight months. The contractors who had worked for beautification of roads during the G20 Summit also claimed that PWD was yet to pay them.

Meanwhile, PWD is planning to hand over the sanitation responsibilities of the revamped Chandni Chowk stretch to Municipal Corporation of Delhi as the contractor providing the manpower for cleaning it had decided to pull out after not being paid since July.

General secretary Randhir Singh Solanki said, "We do not have the fuel to run the vehicles that are deployed on roads for cleaning and other road maintenance activities. The work had stopped a few

Man stabbed by relative, suspect apprehended

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 34-year-old man was stabbed to death allegedly by his relative in south Delhi's Sangam Vihar after a birthday party.

Suspect Pramod Kumar (40), a distant relative of deceased Sunil Kumar, has been apprehended, police said.

Sunil, who lived with his family on Ratiya Marg, worked at a water tank godown. Pramod worked as a night security guard at the godown where he stays with his family.

Upon receiving information at 10.18pm on Tuesday

about a knife attack incident on Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar police found that victim Sunil had been rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead, a police officer said.

During the probe, it was found that a scuffle broke out over a petty issue between the deceased's brother Ram Kishore and Pramod

during the birthday celebrations of one Dilip's son. After the dinner, Kishore called his brother and in the ensuing scuffle Pramod allegedly stabbed Sunil with a kitchen knife outside the godown, police added.



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Residents frustrated as Delhi's digital tree-pruning process lags

Vibha Sharma & Priyangi Agarwal | TNN

New Delhi: The forest department and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) claim to have simplified the process for tree pruning in Delhi by making the request process digital and by granting permission within a month of a request, but residents say nothing has changed on the ground.

Karan Aggarwal, the general secretary of East of Kailash D Block RWA, said that they had requested for pruning of 10 trees on MCD roads and two on PWD roads about six months ago.

Branches of most of the se trees have covered street lights, making commuting difficult at night. We have been requesting pruning from a safety point of view.

Despite our repeated queries with MCD, there is no clarity on whether the permission is awaited from the forest department or any other information is required. Due to the multiplicity of agencies, a state of confusion persists," he said.

MCD has said that it has received 409 requests from local people in the last six months and permission for pruning was given by the forest department in 205 cases.

"We have done the pruning soon after receiving approval from the forest depart-

UNABLE TO CUT TO SIZE



► Many RWAs allege that their tree-pruning requests have been pending for months
► Around 1,200 tree-pruning requests have been approved by the forest department in the past three months
► MCD received 409 tree-pruning requests from locals in the past six months

How you can apply for tree pruning or felling

- RWAs, individuals and agencies can register and raise a request on the forest department's portal, dpta.eforest.delhi.gov.in/
- After a request is raised, land-owning agency verifies it
- After the approval from the land-owning agency, the final permission is given by the tree officer
- Thereafter, the land-owning agency will prune the tree

ment using hydraulic tree pruners and telescopic pruners," the official said.

The civic officials explained that residents need to apply with them for pruning of overgrown branches.

"After that, our section of officer does a field survey to verify the necessity for pruning. Accordingly, permission is sought after filling details online on the forest department portal. An ID number is generated for each application and soon after receiving approval, horticulture staff get the task done," the official said.

The forest department claimed that after a request is made by a person, RWAs or civic agency on the portal (<https://dpta.eforest.delhi.gov.in/>), it is cleared in 15 days.

"However, if the applicant shares incomplete information on the portal, the land-owning agency (MCD) will verify it and after their nod, the tree officer gives final permission. There is also an option for the land-owning agency to reject the request of the applicant.

"If a request is not addressed in two days on the portal, higher officials receive a message that the application is pending," a forest official added.

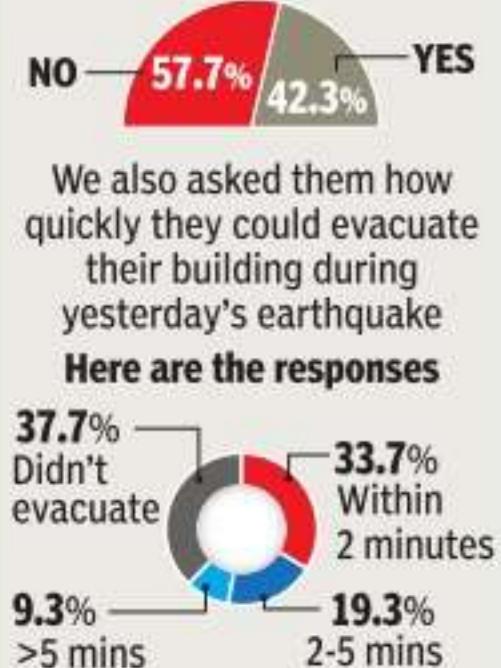
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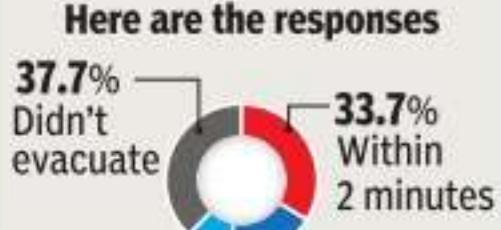
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Brisbane visit cleared by Centre, mayor tells HC

New Delhi: Mayor Shelly Oberoi informed Delhi High Court on Wednesday that she had been granted political clearance by the central government for her visit to Australia's Brisbane to attend a conference.

Noting that there was no grievance, the single-judge bench of Justice Subramoni Prasad disposed of the plea.

The mayor had moved court on Tuesday challenging the denial of clearance for the visit to attend Asia Pacific Cities Summit 2023 between October 11 and 13. Oberoi's counsel had mentioned the matter before the chief justice's bench and sought urgent listing of the matter, saying ministry of external affairs hadn't cleared the file.

The summit, which will witness the exchange of ideas and achievements among mayors, policymakers and business leaders, was last held in 2019 and attended by mayors from across the globe, the plea had stated. Oberoi wants to participate because it will be of immense benefit to MCD, it had claimed. TNN

LG refers Sukesh complaint to MHA

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Wednesday forwarded accused Sukesh Chandra Shekhar's request for shifting him to a jail outside Delhi to the Union home ministry.

Raj Niwas said that in a letter to the LG on July 8, Chandra Shekhar had alleged that he was getting threat calls through his advocate, Anant Malik, from people claiming to be speaking on behalf of CM Arvind Kejriwal and former Delhi home minister Satyendar Jain. He is now lodged in Mandi Jail.

According to officials, the letter was forwarded to the Delhi home department, which had recommended that the same be sent to the Union home ministry. TNN

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WBSECL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: RM/DR/Electrical/2023-24/19, Dt.: 26.09.2023 of the Regional Manager, Darjeeling Region, WBSECL for the work of "Annual Maintenance Contract for electrical wiring and accessories at departmental quarters, offices and other establishments and street light maintenance within Siliguri Power House Complex, Siliguri".

Extension of Time

Ref. NIT No.: DM/STD/ESTB/e-Tender/23-24/T19, Dt.: 11.09.2023 of the Divisional Manager, Siliguri Town Division, WBSECL. Bid Submission End Date is hereby extended up to 10.10.2023 (11:00 hrs.).

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WBSECL invites e-Tenders as follows:

(1) NIT No.: DM/Garia/Tender/2023-24/1980, Dt.: 27.09.2023 of the Divisional Manager, Garia Division. Estimated Cost: ₹ 51,88,546/- for the work of "Laying of 11 KV 3C 300 sq. mm. XLPE UG cable and 33 KV 3C 400 sq. mm. XLPE UG cable by microtunneling for shifting of 11 KV and 33 KV HTUG feeders from Baroi Road, Shitala Mandir to Matangi Sangha to Laskarpur Road and Shefali Apartment to Netaji Sangha Club for water supply project of Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality Phase II work by KMDA under Garia Division, WBSECL".

(2) NIT No.: JD/Estb/68/e-Tender/23-24/404, Dt.: 27.09.2023 of the Divisional Manager, Jajiganj Division. Estimated Cost: ₹ 8,36,820/- for the work of "Supply & delivery of 18,000 nos. LT Spacer-3 Phase 4 Wire per technical specification to Jajiganj Divisional Store located on the premises of Jajiganj 33/11 KV Sub-Station, Bagdahar, P.O.-Jajiganj, P.S.-Jajiganj, Dist.-Murdoshbad, Pin-732123".

(3) NIT No.: DM/Garia/PROC/2023-24/1981, Dt.: 27.09.2023 of the Divisional Manager, Garia Division. Estimated Cost: ₹ 6,00,344/- for the work of "Supply & delivery of 38 nos. Heat Shrink Straight Through Joint suitable for 33 KV 3C 400 sq. mm. XLPE Cable and 1 no. Heat Shrink Indoor Termination Kit suitable for 33 KV 3C 400 sq. mm. XLPE cable under Garia Division, WBSECL".

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WRI&DD, e-NIT

Executive Engineer-(A-M) Division, WRIDD invites e-tender for Solar Mini River Lift Irrigation Scheme under RIDF-XXIX Programme vide e-NIT No. 28/2023-24 to ENIT No. 35/2023-24. Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 580951_L23
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 580950_L1
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 581031_L2
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 581073_L1
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 580430_L1,2,3,4,5,6
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 580872_L1
Tender ID: 2023 WRDD 581319_L1
and last dropping date 30/10/2023 upto 6.00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in>. For details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
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Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./NBBDO Vide NIT No. 65 of 2023-24 of the S.E., NBBDO. Details of work to be seen in the above mentioned NIT in the website: www.wbttenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T20477(4)/2023

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WRI&DD, e-NIT

(Tender reference No. WBWRDD/EE/EM/BST/ENIT/0023-24 and (Tender ID 2023 WRDD 560472_2) have been invited by the Executive Engineer, Barasat (A-M) Division, Barasat at Hatipukur Road, Barasat, WRIDD Admin Bldg, Kolkata-700124 from Bonafide agency under Non Plan Programme. Last date & time of documents download is 13.10.2023 upto 16.00 Hrs respectively. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board/website (wbtenders.gov.in). Correspond if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Barasat (A-M) Division,
Barasat, WRDD
ICA-T20484(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No: 07/SEC-II/HU/R&B/KMDA of 2023-24
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e-Tender Notice

For and Behalf of IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal, Superintendent, Dum Dum Central Correctional Home, invites E-Tenders(s) for Supply of Miscellaneous Articles of MID to Dum Dum Central Correctional Home for the period from the date of acceptance to 1 (one) year. Tender Inviting Notice No. 02/MID dt: 10.08.2023. Date of publishing and documents download starts 10-10.2023 at 10.00 hrs. Last date of submission of Tender: 31.10.2023 at 17.00 hrs. Date of opening of Tender: 02.11.2023 at 11.00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website: www.wbttenders.gov.in ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the right to cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/- Superintendent, Dum Dum Central Correctional home.
ICA-T20473(3)/2023

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Treat PIL seeking dengue data as representation: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the city authorities to treat as representation a public interest litigation seeking "accurate" data on dengue's spread this year.

Delhi government's standing counsel told the bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula that filing a petition before the court cannot replace the procedure provided for under the Right to Information Act but assured that the plea will be treated as a representation.

The counsel informed the court that the disease spread this year because of floods, and the petitioner should not

have approached the court directly without seeking information from the government agencies first. High Court said "everyone has the right to know" and asked the authorities to consider the public interest litigation as a representation, as suggested and in view of the stand taken by the government, the court said no further orders were required to be passed on the PIL.

Petitioner Saveri Sardesh, a local newspaper and its editor, said in its petition the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) releases data every year with respect to dengue cases but this year, for the first time, it stopped releasing the data.

"In case of dengue fever, almost every year MCD releases the data on a weekly basis which helps the general people about cleanliness," the petition said.

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Up To 190 In Classroom: This Is How Packed Govt Schools Are In NE Delhi

Lowest Average Stands At 56, Reveals Data Submitted By DoE To High Court

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New Delhi: The government schools in northeast Delhi are grossly overcrowded, with the student-classroom ratio much higher than the norm. In Government Co-ed Middle School in Johripur, each classroom has an average of 190 students. In the other two schools at Shabapur, the ratio is 102:1 and 109:1. The lowest average for a classroom in the area is 56.

These details were submitted to Delhi High Court by the Directorate of Education after Social Jurist, an NGO working with children's education, filed a petition stating that students in northeast Delhi were being provided just two hours of education daily due to space constraints. TOI had highlighted this problem on April 19. Northeast Delhi, despite being densely populated, has fewer government schools than in other districts.

The student-classroom ratio is the average number of pupils per classroom in a school in a year. The ideal norm under the Right to Education Act is 30:1 for primary school and 35:1 for upper primary institutions.

The affidavit filed in the court says, "Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Khajoori Khas, and

RATIO IN SOME SCHOOLS OVER 6 TIMES THE IDEAL NORM

Student-classroom ratio in government schools of northeast Delhi

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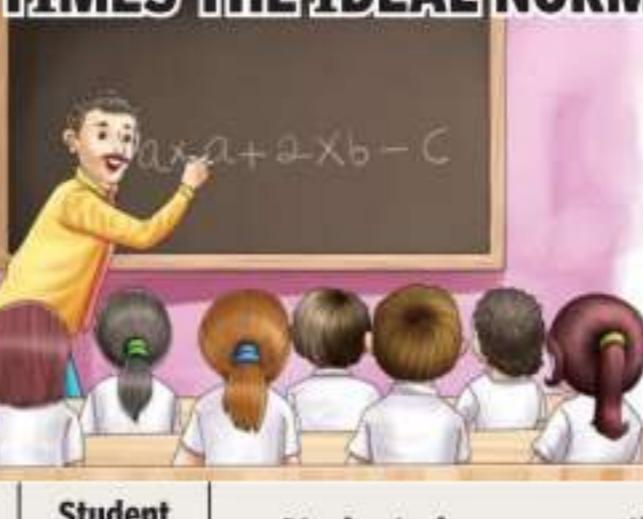
IDEAL NORM

Primary 30:1

Upper primary 35:1

School Name

Classrooms



School Name	Classrooms	Rooms for other purposes	Student strength	Student-classroom ratio
SKV, Khajoori Khas	74	16	5,834	79
GGSSS, Khajoori Khas	35	10	2,767	79
GGSSS, Sabhapur	26	8	3,197	123
GGSSS, Sonia Vihar	53	7	5,488	104
GGSSS, Tukhmirpur	54	16	4,327	80
GGSSS No. 2, Tukhmirpur	51	10	4,049	79
GGSSS, Karawal Nagar	81	21	5,589	69

Other schools with high student-classroom ratio

GGSS Mustafabad	Government Co-ed Middle School, Johripur	GBSSS Gokulpur, Loni
124	190	78

Source: Affidavit submitted by Directorate of Education in HC
*SKV-Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya; GGSSS-Government Girls Senior Secondary School; a total of 14 schools as they run in double shifts, morning for girls and evening for boys

Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Khajoori Khas, both running in the same building have a strength of 5,834 and 5,589, respectively. Out of the above, the higher strength of students has been chosen to calculate the student-classroom ratio and the same pattern was followed for other schools."

The 14 schools in the district have an enrolment of 31,251. There are 374 classrooms for them, translating into

a student-classroom ratio of 83:51. There also are 88 'other' rooms, these being libraries, computer rooms, staff rooms, laboratories, washrooms, storerooms and offices.

The education depart-

ment claimed that the construction of classrooms and new buildings were in process. At Sri Ram Colony, a new building with 108 rooms has been under construction since January 14, 2021. A new building to accommodate more students at GGSSS, Mustafabad, where the ratio is 123:1 is being built since 2021.

At Shiv Vihar, Johripur, which is in the possession of the Directorate of Education, three school buildings are proposed to be constructed with 300 rooms. Similarly, Government Co-Ed Middle School in Johripur and SV at Badarpur Khadar have been bifurcated from the current academic session. The affidavit explained, "In order to reduce the ratio, the students of the higher classes not below Class IX will be shifted to the above schools after the completion of school building constructions that have approximately 458 rooms. Following this, the ratio will be 37.6 ensuring compliance of RTE norms."

However, petitioner Social Jurist felt immediate relief should be provided. Advocate Ashok Agarwal said, "DoE should arrange buses to transport students of classes IX-XII to other government schools where classrooms are available."

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In the 30-second footage, three men can be seen attacking Deepak. While one of the accused kept on kicking him, the other stabbed him, while the third picked up a slab and bludgeoned his face.

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Further investigation in the case is in progress.

55-year-old cop dies by suicide in SE Delhi

New Delhi: A 55-year-old assistant commissioner of police (ACP) Anil Sisodia allegedly killed himself in southeast Delhi's Bhogal on Wednesday.

"His body was discovered on Wednesday's evening after staff of the South East District reached his home in Bhogal as he was not responding to the calls and messages being sent to him," the Delhi Police said.

The inquiry revealed that ACP Sisodia had reached his home at 9pm on Tuesday after performing his official duties. He allegedly killed himself by using his personal revolver, police said. His wife had died on September 2.

"A detailed inquest proceeding has been started," said DCP (southeast) Rajesh Deo. The deceased was posted as ACP (headquarters) in the southwest district. TNN

GM & others face FIRs in ₹18cr sanitation scam

Noida: The CEO of the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) has ordered registration of FIRs against staffers for an alleged Rs 18-crore sanitation scam in more than 100 villages to benefit certain contractors. CEO Arun Vir Singh also revoked the power of evaluating tenders for civil and electricity work and shortlisting firms for the bidding process from general manager-level officials. TNN

52-yr-old realtor shot at in Narela, no arrest yet

New Delhi: A 52-year-old property dealer, identified as Naresh, was shot at in Narela on Wednesday morning, police said. No one has been arrested in the case yet.

Police received information about the shooting incident near Samsoot village at 6.30 am on Wednesday. The victim used to visit his sister's house after his morning walk every day to collect milk. "He was going to his sister's house on his two-wheeler when two boys on a motorcycle shot him from behind and fled," police said.

The victim sustained one

bullet injury in the middle of his back, police said. Locals informed cops about the incident and the victim was taken to a hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

The victim in her complaint said that she had married a man in the US who later stopped responding to her.

"While her husband is in the US, she came to Delhi to her in-laws. She alleged that her brother-in-law sexually assaulted her, and her sister-in-law and mother-in-law thrashed her. Based on her allegations and medical reports a case was registered," said a senior police official.

Officials said that there is no clarity as if the woman is separated from her husband or if the proceedings are underway since the marriage took place in the US. With regard to allegations of rape, police said an enquiry will be conducted to verify the facts.

Cops are probing whether it is a case of personal enmity or a property dispute. A case has been registered and multiple teams have been formed to crack the case, police said. TNN

CM meets MCD school principals after IIM training

New Delhi: The principals of MCD schools, who returned to the city after a five-day training at IIM Ahmedabad, met CM Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday to share their experiences. Kejriwal said they were providing good education to the children despite several challenges. From design to execution, the programme is designed to create an optimal solution for the advancement of schools. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA, DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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3 stab man to death, crush head with a slab

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 25-year-old man was stabbed to death and later his head crushed with a slab allegedly by three bike-borne assailants near Ramlila Ground in Karawal Nagar on Wednesday. The deceased was on his motorcycle when three people waylaid and attacked him, police said.

The victim, Deepak, a resident of Shiv Vihar, is survived by his wife and three children. He was currently unemployed whereas his father works as a labourer.

"A call was received around 2am regarding a man lying on the road with injuries. Deepak was riding his motorcycle near Ramlila Ground on the 35 futa road when three men intercepted him," said Joy Tirkey, deputy commissioner of police (Northeast).

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Police bring ₹25-crore heist accused to Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

why Srivats had given gold chains to his associate Shiva who was caught earlier by Chhattisgarh Police.

Apparently, Shiva had told police there that Srivats was extremely happy since he had carried out big heist and handed him over two gold chains.

The burglary, of which Lokesh is the prime suspect, was discovered on September 26. The accused looted more than 30kg of gold and other jewellery besides Rs 5 lakh in cash before making a clean getaway. Lokesh had entered the showroom through the terrace.

He used a gas cutter and made a hole big enough for him to slip into the strong room.

He went inside the showroom on September 24 and on September 26 when the owner opened the shop, he came to know about the burglary.

Draft for app-based bus service ready

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New Delhi: Delhi government has finalised the draft scheme for the premium bus service after consulting various stakeholders, a transport department official said Wednesday. The draft will soon be sent to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal for approval.

Once implemented, the scheme would enable people to book a reserved seat on a bus through a mobile app.

Under the Delhi Motor Vehicles Licensing of Aggregators (Premium Buses) Scheme, 2023, the transport department will provide aggregator licence to operators who will need to operate and maintain a

fleet of at least 50 premium buses, within 90 days from the date the licence is granted.

According to transport minister Kailash Gahlot, "The objective of the scheme is to help reduce intra-city trips in private cars. The premium bus service will bring relief to regular car users from the daily problem of parking and reduce their vehicle's exposure to the hazards of traffic."

He said despite many constraints, "under the leadership of CM Kejriwal, we have been able to finalise a draft that will give world-class travelling infrastructure to Delhi".

An official said the scheme is mainly for passengers willing to pay a premium for a convenient, comfortable, high-quality and efficient public transport service, which the bus operators would need to ensure. "The buses will be air-conditioned and standing passengers won't be allowed," he said.

The private operators offering the service will have to meet the regulations set by the transport department, added the official. They will have to notify routes on the mobile app and intimate the department before starting a new route or terminating an existing one. They would also have to provide proof of adequate parking space for the vehicles.

The fare will be displayed on the app and the operator will have to put in place a mechanism for passengers to lodge complaints. "No physical ticket will be issued; they will be available only through mobile and web-based apps. The buses will pick and drop passengers from the notified bus queue shelters," the official said.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-Procurement Notice No. ADDLCE, WIC/01/2023-24

PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER

1. The Additional Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna, Dist. Kalahandi, Pin-766001, (Odisha) on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites "PERCENTAGE RATE Bids" IN DOUBLE COVER SYSTEM, in electronic tendering system for the construction works detailed in the table below.

2. Package No ADCLCE, WIC/KID/01/2023-24 to ADDLCE, WIC/KID/01/2023-24

02, (TWO) Nos, Road Works under Capex Scheme. Value of Nos. Rs. 100.78 to Rs. 162.25 Lakhs (Excluding GST)

11, (Eleven) calendar Months.

3. Estimated cost : Rs.52.28 Lakhs to Rs.728.81 Lakhs

4. Class of Contractor : A & A & Special Class

5. Period of completion : As per Annexure

Other details

6. Procurement Officer : Bridge

7. Bid Identification No. : Bridge Online AGL- 23/2023-24

8. Dt. 23/09/2023

9. Total No. of work : 03 Nos

10. Estimated cost : Rs.52.28 Lakhs to Rs.728.81 Lakhs

11. Class of Contractor : A & A & Special Class

12. Period of completion : As per Annexure

13. Other details

14. Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid online : 26.10.2023 at 11.00 hrs office of the Addl Chief Engineer, Western Irrigation Circle, Bhawanipatna.

15. Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid online : To be informed after evaluation of Technical Bid.

16. Further details can be seen from Govt. website. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in only.

S/o:
Additional Chief Engineer
Western Irrigation Circle
Bhawanipatna
OIPR-32187/11/0001/23-24

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD					
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING					
e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.					
Sl. No. Name of work and Tender No. Bid Security Prebid meeting Date e-Bid Submission closing Date e-Bid Opening Date					
1 Comprehensive Operation and maintenance of 530 MLD Water Treatment Plant with pulsator clarifiers at Chembarambakkam for a period of 7 years. CNTWSNCB /MWB/3526A /2023-24					
Rs.31.60 Lakh 18.10.2023 at 11.30 a.m. upto 3.00 p.m. after 3.30 p.m.					
Consortium bids are not acceptable					
EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of tender document.					
Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal : website:www.intenders.gov.in For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from 06.10.2023.					
DIPR/5374/TENDER/2023 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Contracts & Monitoring)					

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER(H) PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR					
TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)					
TENDER NOTICE NO.07/2023-2024/SDO/DATED:03.10.2023					
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Schedule tender under Two Cover System through online only, will be received upto 22.11.2023, 15.00 hours (Server Time) by the Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Thanjavur for the work "Construction of Road over Bridge in lieu of LC No.20 at km.52/4 of Nagai- Gudalore - Mysore road in between Railway km.30/000-100 at Needamangalam yard in Needamangalam Railway Station of Thanjavur - Nagai - Karaikal section and L.C. No.1 at Km.53/2 of Nagai - Gudalore - Mysore road (NH 67) in between Railway Km.1/000-100 at Needamangalam - Mannargudi section" under CRIF Scheme 2022-23 pertaining to Thanjavur (H) Projects Division.					
Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 17.10.2023 onwards in the Government website https://intenders.gov.in If any Changes / Corrections etc. in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.					
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR					

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY NOTICE E-AUCTION					
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites E-tendering system on behalf of President of India on www.ireps.gov.in (E-AUCTION MODULE) for the Auction of Originating train from Lucknow division for Leasing of Mail express train on VPU for the period of 02 year. Details of Auction notice no, Train no, Details are as under:					
S. N. E-Auction LOT No. Train no From To Train frequency (In a week) Date and Time of Close of Auction					
1 15078-15077-VP-1-GTR-KYQ-22-2 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15078-15077 Gomtinagar Kamakhya 01 Day (Monday) 12.10.2023, at 13:30					
2 15048-15047-VP-1-GKP-KOAA-23-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15048-15047 Gorakhpur Kolkatta 01 Day (Monday) 12.10.2023, at 13:40					
3 15009-15100-VP-1-GKP-MLN-22-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15009-15100 Gorakhpur Mailani Daily 12.10.2023, at 13:50					
4 15048-15047-VP-1-GKP-KOAA-23-3 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15048-15047 Gorakhpur Kolkatta 01 Day (Friday) 12.10.2023, at 14:00					
5 15052-15051-VP-1-GKP-KOAA-22-2 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15052-15051 Gorakhpur Kolkatta 01 Day (Thursday) 12.10.2023, at 14:10					
6 12533-12534-VP-1-LIN-CSMT-23-3 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 12533-12534 Lucknow Chhatrapati Shivaji (T) 01 Day (Saturday) 12.10.2023, at 14:20					
7 12533-12534-VP-1-LIN-CSMT-23-2 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 12534 Lucknow Chhatrapati Shivaji (T) 01 Day (Thursday) 12.10.2023, at 14:30					
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9 12533-12534-VP-1-LIN-CSMT-23-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 12534 Lucknow Chhatrapati Shivaji (T) 01 Day (Monday) 12.10.2023, at 14:50					
10 12589-12590-VP-1-GKP-SC-23-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 12590 Gorakhpur Secunderabad 01 Day in a week (Wednesday) 12.10.2023, at 15:00					
11 15048-15047-VP-1-GKP-KOAA-23-2 (Parcel-Parcel Van) 15048-15047 Gorakhpur Kolkatta 01 Day (Tuesday) 12.10.2023, at 15:10					
Period of contract : 02 years					
Date and Time of Auction Start (All lots) : Date- 12.10.2023 at 13.00 hrs.					
Web Site address : www.ireps.gov.in (E-AUCTION MODULE)					
CPR/C-139 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial)/Lucknow					
"DO NOT TRAVEL WITH INFLAMMABLE ARTICLE IN TRAIN"					

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) (E-Tender)					
Letter No. : 5257 /14M-Agra Circle/2023-24 Dated: 19.09.2023					
1. On behalf of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, the Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra (U.P.) invites ITEM RATE BASIS (SBD) on online tender for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The bidders are advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/ amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid Document.					
2. Sl. No. District Name of Work Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac) Cons truction Cost Maintenance cost Total Cost (Rs.in Lac) Bid Secu rity (Rs.in Lac) Cost of Docu ment (in Rs.) Time of Com pletion					
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9					
Anticipation of Sanction					
1 Mathura Strengthening work of Chhatrapati Shergarh Naujeh Bajna Gorakhpur (MDR139) in Distt. Mathura 4746.00 374.00 5120.00 51.20 Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 54.00 GST= Rs. 2354.00					
3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http://etender.upnic.in and Prahan (http://wms.uptppwd.gov.in/Prahan) from 20-10-2023 to 26-10-2023 upto 12:30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of http://etender.upnic.in and Prahan App with all documents as per GO No. 24/2020/879/1/23-7/2020/176(70)-06 Dt 25-08-2020 on before 12:30 Hours on 26-10-2023 Technical Bid received online will be opened on 26-10-2023 at 01:00 Hours.					
4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.					
5. Contractor should quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.					
6. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be deducted from contractor's bill at the time of payment.					



TMC'S ABHISHEK CHALLENGES ED, DEMANDS EVIDENCE IN BENGAL JOBS SCAM CASE



KEEP IN ABEYANCE NMC NOTIFICATION ON NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES, TN CM STALIN WRITES TO PM

DGCA sets up panel to check GPS spoofing in Indian airspace

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Mumbai: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has constituted a committee for monitoring Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) spoofing in Indian airspace. The committee will study various incidents of GNSS interference such as spoofing, jamming, the DGCA office issued an order issued on Wednesday.

The committee will collect data on such incidents from airlines operating to/from Indian airports and those overflying Indian airspace. Based on this, the panel will make recommendations to issue advisories. The committee will work under supervision of Ravinder Singh Jamwal, director of operations, DGCA.

On October 1, **TOI** had carried a report on the recent rise in GPS spoofing incidents involving airline and business jets over Iran airspace.

Cong to convene top panel meet on caste census

New Delhi: Eager to amplify its new-found association with caste census, Congress is set to convene a meeting of the Congress Working Committee next week to discuss the issue, and to lay down a firm party line on it, reports **Subodh Ghildiyal**. Sources said the party leadership is keen on having a CWC dedicated to caste census that has emerged as a key plank for the coming election calendar.

Though Rahul Gandhi seized the issue and made it a talking point in the Karnataka polls, INDIA bloc's adoption of caste enumeration as a flagship demand has pushed it further in the public discourse. However, it is the release of the Bihar caste survey this week that has lent a sharper edge to the opposition demand for a nationwide caste count. PM Modi's decision to issue a sharp riposte has only strengthened the alliance's confidence about the issue.

2 youths get death sentence for Tripura minor's rape & murder

Agartala: A Poco court convicted two youths and sentenced them to death for sexually assaulting and murdering a six-year-old girl in June 2019, reports **Biswendu Bhattacharjee**.

At the time of committing the crime, one of the convicts was a student in class 12, while his friend was in class 11. By the time the case went to trial, both had reached adulthood. Deeming it a "rarest of the rare crime", the court awarded the sentence on the basis of evidence and the testimonies of 41 witnesses.

Ahead of polls, govt raises Ujjwala subsidy to ₹300

It Had Earlier Slashed LPG Prices By ₹200

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday raised the LPG subsidy for 'Ujjwala' scheme beneficiaries by Rs 100 to Rs 300, reducing the cost of each refill to Rs 603 for poor households against Rs 903 for general category of consumers.

The move is likely to blunt some of the opposition's criticism over inflation and rob much of Congress's thunder over the party's government in Rajasthan offering cylinders at Rs 500. This is Modi government's second major financial outreach towards economically weaker sections in a little over a month and comes ahead of polls in politically important states.

"During the past nine years, a lot of development has been done for the welfare of women and the poor. Last month, on the eve of Raksha-



GAS GAINS: Ujjwala consumers get subsidy directly into their accounts, making it the world's largest direct benefit transfer programme

bandhan, when the prices of domestic were reduced by Rs 200, it reached about Rs 900. However, for the Ujjwala beneficiaries, it was Rs 700," I&B minister Anurag Thakur said announcing the decision.

Lauding his government's move, Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan posted on X, "Ahead of Navratri and upcoming festivals, PM Modi has once again given a gift to mothers, sisters and daughters of the country. The decision to increase the subsidy on LPG under the Ujjwala scheme from Rs 200 per cylinder to Rs 300 will provide a great relief to crores of families. A subsidy of Rs 200 was being provided to Ujjwala beneficiaries earlier too. After the reduction of Rs 200 in August and Rs 100 today, Ujjwala beneficiaries will now get LPG cylinder Rs 500 cheaper (sic)."

Ujjwala is one of PM Narendra Modi's flagship social welfare programmes. Consumers get the subsidy directly into their accounts, making it the world's largest direct benefit transfer programme.

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₹100 bribe too small an amount to prosecute under PC Act: HC

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Mumbai: Dubbing an alleged bribe of Rs 100 in 2007 for a medical certificate as "too small" then and more so now, Bombay high court has said that the amount was "trivial" to invoke criminal proceedings under the Prevention of Corruption Act. It said departmental proceedings could, instead, have been initiated, while upholding the acquittal of a rural hospital doctor in 2012.

In 2007, one L T Pingale accused Dr Anil Shinde, the medical officer of a rural hospital in Paud, in Pune district, of seeking Rs 100 to cer-

tify his injuries following an alleged assault by a nephew.

Pingale complained to the Anti-Corruption Bureau and with its help, laid a trap, which was called off after the team was informed that the doctor was on leave. A second trap was later laid

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and the doctor was caught. He faced a trial after sanction for his prosecution was granted on December 6, 2008, by an under-secretary in the Maharashtra government.

The trial court acquitted Dr Shinde in January 2012, holding that there was no case made out against him. It

held that the under-secretary was not the right authority to grant the sanction for prosecution, which it said was granted without any application of mind. Besides, it said, the case of Dr Shinde being absent on the day of the first trap was false, adding that the accusation was false as he had issued a medical certificate.

The state, through Paud police station, challenged the acquittal that year.

The HC bench of Justice Jitendra Jain held that prosecution failed to prove the charges. It cited a 1991 HC case on R30 bribery, which held that provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act cannot be invoked in such cases.

Guwahati/Imphal: An unidentified decomposed body was fished out of the Tuitha river in Manipur's Churachandpur district on Tuesday, report **Kangan Kalita** and **N Benson Singh**.

The death might not be linked to the ongoing ethnic violence, and could be a case of drowning, sources said.

Official confirmation is, however, awaited.

Meanwhile, the Committee on Tribal Unity organised a sit-in in Kangpokpi district on Wednesday against the arrests made by CBI and NIA over the past few days in connection with the killing of two students and a "transnational conspiracy", respectively.

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प्रतिनियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन

विज्ञापन संख्या KSSSC/ER/10/2023-24 के अनुसार केंद्र या स्थानीय एवं प्रतिनियुक्ति पदों पर प्रतिनियुक्ति के माध्यम से नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। विरत्तुल विवरण संलग्न हैं।

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MP, MLA immunity important, but graft is another matter: SC

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it will not restrict the immunity and privileges enjoyed by MPs and MLAs for 'anything said or vote cast' in Parliament or assembly but will revisit the 25-year-old PV Narasimha Rao ruling to see whether the shield available to lawmakers under Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of the Constitution extends to those who are engaged in 'cash-for-vote' corruption.

"We will not revisit the issue of immunity and privileges of the MPs and MLAs... The whole purpose of conferring immunity from prosecution for anything said or any vote cast in Parliament/assembly was to encourage free speech and an unrestrained dialogue. That we must preserve. It is an important part of our nation," said a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices A S Bopanna, M M Sundresh, P S Narasimha, J B Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar and Manoj Misra.

However, they agreed to examine afresh whether the safeguards afforded through Articles 105 (2) and 194 (2) to help the legislators discharge their functions without the fear of prosecution should extend to those MPs/MLAs who take bribe.

Significantly, the CJI allotted just two days for completion of arguments in the review of the controversial ruling of 1998. The time-frame makes it one of the shortest proceedings before a 7-judge bench. In general, such benches dealing with complex issues take weeks to conclude proceedings.

SC summons Jharkhand CS for 'sleeping over' case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday summoned the Jharkhand chief secretary and directed him to remain personally present in court for not appointing a counsel in a case related to payment of back wages to employees dating back 20 years.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Rajesh Bindal passed the order after noting that notice was issued to Cen-

The writing appeared to be on the wall as to what could be the outcome of the two-day exercise. Attorney general R Venkataramani, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, amicus curiae P S Patwaria and senior advocates Gopal Shankaranarayanan and Vijay Hansaria were on the same page — taking bribe is a separate and distinct offence unrelated to the immunity given to legislators inside the House for their speeches and casting of vote.

For erstwhile Jharkhand MLA Sita Soren, who faces a CBI probe for allegedly accepting a bribe for casting her vote in Rajya Sabha elections a decade back, senior advocate Raju Ramachandran ploughed lone furrow, supporting the SC verdict in P V Narasimha Rao case. He said the long-standing immunities and privileges for lawmakers, as upheld in a "well-considered" ruling of the 5-judge bench, must not be tinkered with.

Mehta said the government supported the minority view expressed by Justice S C Agrawal who had expressed the view that taking bribes is a separate and distinct offence and that it had no correlation with the action of the legislators inside the House.

Venkataramani said the Union government cannot be seen to be arguing to condone bribery as an offence. He will elaborate his arguments on Thursday. Amicus P S Patwaria spoke to persuade the 7-judge bench to recast the Rao ruling to withdraw immunity from prosecution to the MPs and MLAs for any crime committed outside the House, even if it had a link with what he/she said or the vote cast.



7 Of 9 Ajit Faction Ministers Are Now Guardian Ministers

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Mumbai: A day after deputy CM Ajit Pawar skipped the state Cabinet meeting, apparently making his displeasure known on delay in appointment of guardian ministers for various districts, and CM Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis left for New Delhi to hold talks with the BJP leadership. Ajit was appointed the guardian minister for Pune, replacing BJP leader Chandrakant Patil.

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While the CM announced a new list of guardian ministers for 12 districts in all, Ajit's gaining of Pune is seen as a significant victory in view of the fierce tussle between him and Patil for the post. Patil will now be guardian minister for Solapur and Amravati districts.

Ajit Pawar is also seen to have had his way for the second time in three months as he succeeded in getting the key fi-

nance portfolio soon after joining the Shinde-Fadnavis government, with Fadnavis forced to give up the finance and planning department.

Seven of the nine ministers of the NCP faction that is part of the state government, including Ajit, were on Wednesday given responsibility of various districts as guardian ministers. However, two NCP ministers Chhagan Bhujbal and Aditi Tatikare were not given any districts, and no appointments were made for three key districts — Raigad, Nashik and Satara. Sources said both the CM Shinde-led Shiv Sena and NCP's Ajit Pawar group have staked claim to the posts in these three districts.

NCP ministers Dilip Walse Patil, Hasan Mushrif and Dharmraooba Atram have been named as guardian ministers for Buldhana, Kolhapur and Gondia respectively. Their party colleagues in the Cabinet, Dhananjay Munde, Sanjay Bansode and Anil Patil will have responsibility for Beed, Parbhani and

Nandurbar respectively.

From among the BJP ministers, Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil has been appointed as guardian minister for Akola, Bhandara has been entrusted to Vijaykumar Gavit, and Wardha has been given to Sudhir Mungantiwar.

An NCP functionary from the Ajit Pawar faction said that Ajit had made his unhappiness on the non-appointment of guardian ministers known to both CM Shinde and deputy CM Fadnavis. "In fact, he (Ajit) had given an ultimatum of sorts and said that if the appointments were not made, the state government should be ready to face the music and the displeasure of ministers," the NCP functionary said.

Guardian ministers control the District Planning and Development Council (DPDC) funds which are used in a district for various development and beautification projects. They also preside over key events like Independence Day and Republic Day.

After Ajit Pawar didn't attend the state Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, CM Shinde had said that Ajit was unwell and

Uttarakhand inks MoUs worth ₹18,850cr at Delhi meet

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Dehradun: Uttarakhand government on Wednesday signed seven memorandums of understanding (MoU) worth Rs 18,850 crore with companies from different sectors during a road show of Global Investor Summit 2023 in New Delhi.

The highest amount of MoU worth Rs 15,000 was signed with JSW Neo Energy Limited, under which two pumped storages of 1,500 MW each will be developed in Almora. Apart from this, MoU worth Rs 800 crore with Yatharth Hospital, Rs 500 crore with DS Group, Rs 250 crore with Dixon Technology, Rs 1,000 crore with Radisson Group, Rs 800 crore with Oberoi Group and Rs 500 crore with SLG were also signed.

During the event, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that Nivesh Mitras (Investment Facilitators) were appointed sector-wise for convenience of investors. They will be a single point contact for those investing more than Rs 5,000 crore, and to get NOCs from various departments.

"The scheme proposes to create two reservoirs in a 16 km stretch of Kosi river to provide drinking water supply to a large population and irrigation facilities for agriculture. The scheme will provide employment opportunities to 1,000 people," officials said, adding that the projects will be developed over the next five to six years.



Vithya Ramraj, Prachi, Subha Venkatesan and Aishwarya Kailash Mishra with their 4x400m women's relay silver medals during the presentation ceremony at the 19th Asian Games on Wednesday

Modi hails grit, spirit of athletes as India puts up best-ever Asiad show

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New Delhi: As India surpassed its best medal haul of 70 in 2018 as well as the highest number of gold, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the achievement of Indian athletes at the Asian Games. India's overall tally at the end of day 10 stood at 81, which included 18 gold.

Expressing his happiness at the performance of the Indians at the games, Modi posted on social media, "India shines brighter than ever be-

fore at the Asian Games. With 71 medals, we are celebrating our best-ever medal tally, a testament to the unparalleled dedication, grit and sporting spirit of our athletes. Every medal highlights a life journey of hard work and passion. A proud moment for the entire nation. Congrats to our athletes."

Modi congratulated Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh for the bronze medal in Squash Mixed Doubles, Lovlina Borgohain for her silver in boxing 75 kg category and Parveen Hooda for her bronze in boxing in 57 kg

category PM also lauded the achievements of bronze winner Sunil Kumar in men's Greco-Roman 87 kg wrestling, Harmilan Bains for her silver in women's 800 mts, and Avinash Sable for his silver in men's 5,000 metres, men's and women's relay team for their gold and silver respectively silver in 4x400 metres, Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena for their gold and silver respectively in the men's javelin event.

The PM has been congratulating India's athletes and their performance at the Asian Games in earlier posts as well.

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With profound grief and sorrow, it saddens us to announce the untimely demise of **Mr. Mukesh Agarwal**.

He left for his heavenly abode on 2nd October 2023.

In grief : Friends & Family

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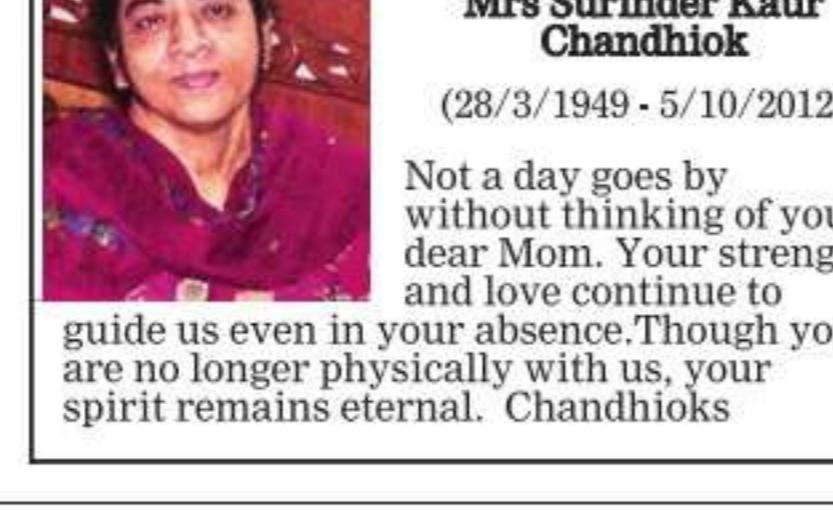
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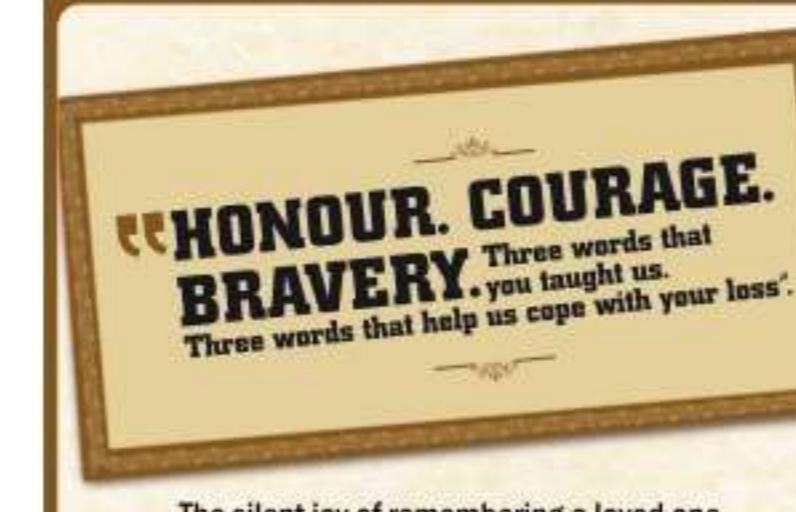
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Rajat Pandit | TNN



Sources say that preparations are in full swing on the western front in Rajasthan for the 'Trishakti Prahar' exercise of the 21 Corps

New Delhi: The Army has geared up for a massive combat exercise to test new-generation weapon systems and technologies as well as to validate new concepts in long-range firepower, battle-readiness and force-preservation, including lessons learnt from the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

Preparations are in full swing on the western front in Rajasthan for the 'Trishakti Prahar' exercise of the 21 Corps, which is one of the four major "strike formations" of the 12-lakh strong Army, sources told TOI.

"The final phase of the two-side exercise will be in the first half of November. Over 30,000 troops, T-90S and Arjun main-battle tanks, a wide array of howitzers, choppers and the like are participating in the exercise. Fighter jets, Apache attack and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters and other aircraft from the IAF and Navy will also be there," a source said.

Integrated air-land and combined arms operations, swifter mobilisation and deep-strike offensive capabilities, including "degradation by long-range vectors and precision high-volume strikes" backed by ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) and electronic warfare capabilities, will all be tested during the war game.

"Better mobility and effec-

tive shoot-and-scoot capabilities, another crucial force-preservation lesson from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, will be another focus area. Similarly, armed swarm drones and loitering munitions or kamikaze drones will also be in play," the source said.

The ongoing military confrontation with China in eastern Ladakh, which is into its fourth year now, has led the Army to go in for huge emergency procurements (EP), including niche technologies ranging from unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs/drones), precision-guided missiles and loiter munitions to counter-drone, communications and automatic spectrum monitoring systems.

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Cabinet OKs new terms of reference for Krishna panel

New Delhi: Acting on Telangana's demand, the Cabinet on Wednesday approved new terms of reference for the existing Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) for distribution of the Krishna river water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

"The Tribunal will allocate water on a project-wise basis for the proposed projects in both states that are intended for developmental or future purposes," said Union minister Anurag Thakur.

The new terms of reference is based on receipt of the legal opinion and the issues raised by the Telangana government. The Jal Shakti (water resources) ministry in a statement said the resolution of the dispute between the two states on the use, distribution or control of Krishna river waters will open new avenues of growth in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

After Telangana came into existence as a new state in June, 2014, the state government forwarded a complaint to the Centre, referring to the dispute on the use, distribution or control of Krishna river waters. TNN

Cabinet nod to Act tweak for tribal varsity in Telangana

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday gave approval for amending of the Central Universities Act for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Mulugu in Telangana.

Modi had on Sunday announced setting up of the university in Telangana, an assurance mentioned in the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014. The university is being named after tribal goddesses Sammakka and Sarakka. "This new university will create additional capacity and will strive to remove regional imbalances," the government said in a statement which also stated that the Cabinet approved a fund of Rs 889 crore for setting up the university.

Tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda said, "the university will act as a huge morale booster and benefit the youth coming from tribal communities." TNN

Proposal to complete North Koel reservoir project in J'khand gets Cabinet approval

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal to complete the remaining works of the North Koel reservoir project in Jharkhand at a revised cost of over Rs 2,430 crore, almost 50% higher than the sanctioned outlay of Rs 1,622 crore estimated in 2017. More funds were needed to cover certain additional components of the inter-state major irrigation project.

"On completion of the balance works, project would provide additional annual irrigation to 42,301 hectares in the four drought prone districts of Jharkhand and Bihar," said the ministry of Jal Shakti (water resources) in a statement. TNN

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4	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Agency as Technical Support Organisation (Architecture Firm) to Support Responsible tourism Mission in Mahakaushal and Baghelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh
5	Engagement of Agency as Technical Support Organisation (Architecture Firm) to support projects being implemented under the Responsible tourism Mission in Districts of Chambal and Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh
6	EOI for establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Meditation centre at Buddhist Theme Park, Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh

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E-tenders are invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-I, Construction Wing, CMDA, Koyambedu, Chennai – 107, under Two cover system for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1.	Providing CCTV Camera arrangements with necessary accessories in inner streets of all perishable markets, KWMC at Koyambedu, Chennai-107
2.	Upgradation of Mullai Nagar Bus Stand at Perambur, Chennai
3.	Upgradation of Kaviarasu Kannadasan Nagar Bus Stand, Chennai
4.	Upgradation of Vyasarpadi Kannikapuram playground, Chennai
5.	Redevelopment of Dobikhana at Chetpet, Chennai
6.	Development of Park in front of the Flower Market @ Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex, Koyambedu, Chennai

Short E-tender Notice No. 18/2023-24 dated 04.10.2023

Last date & Time of receipt of tender through online

25.10.2023 at 3.00 P.M.

Downloading the tender document by Free of Cost.

For further details visit website <http://nttenders.gov.in>

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

DIPR/ 5419 /TENDER/2023

DIRECTOR, CIRCLE-I, CW, CMDA, Ch-107

Uttarakhand Urban Sector Development Agency (UUSDA)

Urban Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand

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Date: 03.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) (REBID-1)

Urban Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand has applied for a loan from Asian Development Bank for financing the **Uttarakhand Livability Resilience Improvement Project (ULRIP)**, in the State of Uttarakhand. The Project involves development of urban infrastructure facilities like 24X7 Water Supply, Wastewater Management including Road Restoration in the proposed Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for works.

The "Program Director", Uttarakhand Urban Sector Development Agency (UUSDA), Government of Uttarakhand" (the Employer) is inviting online bids through the Uttarakhand state e-procurement portal [https://uktenders.gov.in](http://uktenders.gov.in), from eligible Bidders for the design, execution, commissioning and O&M of the work as detailed below;

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**E - TENDER NOTICE**

e-tender No : BS4 / 0019165 / 2023 / TNCSC / 23-24 Dated: 03.10.2023

Online e-tender is invited for the "PURCHASE OF 2500 Bales of 5 PLY JUTE TWINE (WEIGHING 185 Kg. NETT PER BALE) as per specifications.

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through <https://uktenders.gov.in/nicgapp/>

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

Last Date for Online Submission: up to 11.00 AM on 19.10.2023

DIPR / 5377 / TENDER / 2023

Managing Director

**E-Tendering Tender Notice**E-Tender Notice No. JHS/Br/L/2023-24/13 Date- 27.09.2023
Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/Jhansi, North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders on the prescribed forms for the under noted work-

Tender No.	Name of work	Cost of work (₹)	Bid Security Earnest Money (₹)
Br-JHS-2023-16	Parichha-Kanpur: Regirdering of Br No. 1239/1 DN & 1325/1 DN on DFC	₹ 6,86,19,996.30/-	₹ 4,93,100/-

Feeder Route for running of 25T Axle Load with 100 Kmph under Mission 3000 MT.

Br-JHS-2023-17	Parichha-Kanpur: Regirdering of Br No. 1301/1 DN & Br. No. 1340/4 DN	₹ 7,29,35,045.75/-	₹ 5,14,700/-
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DFC Feeder Route for 25T Axle Route with 100 Kmph speed under Mission 3000 MT.

For both Tenders Date of opening of Tender is 26.10.2023; Completion period is 12 Months and Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Any bridgework involving erection/launching Or regirdering of plate girder. Or Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regirdering of open web girder. Or Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regirdering of Composite Bridge. Or Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regirdering of Bowstring Arch Bridge. Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on website www.reps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of Tender opening i.e. 26.10.2023. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act -2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. Payment of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 7. Tender on line can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on dated 26.10.2023. 1601/23 FA

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. : 011-22583307, 22585985, DP/1103/NE/2023 8750870733**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sachin Kumar S/o Tej Pal Singh R/o H.No. 768/82, Gali No-7, Master Colony, Braham Puri Meerut, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No.715/13 U/s 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. Seema Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sachin Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sachin Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sachin Kumar of FIR No.715/13 U/s 279/337/338 IPC, P.S. Seema Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.11.2023.By Order
Ms. Aishwarya Singh Kashyap
Metropolitan Magistrate-06
Shahdara, Room No. 37, Ground Floor
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi
DP/10837/SHD/2023(Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir)
Office of the Executive Engineer (Distribution)
Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) Electric Division Batote Power Development Department
Email : pdःbatote@gmail.com**e-NIT No :- BIT/42 of 2023-24 Dated :- 30.09.2023****1. INVITATION:-**
For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Electric Division, Batote, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered Electrical contractors for Supply, Survey, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for Improvement/Protection/Earthling of Distribution Transformers (Sub-stations) under the jurisdiction of Electric Division, Batote on Turnkey Basis.

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available at website <http://uktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:-

A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	30.09.2023; 10:00 AM
B	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	21.10.2023; 12:00 Noon
C	E-Bid submission (start) date & time	30.09.2023; 10:00 AM
D	E-Bid submission (end) date & time	21.10.2023; 02:00 PM
E	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee (End) date & time	23.10.2023 up to 14.00 Hrs strictly otherwise the bid will be summarily rejected without any notice.
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	23.10.2023; 02:00 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualifying Bidders.
H	Venue of opening of technocommercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Electric Division, Batote.

I Tender Value Rs. 100. Lakhs

J Cost of E-Bid document Rs. 5000.00 (Demand Draft ; Non-Refundable)

K Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,00,000/-

L AAA Done

M TEC Done

L Status of Funds Partially Available under UT CAPEX 2023-24.

sd/- Executive Engineer Electric Division, JPDCL Batote.

NO - EDUPDCL/BLT/3250-53 Date - 30.09.2023.

DIP No:DIP/J-3285-P/23/30/2023.

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2 Hizb terrorists killed in Kulgam encounter, arms & ammo seized

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Srinagar: Two local terrorists affiliated with the proscribed Hizbul Mujahideen outfit were killed in an anti-terror operation in Kujjar area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, ADGP Vijay Kumar said.

The slain terrorists were identified as Basit Amin Bhat of Frisal and Saqib Ahmad Lone of Hawoora, Kulgam, Kashmir Zone Police stated in a post on microblogging platform X. Arms and ammunition including two AK rifles were retrieved from the encounter site, the post added.

Meanwhile, security forces continued to comb Rajouri district's Tatapani-Kalakote area for the third consecutive day, even as the terrorists believed to be holed up in the forests remained elusive. The joint cordon-and-search operation was launched on Monday and two Army personnel were injured in the initial exchange of fire with terrorists later that night.



Security personnel on patrol in J&K's Kulgam district on Wednesday. Combing operation for terrorists continued in Rajouri district for the third consecutive day

ED summons actor Ranbir to Raipur office in betting app case

Mumbai: The ED has summoned actor Ranbir Kapoor to its Raipur office on Friday for a statement in a money laundering case connected to the Mahadev Book Online gaming-betting app, Vijay V Singh.

Sources said Kapoor had promoted one of the Mahadev apps and ED is investigating the details of his fees. A few sports personalities, including foreign cricketers, are also apparently under the ED scanner in the case.

Kapoor is the first Bollywood celebrity, among over a dozen who had endorsed/promoted the apps, to be questioned in the case. Over a 100 social media influencers were also involved and some of them may also be summoned for questioning. One of the Kapoor's public relationship managers said he was unaware of the issue and was unable to comment.

The ED money laundering case is against Mahadev Book Online, its promoter Saubhab Chandrakar, his partner Ravi Uppal, and others. Chandrakar and Uppal are from Bhilai in Chhattisgarh and are now based in Dubai. The ED investigation found the two had earned several thousand crores in the last few years by running the illegal gaming-betting apps with help of local associates. After recent ED action, all the key members of the Mahadev group have shifted to Dubai.

Sources said Mahadev Book Online Book was operating several gaming-betting apps through Mumbai- and Chhattisgarh-based panel operators. "The group was generating Rs 200 crore profit daily," said a source.

JD(U) MLA goes to Bihar govt hosp with revolver, triggers row

Patna: Governing JD(U) MLA Narendra Kumar Niraj alias Gopal Mandal has courted a fresh controversy by brandishing a revolver at the Bihar government-run Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College and Hospital in Bhopalpur, where he visited with his granddaughter for a CT scan on Tuesday evening, reports Madan Kumar.

When one of the hospital employees questioned the Gopalpur MLA about the open display of the firearm, Mandal replied, "It is a thing that needs to be held in hand and not on the hip." ("Haath mein lekar nahi chalene to kya kamar mein rakhenge").

Video clips showing Mandal carrying the revolver in his hand have gone viral on social media platforms.

Police on Wednesday said Mandal was carrying his licensed revolver and hence no action was initiated against him. "If anyone approaches the police about any unlawful activities of the said MLA, police will definitely act," said a senior police officer on the condition of anonymity. The BJP demanded immediate arrest of the JD(U) lawmaker.



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date : 03.10.2023

Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MPIDC Ltd.) invites online percentage rate bids for the following work from registered contractors and firms for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Work	District	PAC (in Rs. Cr)
1	128 Infrastructure Development of Industrial Park Mandsaur, Jaggalkhedi Phase 2 at Dist. Mandsaur	Mandsaur	75.50
2	129 Infrastructure Development work of New Industrial Area Basaniya, Dist. Neemuch	Neemuch	8.35
3	130 Upgradation of Industrial Area Malanpur Ghirongi (Roads), Dist. Bhind	Bhind	10.63
4	131 Gap Infrastructure Development of Industrial Area Malanpur-Ghirongi (New Plots) Dist. Bhind	Bhind	11.38
5	132 Upgradation of Industrial Area Ujjaini Distt. Dhar	Dhar	14.03
6	133 Development of Industrial Area Tajpur, Dist. Ujjain	Ujjain	11.98
7	134 Upgradation of Water Supply Scheme at Industrial Area Meghnagar, Dist. Jhabua, M.P.	Jhabua	16.76
8	135 Upgradation Work of Industrial Area Pithampur Sector 1 & 2, Dist. Dhar	Dhar	14.85
9	136 Upgradation work of Industrial Area Udyog Vihar Chorahata, Rewa	Rewa	4.16
10	137 Upgradation Work of Industrial Area Nadantola (Amarpata), Dist. Satna	Satna	9.10
11	138 Upgradation of I/A Burkalkappa, Dist. Seoni	Seoni	8.37
12	139 Upgradation Work at Industrial Area Rangwasa, Dist. Indore	Indore	13.75

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement Portal - <https://mptenders.gov.in> – MPIDC HO.

CHIEF ENGINEER

Madras HC relief for Gurumurthy

Chennai: In a reprieve to 'Thuglak' editor S Gurumurthy, Madras high court set aside an order passed by advocate-general R Shumugasundaram granting consent to initiate criminal contempt of court proceedings against him.

On October 27, 2021, Shumugasundaram recalled an order passed by his predecessor Vijay Narayan refusing consent to initiate criminal contempt of court proceedings against Gurumurthy for his alleged derogatory remarks against the judiciary. Allowing a plea moved by Gurumurthy against the order, Justice N Sehasayee has set it aside.

The issue pertains to applications moved by advocates S Dorasamy and S Kumaradevan seeking consent of the advocate-general to move contempt of court proceedings against Gurumurthy. TNN

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Short term e-tender Notice

Online e-bids are invited for the sale of different kind of Alcohol (SDS, Ena, matured spirit) from Cooperative Distilleries of U.P. to reputed Distilleries of India, bona fide registered users to whom license have been issued by the Excise Department and approved traders holding valid licenses of Excise department of the concerned State. E-bid can be uploaded upto 6.55 PM on 16.10.2023 and Technical bid will be opened at 11.30 AM on and Financial bid at 3.30 PM on 17.10.2023. E-bid minimum EMD is Rs 100000/- EMD is variable if quoted quantity is above 01.00 lac BL. The rate at which EMD shall increase will be Rs 1.80 per BL. Total quantity for sale of Alcohol is approximately 31,11,757.38 lac BL and tender cost Rs. 2000/- + 18% GST (Non refundable). The details for submission of e-bids will be available on the e-tender portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> and also on Federation website www.upsugarfed.org since 04.10.2023 at 6.55 PM. The Managing Director Federation reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids without assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director shall be final and binding.

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Date: 04.10.2023

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Rajasthan Vaniki Evam Jaiv Vividhta Vikas Society
(funded by the French Development Agency)

Office of the Project Director Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project, Aravalli Bhawan, Jalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004, Rajasthan

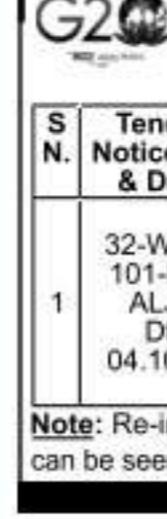
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NOTICE FOR HIRING OF AUDITORS

F11(13)PD/RFBDP/Auditor/2023-24/733
The Project Management Unit, RFBDP, Jaipur proposes to engage the services of auditors for RFBDP. Details of the EoI can be downloaded from Rajasthan Forest Department's website, <https://forest.rajasthan.gov.in> and state public procurement website, <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>. UBN No. : FOR2324SL0B00917
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Re-Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)
S. N. Tender Notice No. & Date Name of work with its location Approx. Cost of work Amount of Earnest Money Completion period of the work Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender

32-W-Br-101-BE-ALJN Dt. 04.10.23 Removal of existing cracked and corroded trough plates and providing lateral bracings, gussets with rivets at Br. No. 101 (33x24.4m) at Kms 116/7 BE-ALJN section on BBA-RG stations on 11/7/2023 between BBA-RG stations under jurisdiction of SSE/BR/MMB.

Note: Re-invitation of above tender is available on website,IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded.

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SHORT TERM INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

No. 3788/11 Cashier (PD Baghpat)-M.C/ Dated:- 20.09.2023

The S.E. Meerut Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Meerut on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites bid on SBD Basis online through UPPWD E-Tender Website <http://etender.up.nic.in> for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the bid document. **rate bids on SBD Basis** online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, class "A" Road Category. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the bid Document.

S. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakh)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion
1	Work of Strengthening of Meerut Baraut Road (State Road No 11) in District Baghpat in financial year 2023-24.	1604.71	32.10	2000.00 + (300+18% GST=2714	9 Months

> The Rate taken in the BOQ including all taxes except GST.
Bids must be published/download online 11:00 AM on date 06.10.2023 and submitted online through UPPWD e-tender website <http://etender.up.nic.in> or before 16:00 PM on dated 13.10.2023 and the technical bids will be opened online date 13.10.2023 at 16:30 PM and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order no. 1/2018/3070/78-2/2018/42 IT/2017 (22) Date 03.01.2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O. Govt Order No. 879/23-7/2020-176 (साठे 06/Date 25.08.2020 is applicable and Contractor has to submit the bid on Prahar App also for which the link is available on www.roc.uppwd.gov.in.
All terms & conditions can be seen on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>

(Jagdish Prasad)
SUPERINTENDENT ENGINEER
Meerut Circle, P.W.D.
Meerut

Declared 'dead' at Assam hosp, newborn found alive: A newborn, delivered prematurely at a hospital in Assam, was declared dead on Wednesday, reports BB Goswami. However, the baby was found to be alive when it was taken for cremation.



बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग

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आवश्यक सूचना

PR.NO.12846 (Ni.Ni)2022-23

विज्ञापन सं-01 / 2023 (सहायक निदेशक (मेडिकल कार्डियोलॉजी)

विज्ञापन सं-02 / 2023 (सहायक निदेशक (सर्जिकल कार्डियोलॉजी)

विज्ञापन सं-03 / 2023 (सहायक निदेशक (पीडीयाट्रिक्स कार्डियोलॉजी)

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अन्तर्गत सहायक निदेशक के विभिन्न पदों

पर नियुक्ति हेतु कुल-24 रिक्तियों के विरुद्ध अंतिम रूप से चयनित कुल-20

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McCarthy ousted as speaker, leaving US Congress in chaos

Republicans Divided On Radical Lines; House To Elect New Leader Next Week; Just 40 Days Remain To Avert Shutdown

Chidanand Rajghatta | TN

Washington: American politics was thrown into turmoil after the Speaker of US House of Representatives, who is second in line to the presidency after the vice-president, was voted out of office in an unprecedented rebellion never seen in the history of the US Congress.

Republican Kevin McCarthy, who was elected Speaker in January after a titanic inner-party struggle in the narrow GOP majority in the House, was ousted by eight far-right rebel lawmakers who felt he was not radical enough. They joined 208 Democrats, who were too happy to help turf out McCarthy in a 216-210 vote.

There was chaos in the Congress because the narrow Republican majority could not immediately settle on a successor to McCarthy. The leader of the rebels, Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz, said he's not interested in the post (he intends to run for Senate); McCarthy said he's not up to trying again; and Democrats don't have the majority to swing it their way.

Under a post-9/11 rule that requires the House to nominate an acting speaker in case of a vacancy in the role, the position is now temporarily occupied by Republican Congressman Patrick McHenry until the House elects a new speaker next week. But it is not clear if he has the authority to conduct proceedings or pilot legislation in what is arguably the most powerful position in the US after the presidency. The vacancy comes at a time when Congress has just over 40 days to avert another potential government shutdown. The House and Senate must agree by mid-November on the 12-an-



The 216-to-210 vote marked the first time in US history that the House removed its leader, with 8 hardline Republicans voting with 208 Democrats to remove Kevin McCarthy, ending his tumultuous nine months as speaker

In 1st act, interim speaker Patrick McHenry asks Nancy Pelosi to vacate office in Capitol

Former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said interim speaker Patrick McHenry has asked her to vacate her office in the Capitol building. Pelosi, 83, served as the 52nd speaker from 2007 to 2011, and again from 2019 to 2023, and is regarded by moderates as the "Speaker Emerita". An email sent from McHenry's office to Pelosi's office stated: "Going to reassign h-132 for speaker office use. Please vacate the space tomorrow." In response, the Democrat said she was away in California attending the funeral of Senator Diane Feinstein. "With all of the important decisions that the Republican leadership must address, one of the first actions taken by the new Speaker Pro Tempore was to order me to immediately vacate my office," she said. IANS

annual appropriations bills to fund the government in the fiscal year that began on Sunday, something that cannot be done without a speaker in place.

The names of two far-right lawmakers — Jim Jordan and Steve Scalise — are making the rounds as potential successors to McCarthy, who was seen by the rebels as getting cosy with Democrats, particularly on the issue of government shutdown. The hardliners in the GOP have repeatedly led the country to the brink of a default on its debt by withholding funding that would lead to a government shutdown — a crisis that was narrowly, but temporarily, averted last week. But the broa-

der issue is the power struggle in the GOP between the far-right (McCarthy himself) is one and the extreme far-right radicals. Although a majority of 218 GOP lawmakers supported McCarthy, the rebellion by just eight Republican lawmakers on the extreme fringe joining Democrats was enough to torpedo him. "Unfortunately 4% of our conference sided with all the Democrats and dictate who can be the Republican speaker," McCarthy lamented, a presser after his 269-day speakership became the shortest in over 140 years. The dysfunction in the Congress is evident in the animosity — including the use of swear words — that has

Ukraine aid faces murky path amid leadership change

Us funding for Ukraine faces a new hurdle in Congress after Kevin McCarthy's ouster as House speaker gave Republican hardliners an opening to stall the next round of aid to Kyiv. The fate of US aid for Ukraine's efforts to fend off Russia's invasion now rests in large part on the next speaker, who will have to navigate a party sharply divided on the issue. Republicans plan a speaker election on Oct. 11, and all legislative action is likely to halt in the meantime. Aid to Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion still enjoys widespread support in Congress. Some of those mentioned as possible speakers, including House majority leader Steve Scalise, voted for a \$300 million Ukraine funding bill last week. Yet other contenders, like Jim Jordan, voted no. The leader of the GOP hardliners, Matt Gaetz, emphasised that a majority of Republicans voted against the aid bill last week. BLOOMBERG

erupted between lawmakers who typically address each other with often exaggerated courtesy. Democrats could have saved McCarthy but they decided against it given his obituary to Donald Trump after the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, when he visited Trump at his Florida resort to grieve before him. He was also seen as obstructing the House select committee tasked with investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, and more recently walking back on a deal with Biden to lift the debt limit and later accusing Democrats of wanting to shut down the government when it was the work of his own Republican colleagues.

China said to have refused int'l help to save sub

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This resulted in systems failures that took six hours to repair and surface the vessel. The onboard oxygen system poisoned the crew after a catastrophic failure. Our understanding is death was caused by hypoxia," the reports states. China is said to have refused international assistance to save the submarine. The sinking of nuclear attack submarine 093-417 is believed to have taken place in the waters off China's Shandong Province, north of Shanghai.

China has six Type 093' submarines, all built at Hudiao in Liaoning province. These are the most modern of China's current fleet of submarines, each of them with a displacement of 6,096 tonnes and 107 metres long.

The submarines can be armed with six 533mm torpedo tubes each and a range of anti-ship and land-cruise missiles.

UK's ministry of defence declined to comment on the supposedly leaked intelligence report. Beijing and Taiwan have denied that any such disaster took place.

Thai shooter modified plastic gun to use real bullets: Cops

The teenage boy who allegedly shot two people dead and wounded five others inside a mall in Bangkok used a blank-firing handgun that had been modified to fire real bullets, police said Wednesday. He used a "plastic gun and adapted it to use real bullets" in the attack that took place on Tuesday. AP

Hi, 'Barbie!' Russian theatres find ways to screen blockbusters amid sanctions

and "Turning Red."

"Barbie" has been no different, with movie theaters employing a workaround to give audiences access to the Western films they want to watch. Russian cinemas in cities large and small are offering viewers tickets for short films or documentaries, but these come with screenings of the full effervescent, bubblegum-pink "Barbie" film that technically plays during the previews slot. At least 14 theaters in Moscow were openly offering such screenings on their websites on Wednesday.

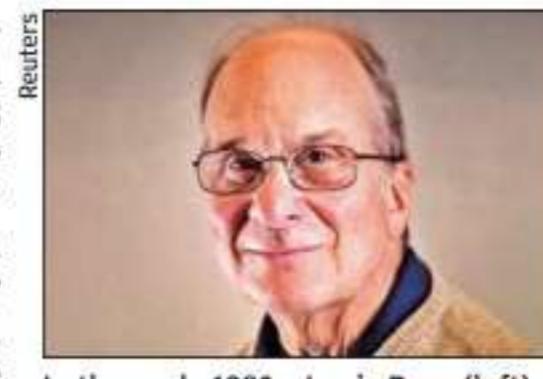


American studios stopped releasing Hollywood movies in Russia after the invasion of Ukraine, but many theaters have found a workaround

dropped by 44% from 2021 to 2022, according to Russia's Association of Theater Owners.

The association wrote on its website that it has made repeated pleas to government agencies to issue theater distribution certificates that allow them to screen films like "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" from "unfriendly countries" without the consent of the copyright owners. But the ministry of culture turned down the request, saying that the two films "do not meet the goals and objectives set by the head of state to pre-

Reuters



In the early 1980s, Louis Brus (left) and Alexei Ekimov created quantum dots independently of each other. But more research was needed before the dots could reach the appropriate level of quality for technological applications.



They had to be made in solution "with exquisite control of their size, surface"

mes of the three scientists before the official announcement.

Asked during a press conference how he felt, Bawendi said "It's a very exciting area of research."

In the early 1980s, Ekimov discovered that the colour of glass changes with the size of copper chloride molecules contained in it and that subatomic forces were at play. A few years later, Brus made similar groundbreaking discoveries on the colour of fluids. In 1993, Bawendi revolutionised the production of quantum dots, made up of clusters ranging from a few hundred to a few thousand atoms.

Bawendi is a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brus is professor emeritus at Columbia University and Ekimov works for Nanocrystals Technology Inc. REUTERS

Age at which people can buy cigarettes should rise by 1 year every year, says PM

London: UK PM Rishi Sunak on Wednesday proposed raising the legal age that people in England can buy cigarettes by one year, every year until it is eventually illegal for the whole population and smoking will hopefully be phased out among young people. Setting out his plan at the annual Conservative Party conference, Sunak said he wanted to "stop teenagers taking up cigarettes in the first place". It is currently illegal for anyone to sell cigarettes or tobacco products to people under 18 years old throughout the UK. Sunak's office said the incremental changes would stop children who turn 14 this year and those younger than that from ever legally being sold cigarettes in England. If parliament approves the proposal, the legal change would only apply in England — not in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. "People take up cigarettes when they're young. Four in five smokers have started by the time they're 20," he said. "Later, the vast majority try to quit ... if we could break that cycle, if we could stop the start, then we would be on our way to ending the biggest cause of preventable death and disease in our country." The government said that smoking won't be criminalised. PTI



Pm Rishi Sunak with wife Akshata. In his speech, Sunak used his own elevation as the country's first Indian-origin PM as proof that the UK is not a racist country. "I am proud to be the first British-Asian PM, but you know what, I'm even prouder that it's just not a big deal"

who was only voted in as Tory leader last October by party members, has to call an election by January 2025 at the latest.

Sunak confirmed rumours that he would scrap the second leg of the HS2 rail project between Birmingham in central England and Manchester. "I'm cancelling the rest of the HS2 project and in its place we will reinvest every single penny, £36 billion, in hundreds of new tra-

'No criminality': Scotland police close gurdwara case

Naomi Canton

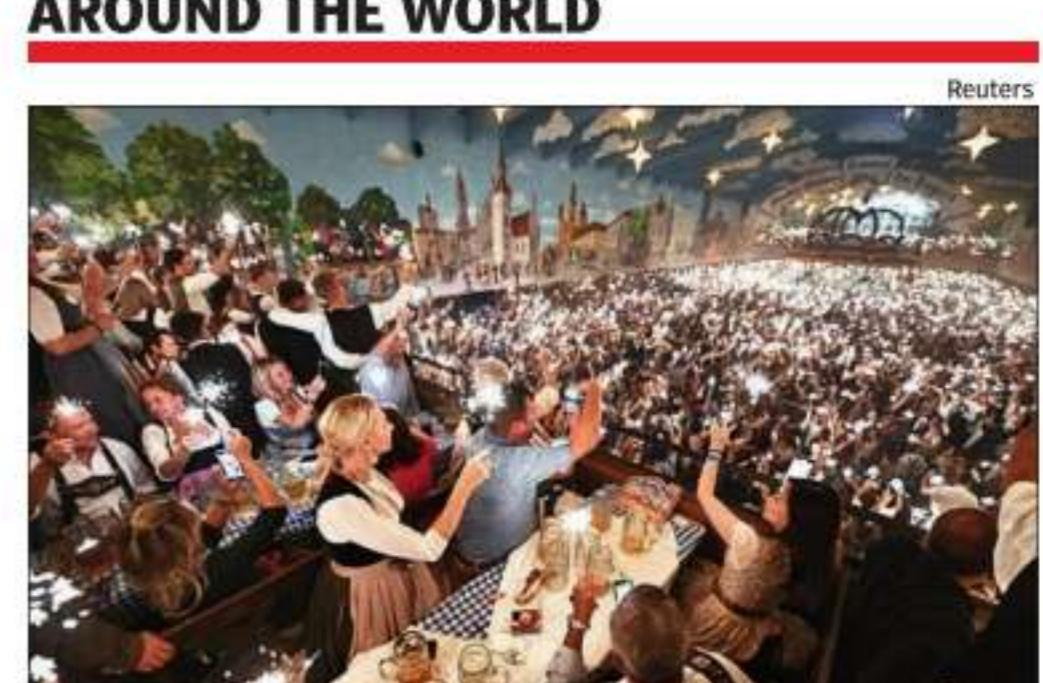
London: The Scottish police have closed their investigation into an incident involving three radical Sikh activists preventing Indian high commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami, from entering a Glasgow gurdwara, saying no offence was committed. The Indian high commission in London had reacted with fury to the September 29 incident and reported it to the foreign, commonwealth and development office and the metropolitan police, urging the UK authorities to take action. Indo-Pacific minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan had said "the safety and security of foreign diplomats is of utmost importance". But on Wednesday a Police Scotland spokesperson told TOI: "Following extensive enquiries into a report of a disturbance in the Albert Drive area, no criminality

has been established." Police Scotland had been called after the three activists prevented Doraiswami and the consul general of India in Edinburgh, Bijay Selvaraj, from entering the gurdwara to attend a community event. Overseas Friends of BJP UK president Kuldeep Shekhawat said: "This is a case of absolute negligence on the part of Scotland police, and the FCDO which is not giving due security and respect to such a high-ranking Indian diplomat and not ready to look at the circumstances under which he was not allowed into the Glasgow gurdwara."

During the protest, police said they had been informed that the protesters had been "radicalised" and that they had been "spreading disinformation about Moscow's army".

Maria Ovsyannikova, 45, held up a protest placard during an evening news programme in March 2022, but was sentenced for a separate protest she made outside the Kremlin four months later. It also said she would be barred from running social media accounts for four years. Ovsyannikova was not present for the sentencing. She fled the country last year after escaping house arrest with her then 11-year-old daughter. In a statement ahead of the sentencing, she called the charges against her "absurd and poli-

AROUND THE WORLD



FAREWELL CHEERS: Attendees light sparklers to celebrate the end of the annual beer festival 'Oktoberfest' in Munich, Germany

Exiled Russian journo who protested war on TV gets 8-year jail sentence in absentia

An exiled Russian reporter who protested Moscow's offensive in Ukraine live on state TV was handed over eight years jail in absentia Wednesday for spreading disinformation about Moscow's army. Maria Ovsyannikova, 45, held up a protest placard

during an evening news programme in March 2022, but was sentenced for a separate protest she made outside the Kremlin four months later. It also said she would be barred from running social media accounts for four years. Ovsyannikova was not present for the sentencing. She fled the country last year after escaping house arrest with her then 11-year-old daughter. In a statement ahead of the sentencing, she called the charges against her "absurd and poli-

tically motivated". According to her Instagram page, Ovsyannikova lives in France.

String of volcanic tremors raises fears in Italian city

Hundreds of small tremors have shaken a densely populated volcano area west of the Italian city of Naples in recent weeks, pushing the government to quickly draft mass evacuation plans, even though experts don't see an imminent risk of eruption. In the latest of a long string of tremors, a 4.0-magnitude earthquake hit the region of Campi Flegrei on Monday. The region is home to a caldera, a cauldron-shaped depression left behind by the eruption of a very large volcano. The one in Campi Flegrei is the largest in Europe and last erupted in 1538. A new explosion would put half a million inhabitants at risk. Monday's tremor followed a 4.2-magnitude quake last week, the strongest in 40 years. "We have observed over 3,000 tremors since the start of 2023," Gianfilippo De Astis, a senior researcher, told AP. "Only 65, however, were above a 2.0 magnitude."

**A thought for today**

When Henry Ford made cheap, reliable cars, people said 'Nah, what's wrong with a horse?' That was a huge bet he made, and it worked

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Flaming Question

EVs catching fire highlights safety issues. But can govt's cut through regulatory complexities?

In a generally glum environment for automobile companies since the pandemic broke out, there's been one source of cheer: Electric vehicles have taken root. Just consider the numbers. In 2019, the year before the pandemic, just 167,000 EVs had been registered. By 2021, the situation had changed and EVs were catching on. By the end of 2022, around 1.02 million EVs were registered, a more than six-fold increase in three years. EVs represent the future of mobility. Hence, viral social media videos of EVs going up in flames due to malfunctioning batteries can undo the gains of the last three years.

The EV market in India has distinct features. EV adoption is being driven by the mass market, primarily two-wheelers, and three-wheelers to an extent. Between them, they account for about 96% of the EV market. Among EV two-wheelers, the aggressive early entrants have generally been new entrants to the automobile sector. Combine this fact with two other features of the EV market. Batteries, the heart of EVs, are sourced through imports. Advanced chemistry cells are sourced entirely from abroad.

Second, EVs present a unique regulatory challenge. All the mechanical systems of the traditional internal combustion engines have been replaced by software that oversees the battery management system of EVs, which includes monitoring its temperature. There have been instances in different markets where the regulatory system has been blindsided, as proprietary software to manage batteries has been out of its purview. EVs present a new dimension to the regulatory framework governing the automobile industry. Not only is the internal working very different, getting a clear insight into the critical aspects of its functioning has come with challenges. In India, there's an additional dimension, with a regulatory challenge presented by imports that haven't been adapted to domestic operating conditions.

After the early instances of EVs catching fire, GOI appointed a committee of technical experts to study the problem. Based on their recommendations, regulatory changes for automotive standards were notified. Separately, Niti Aayog floated a proposal to develop open-source battery management systems. In terms of intent, GOI has done the right thing. The EV market is still in a nascent stage and it's critical for GOI to set and implement standards that dispel uncertainty among potential customers. If EVs are the future, that future needs to be safe.

Nanded Horror

Hospital deaths in Maharashtra are mainly thanks to medicine shortage. What's the state govt doing?

Between September 30 and October 3, Nanded government medical college and hospital in Maharashtra reported 35 deaths—24 of those were in a single day. A month ago, 18 deaths in 24 hours were reported in a municipality hospital in Thane. The Eknath Shinde government ordered a probe on August 25. The report is not yet in. On Tuesday, as Nanded's hospital clocked 11 more deaths, a "high-profile committee probe" was promised. The state government may as well have saved its time, for the reasons are evident.

Doctors and nurses, deans and activists, patients, and families, all have matching reports of the conditions. Nurses transferred without replacement, doctors' posts vacant, CT scanners non-functional, garbage pileups, filthy toilets and importantly, a crippling shortage of essential medicines. Shortage of medicines is adversely affecting government hospitals across Maharashtra for weeks now—a result of government's inability to properly replace a faulty system of procurement and supply of medicines with a new nodal body created under the recently passed Medical Goods Procurement Act. The new set-up is in the works while the old system of supply slips into disuse.

The misgovernance evident, matters took a worse turn over a video of the hospital dean cleaning toilets, told to do so by Shiv Sena MP Hemant Patil. Such deplorable acts neither fill vacancies nor renew medicine stocks. The Bombay high court has rightly asked for details of the state's allocation to health as well as details of the deaths. Sharp spikes in hospital deaths demonstrate the deep crisis in public health—everywhere in India. The difference here is that the hand-to-mouth existence of these government hospitals is not in remote areas of a poor state—it's happening in the state with the largest economy. That is what is sick.

From pothole to pothole

On highway or low way the crater has come to stay

Bachi Karkaria

Nitin Gadkari has promised to make our 1.46 lakh km of highways pothole-free by year end. The entrenched trenches themselves will wail wider in boredom at yet another attempt to annihilate them. Remember? The otherwise efficient road transport minister was labelled Mr Flyover when he held the PWD portfolio in Maharashtra because he ordained 55 of these in Mumbai. For a while they did help us zip over notorious bottlenecks, but now the inevitable potholes on them have led to as many red faces as an unzipped fly.

For the sake of our LMVs, HMVs, SUVs, indeed GDP, we want the brave Shri Gadkari to succeed. But you see, JI, potholes are the unchallenged symbols of our rural, urban or in-between roads. Indeed, they should be ranked among our national insignia. Why, even the Ashok Chakra would get inextricably wedged into them.

In pothole one-downmanship, we can boast patriotic parity with that uppity Global North. The US and the UK sink billions trying to fix these road-eos, which make bucking broncos of the vehicles that dare to mount them. Our current Bad Boy keeps buckling under these terrors of tyres and axles. Google reveals a video of the mayor of Ottawa desperately trying out a pothole-paver called Python 5000. Admittedly, not what our MEA would call out as a snake in the grass.

So, indisputably monsters are like the dinosaurs: big, dangerous and deadlier. All kinds of methods have been tried to zap them to extinction, from primitive gravel and cement patch-up to ultrasonic sensors and the algorithms YOLoV3 and YOLoV6. But they remain invincible, growing faster, deeper, wider with each winter, monsoon and contractor-corporate nexus.

Speaking of which, potholes and politics are similar, no? The Big Juggernaut Party has the heavy machinery to level out the subterranean tension. In the once-Grand Trunk Road party, firefighting is no substitute for regular maintenance. As for alliances, cracks develop if they aren't constructed to withstand overloading; they become hellish if paved only with good intentions.

Alec Smart said: "In the face-off with Maneka G, who's ISKCONning whom?"

A CUP HALF-EMPTY?
The 13th world ODI championship begins today. But the buzz, so far, is underwhelming. The 52-year-old format is in mid-life crisis, getting squeezed between heritage Tests & money-spinning T20s

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Modern cricket is best understood as a sport constantly trying to reinvent and update itself. Tests weren't always played over five days. Overs weren't always about six deliveries. Among the game's most subversive changes in the post-WWII era was the advent of the one-day internationals or ODIs.

The Gillette Cup, a limited-overs tournament, was introduced to counter the declining attendance in English county cricket in the 1960s. But the world's first ODI was played only in 1971; England and Australia facing off. India debuted in 1974. However, few in India,

With matches being live streamed free on OTT and an estimated 750 million smartphones available in cricket-addicted India, TRPs are still likely to be high

including BCCI, warmed up to limited-overs cricket because Test match queues outside stadiums were bigger than for movie blockbusters.

Then the unthinkable happened. In the summer of 1983, Kapil Dev's merry men pulled off an improbable World Cup (WC) triumph against the formidable West Indies. India was instantly seduced. Many among the newly converted, who knew enough to cheer a six but were cold to a well-judged leave outside the off-stump, found it more accessible and entertaining. The victory serendipitously coincided with the spread of television.

Till the early 1980s, barring well-heeled homes in cosmopolitan India, TV was not even an accessory of desire. The 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi brought colour transmission. TV homes vaulted from 1.1 million in 1979 to 22.5 million

in 1989. Outdoor antennas altered the aesthetics of colonies.

Smart BCCI spotted the opening. Between 1974-1983, India played about 5-6 ODIs every year. The number shot up four times between 1984-89. The seven-hour event, often telecast live on captive DD, emerged as a market rival to India's other obsession: cinema.

When India sealed the 1987 WC bid, the Bombay film industry was scared. Two months before the event, a trade magazine noted that each week was scheduled to have three games. "This being the biggest opposition one can think of, no major film will be released during this period," it predicted.

Actor Rishi Kapoor offered a lively analogy: "This is the biggest multi-star running now. It has 11 heroes (one team) and 11 villains (the rival team). And two heroines too (umpires), if you please, who'll be dancing on the field! Who would be interested in seeing our one, two or three hero films in preference to this multi-multi-star?"

WC's hosting in the sub-continent was an

early indicator of the game's shifting epicentre. The venue was outside England for the first time. To win the bid, India and Pakistan had tactically joined hands to make an offer that couldn't be refused. Reliance stepped in, bringing big corporate money. 1987 offered a teaser trailer of cricket's future.

By 1996, when India again co-hosted the WC, bold and beautiful satellite TV had altered India's idea of entertainment, including sports. What Kerry Packer had foreseen in the late 1970s—coloured clothing, day-and-night cricket, multiple camera coverage—was the norm now. Like the riveting 1992 WC final in Melbourne, the 1996 semi-final was also played under floodlights in Calcutta.

The boardroom battle, which had brought the event to the sub-continent in the summer of 1993, was bitterly contested. Till then, England and Australia were cricket's savarnas empowered with veto. PILCOM (Pak-Indo-Lanka joint management committee) used cash and "race" to cobble up a winning coalition. India's cricket market had surged from rupees to

dollars. India's economy had moved from semi-socialist to liberalised.

By 2011, India had grown into a \$1.8 trillion economy. BCCI was world cricket's ruling deity even though the Cup was still co-hosted. But ODI was facing competition from a perkier version of its old self: T20. BCCI had initially ignored the new kid on the block. But with India's T20 WC triumph in 2007, the future could no longer be ignored.

Zee-owned ICL too needed to be neutralised. Consequently, IPL was created in 2008 and soon became the premium, non-negotiable item on the BCCI calendar. Within days of MS Dhoni smashing that iconic six against Sri Lanka to win the 2011 WC, million-dollar players scurried to play the IPL beginning in less than a week's time. Franchise-based cricket was the new world.

Now, another ODI WC is upon us. India is the sole host for the first time. Since 2011, the world of entertainment has grown beyond recognition. TV still commands substantial eyeballs. But digital is the big game in town further fattening BCCI's obese coffers. And, yes, India is estimated to be a \$3.8 trillion economy.

The 13th World ODI Cup begins today. It doesn't feel like a WC yet. India's record haul at the ongoing Asian Games has cornered the headlines. But more importantly, curiosity dwindles when WCs become annual events.

ODI turned 52 this year and is suffering from a mid-life crisis. Tests are

protected heritage property. Bonzai T20s make major money. ODI is bereft of identity. The format was created to inject pace and thrill in the game. Ironically, now it is considered too staid and predictable. Statistics show that it is losing space in tour calendars.

Nonetheless, with matches being live

streamed free on OTT and an estimated

750 million smartphones available in

cricket-addicted India, TRPs are likely

to be high again. Rumours of ODI's

death are exaggerated. But it is living

on borrowed time; its fate a metaphor for life and change.



Investment: The Dog That Didn't Bark

SBI's chief economist argues that contrary to widely shared perceptions it's PSUs, not private firms, that have been capital expenditure laggards

Soumya Kanti Ghosh



The Indian economy logged a growth rate of 7.8% in the April-June quarter (Q1FY24). Importantly, capacity utilisation in the manufacturing space had touched a decade high at 76.3% as of March 2023.

The Q1FY24 GDP numbers reaffirm that the gross capital formation, or investment, continued to be buoyant. In fact, the investment subset of the expenditure component of GDP has had perhaps the best run among all heads for the 13 quarters ended Q1FY24, with an average growth of 8%, while consumption grew at an average rate of 5% and net trade balance at 0.3% over the same period.

Against this backdrop, there is this oft-repeated question: How much of this investment is being driven by different segments, public, private and the household sector? Alternatively, how much of this is being driven by sectors: Industry, agriculture and services?

In nominal terms, India's investment at pre-pandemic levels was ₹64 lakh crore, and it climbed to ₹85 lakh crore in 2022-23. While as a percentage of GDP it is still lower than 2018-19 levels, India's investment has staged a remarkable recovery post-pandemic, rising like a phoenix from ₹55 lakh crore in 2020-21 to ₹85 lakh crore in just two years.

What's driving this renewal of investment?

Industry, with a 32% share in total incremental investment for the four-year period ended 2022-23, in other words, from the last pre-pandemic year to the current period, it was at 25% for the five-year period ended 2018-19.

Clearly, there is a concerted effort to push investment in manufacturing, as also reflected in several initiatives GOI has taken in the last couple of years like the PLI scheme.

However, there is more to the investment story. For the four-year period ended 2022-23, incremental investment by the private corporate sector was at ₹7 lakh crore as

against ₹7.5 lakh crore for the five-year period ended 2018-19. Therefore, private corporate sector investment has already surpassed the pre-pandemic level if adjusted for five years.

Over the same time period, household investment was at ₹9.3 lakh crore and government investment (GOI+states) was at ₹4.2 lakh crore. The data shows it's fallacious to argue private investment hasn't picked up.

Most importantly, consolidated private sector invest-

WHO AND WHERE OF INVESTMENTS

Source Of Incremental Investments (₹lakh crore)

Sector	Pre-Pandemic	Post-Pandemic
Consolidated Public Sector	5.9	5
Of which: PSUs	3.1	0.8
Governments	2.8	4.2
Consolidated Private Sector	16.4	16.3
Of which: Households	8.9	9.3
Private Firms	7.5	7

Sectorwise Share Of GDP (in %)

Sector	Pre-Pandemic	Post-Pandemic
Agriculture	2.2	2.4
Industry	10.2	9.5
Of which: Manufacturing	5.1	5.3
Construction	2.3	1.8
Services	18.7	17.7
Valueables & Adjustments	2.7	1.8
Total Gross Capital Formation	33.8	31.4

Note: Pre-Pandemic refers to 2014-15 to 2018-19; Post-Pandemic refers to 2019-20 to 2022-23; Source: MoSPI

ment was at ₹16.3 lakh crore during FY20-23 as against ₹16.4 lakh crore in the pre-pandemic period of FY15-19.

Let's turn to the household sector. In the national accounts household sector includes, apart from individuals, all non-government and non-corporate businesses such as sole proprietorships, partnerships, and non-profit institutions. To a large extent, therefore, this sector reflects conditions in the informal sector. The narrative of 'all is not well within the informal sector after the pandemic' is not exactly backed by data.

The real story is the sharp contraction in investment over the same time periods by the public sector institutions from a high of ₹3.1 lakh crore to just ₹80,000 crore post-pandemic. The good thing is that public sector units have reversed such a declining trend in investment since 2021-22 and invested an additional ₹1 lakh crore, on the back of a push by the government.

Second, the private sector has already shown intent with an all-time high new investment announcements of ₹37 lakh crore in 2022-23 (₹20 lakh crore a year ago). In Q1FY24 also, the investment momentum continued with announcements exceeding ₹7 lakh crore, 15% higher than the same period previous year.

High interest rates, growing investor risk aversion and ballooning borrowings have left a range of developing economies—from war-ravaged Ukraine to North Africa's largest economy, Egypt—mired in debt crises. Sri Lanka defaulted on international debt in May 2022 while Pakistan needs over \$22bn to service external debt and pay bills for FY24. Helping them claw out of this will be a key agenda item at the annual IMF and World Bank meetings in Morocco's tourist hub of Marrakech, which kicks off next week. A lowdown on debt-crunch faced by countries...

Source: Reuters

Bankrupt carriers won't be able to retain leased planes

Govt's Notification Overwrites Asset Protection By IBC

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New Delhi: Indian carriers going bankrupt in the future will no longer be able to hold on to their leased aircraft and engines under the asset protection (moratorium) provided for a limited time by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), like GoAir.

A notification issued by the corporate affairs ministry on Tuesday comes as a huge relief to Indian airlines as the GoAir fiasco has made lessors wary of giving aircraft and engines to them, especially the financially weak ones. International leasing companies had raised red flags on this issue, which meant that apart from strong players including Tata group airlines and IndiGo, other airlines here would have found lease costs rising due to lessors perceiving increased risk of having their assets stuck here for months, if the airline files for bankruptcy under IBC.

The government on Tues-

Residential realty prices rise 5.4%: Magicbricks

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New Delhi: Continuing on its growth trajectory, pan-India residential realty prices increased 5.4% quarter-on-quarter in the July-September quarter as demand outstripped supply, showed a recent Magicbricks PropIndex report. Compared to the previous quarter, residential demand increased 8.4% while aggregate supply reduced 7.2% during Q3.

Search volumes particularly in Greater Noida, Noida, Kolkata and Bengaluru increased substantially quarter-on-quarter, reflecting positive sentiment among homebuyers, the report said. "Prospective homebuyers continued to prefer spacious home units such as 3 BHKs and above as its demand commanded 52% of total demand in key cities, up by 1% from the last quarter," according to the report.

Greater Noida and Gurgaon lead in terms of capital appreciation, with aggregate prices increasing by 27.2% and 33.4% year-on-year respectively. Prices of both ready to move and under construction segments increased on the back of robust demand. Analysts attributed the dip in supply to factors like declining land availability, strict regulation by most state REAs, increasing construction costs and focus on developers to clear the unsold inventory.

"While the growing residential demand underscores the strong sentiment towards real estate in India, the reducing supply can be attributed to various factors such as focus on completion of under-construction projects," said Sudhir Pai, CEO at Magicbricks.

IPO fund mop-up in H1 dives 26%

Mumbai: Fundraising through mainboard IPOs declined 26% to Rs 26,300 crore in the first half of the fiscal, even as the number of issues more than doubled to 31. In the first half of FY23, the amount raised via IPOs stood at Rs 35,456 crore through 14 issues, according to Prime Database.

However, excluding the mega L1C issue in May 2022, fund mobilisation this year jumped 76% year-on-year. According to Pranav Haldea, MD of the portal, fundraise via equities rose 69% to Rs 73,747 crore in the April to September period, from Rs 43,694 crore in the first half of FY23. AGENCE

KKR places bigger bet on India

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New Delhi: Global investment giant KKR is placing a bigger bet on India by setting up a centre in Gurgaon that will deal with some operations and finance-related issues, parts of which are currently outsourced.

KKR, which has around 90 employees in Mumbai dealing with investments, will begin the operations in Gurgaon with around 150 employees. Going forward, it may deal with some of the technology-related aspects as well, KKR chief operating officer Ryan Stork told TOI.

Gurgaon's game is, however, expected to come at some cost to Cognizant as the company is expected to significantly reduce its outsourcing

COUNTING ON TALENT POOL

► KKR's Gurgaon office (2nd in India) will begin operations with around 150 employees
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contract in the coming years, after it opted for insourcing—something, Stork said, several companies are opting to do. "We opted for it as the firm is growing in size and scale," said Stork, adding that the centre was required to meet the enormous pace at which

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RYAN STORK | CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT KKR

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KKR was growing and the talent pool it needed to sustain the growth. Going forward, HR, compliance and legal functions may also be added to the portfolio. Currently, a similar facility in Dublin with around 100 employees also handles

some of the functions related to operations and finance along with the Euro credit room. "The scale is not the same," Stork said.

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The decision was taken after scanning other potential centres such as Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune, the KKR COO said. "The Gurugram-based team will support KKR's growth and enhance the firm's business operations, as well as allow for a global operating model that aims to deliver consistent service and coverage to internal and external clients across the world," the company said in a statement.

Egypt

► Needs to repay some \$100bn of hard-currency debt over the next 5 yrs
► Cairo now spends over 40% of revenues on interest payments
► Has a \$3bn IMF bailout but \$2bn privatisation plan has been slow

Lebanon

► In default since 2020 with few signs it will resolve its economic meltdown anytime soon
► IMF has warned that if the status quo continues, public debt could reach 547% of GDP by 2027

Pakistan

► Needs over \$22bn to service external debt and pay bills for FY24
► Inflation and interest rates are at historic highs
► Reached an 11-hour deal for a \$3bn IMF bridge loan in June

Sri Lanka

► Defaulted on global debt in May 2022
► Devastated by Covid, the tourist favourite started a debt overhaul plan in June
► The \$2.9bn IMF bailout could be delayed over revenue shortfall

Ukraine

► Froze debt payments after Russia's invasion
► Post-war rebuild to cost at least 1tn euros as economy has shown signs of recovery
► IMF estimates \$3-4bn a month to keep the country running

Zambia

► First African country to default during the pandemic
► Clinched a \$6.3bn debt deal with China, others in June
► Expects to finalise a debt memorandum by year-end

Bankrupt carriers won't be able to retain leased planes

Govt's Notification Overwrites Asset Protection By IBC

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at timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Indian carriers going bankrupt in the future will no longer be able to hold on to their leased aircraft and engines under the asset protection (moratorium) provided for a limited time by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), like GoAir.

A notification issued by the corporate affairs ministry on Tuesday comes as a huge relief to Indian airlines as the GoAir fiasco has made lessors wary of giving aircraft and engines to them, especially the financially weak ones. International leasing companies had raised red flags on this issue, which meant that apart from strong players including Tata group airlines and IndiGo, other airlines here would have found lease costs rising due to lessors perceiving increased risk of having their assets stuck here for months, if the airline files for bankruptcy under IBC.

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day issued a gazette notification saying: "...the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016), shall not apply to transactions, arrangements or agreements, under the Convention and the Protocol, relating to aircraft, aircraft engines, airframes and helicopters."

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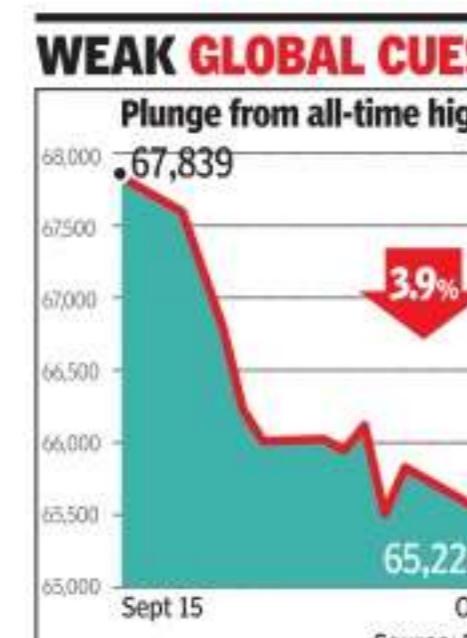
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Cash-strapped SpiceJet had to issue a statement that it is not taking the IBC route to comfort lessors.

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pensive assets, like aircraft

Sensex falls for 2nd day on foreign fund outflows



high US bond yields are signalling an impending interest rate hike. Globally, investors are adopting risk-averse strategies due to inflation concerns and the strengthening US dollar," Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said. "In India, despite a robust economy, premium valuations of midcaps and recent rally is augmenting consolidation," he added.

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GALLERY

Iran, Saudi agree to reschedule ACL match after walkout

Tehran: Iran said it has agreed with Saudi Arabia to reschedule an AFC Asian Champions League match after the Saudi team walked out at the last minute, apparently over the presence of a statue of a slain Iranian general. The walkout appeared to further strain a recent rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran, long-time rivals who have backed opposite sides in conflicts across the Middle East. But, in the days since, both sides have appeared eager to move past it.

Neymar scores his 1st goal for Al-Hilal: Neymar scored his first goal in his fifth appearance for Al-Hilal on Tuesday as the Saudi Arabian club beat Nassaji Mazandaran 3-0 in Tehran. Aleksandar Mitrovic, signed from English Premier League team Fulham in the summer, opened the scoring after 10 minutes. The win puts Al-Hilal top of Group D with four points.

Sinner pips Medvedev to win China Open: Jannik Sinner beat Daniil Medvedev to win the China Open on Wednesday, edging out the world number three in a largely deadlocked men's final that came down to a pair of high-stakes tie-breaks in Beijing. The Italian triumphed 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-2) to take the first such tournament since 2019 after Beijing finally ditched tight pandemic-era health restrictions.

Shamrock fancied: Shamrock should win the Rajakumari Leelavathi Devi Memorial Trophy at the Mysore races on Thursday. **Selections:** 1st race: Star Citizen 1, Chiraag 2, Romantic Heart 3. 2nd race: The Atlantis 1, Star Azeem 2, Mystical Merlin 3. 3rd race: Leopard 1, Embosom 2, Copper Sunrise 3. 4th race: Benghazi 1, Ferretti 2, Indian Glory 3. 5th race: Shamrock 1, Forseti 2, Win My Luv 3. 6th race: The King And I 1, Golden Vision 2, Devils Magic 3.

A BED OF THORNS BEFORE CROWN OF GOLD

Sandeep Rai &
Krishna Chaudhary | TNN

and are even encouraging of women in sports.

Meerut: Separated by barely 15 km, two villages in Meerut district erupted in celebration as two of its daughters -- Parul Choudhary from Iklauta village and Annu Rani of Bahadurpur village -- clinched gold in the women's 5,000m race and javelin throw events, respectively, in the ongoing Asian Games in China on Tuesday.

But it wasn't always like this. What makes the public celebration sweet for the families of the two athletes is that growing up both faced stiff resistance in their native hamlets from relatives and village elders who frowned upon women taking to "manly sports". Now, though, the people "think differently"

SUNIL BAGS INDIA'S FIRST MEDAL IN 13 YEARS IN MEN'S GRECO-ROMAN

Hangzhou: Practising defence from ground position in the last three weeks with top wrestlers worked wonders for Sunil Kumar, who won India's first Greco Roman medal at the Asian Games in 13 years, bagging a bronze in the 87kg category even as three of his compatriots exited the tournament here on Wednesday.

Up against Kyrgyzstan's Atabek Azisbekov, the Indian wrestler fought a strategic bout in which twice he defended well from 'par terre' position, denying his opponent a scoring opportunity from the ground position for a 2-1 win.

India had won two medals in Greco Roman in the Guangzhou edition with Ravinder Singh (60kg) and Sunil Kumar Rana (66kg) winning a bronze each in 2010. PTI

SAURAV GHOSH TO FIGHT FOR GOLD IN MEN'S SINGLES SQUASH FINAL

Hangzhou: Saurav Ghoshal will be fighting for a gold medal in the final of the men's singles squash event in the Asian Games after a comfortable semifinal victory against Hong Kong's Henry Leung on Wednesday.

Saurav moved to the final with a straight-set victory against Leung. Saurav took the first game within the blink of an eye by 11-2. The second game shared a similar story as the Hong Kong player could manage to win a single point with Saurav taking the second game 11-1. In the third game, Leung put up a valiant fight hoping to keep his chances of securing a place in the final alive. But Saurav proved to be too much of a challenge as the Indian took away the third game by 11-6 and sealed his place in the final with a 3-0 victory. AGENCIES

ASIAN CRICKET: AFGHANISTAN DUMP HOLDERS LANKA; BANGLADESH SURVIVE

Hangzhou: Afghanistan beat defending champions Sri Lanka by 8 runs to book an Asian Games semifinal against Pakistan. Meanwhile, Bangladesh will meet India in the last four after scraping home by two runs against Malaysia.

Put in to bat, the Afghans were dismissed for just 116 in the 19th over on a pitch that offered pace, bounce and sharp turn. Seamer Nuwan Thushara picked 4-17, as Noor Ali Zadran's 51 proved to be the only resistance. The target looked gettable but Sri Lanka blew the run chase. Naib's 3-28 and young leg-spinner Qais Ahmad's 3-16 did the damage as Sri Lanka were bundled out for 108.

Twenty-20 cricket has been played at the Asian Games twice before, at Guangzhou 2010 and Incheon 2014, with Afghanistan runners-up both times to Bangladesh and then Sri Lanka. Also, Bangladesh stayed on track for a second title. They managed only 116-5 after electing to bat. They were on the brink of defeat with Malaysia needing 5 runs off the final over. But Bangladesh held on thanks to a tight last over from Afif Hossain. AFP

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Secret ganja cultivation amid Maha cotton fields unearthed

Cops Seize 20 Quintals Of Cannabis Worth ₹30L, 6 Farmers Held

Nagpur: The Maharashtra police unearthed clandestine ganja (cannabis) cultivation amidst vast swathes of cotton and tur fields in Yavatmal district on Wednesday.

Pawan Bansod, SP, told TOI that the plants were found in farms at Ghonsara and Bargewadi villages near Pusad, over 100km from Yavatmal town. After day long raids, police arrested 6 farmers — Devidas Dhakre, Vande Dhakre, Sukhdev Dhakre, Falasangi Rathore, Parmeshwar Zolande, and Subhash Zolande.

Police recovered 20 quintals of cannabis worth around Rs 30 lakh in the market. The quantity is substantial, and the first such incident reported in Yavatmal in the recent past, Bansod said.

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The cannabis seized was grown along with tur, which is cultivated as an inter-crop between lines of cotton. This was an attempt to camouflage it, police said.

Bansod said they are aware that farmers were growing cannabis for the last 4 years but, that, they have only now zeroed in on the illicit activity. "Our team kept a close watch on the suspects for over a week before finally raiding them on Wednesday," Bansod said.

"The farms were in interior areas. We had to travel in a four-wheeler, then a bike,

and finally on foot to reach the spot," Bansod said.

Sources said ganja was possibly grown on 20 acres in the 2 villages. Farmers told TOI that some of them grow cannabis in small patches in the interiors, but only for personal consumption, and not to feed the narcotics trade.

Sources in the district said this could be a sign of a bigger problem faced by farmers in the district.

Manish Jadhav, a farm activist, said the seizures are an eye-opener, as poor returns from cotton and conventional crops may have lured farmers

to grow opium. Also, erratic rain is expected to hit cotton output in the region, and traders are predicting rates close to the minimum support price (MSP). Jadhav, who lives close by, said he has never before come across such an incident in the area, though farmers in Yavatmal have year after year faced numerous crises like natural calamity or slump in rates.

Another source told TOI that the farmers caught growing ganja got the seeds from other farmers already into this cultivation. They were lured by higher returns other farmers received through its sale, the source said.

Cannabis fetches at least 15 to 20 times higher returns than even peak cotton prices. Last year, cotton touched Rs 13,000 a quintal. At this price, a farmer would have got Rs 1.56 lakh for ganja.

Police estimate the value of the 20 quintals of ganja to be Rs 30 lakh at the least. In 2021, farmers from Buldhana district and some other parts of the state demanded that government allow cultivation of herbal marijuana.

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the lander.

"Given that this mission is not like a remote sensing or communication satellite, the quantity of data from Vikram and Pragyan payloads won't be large, but the important thing would be the outcome of what we've received when they worked on the first day. The analysis of data is ongoing," Sankaran said.

He added that sufficient data has been collected from the propulsion module payload — Spectro-polarimetry of Habitable Planet Earth (SHAPE) — which will specifically study habitable planet-like features of Earth while it goes around the Moon.

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ANNU RANI DURING A PRACTICE SESSION



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PARUL CHAUDHARY WITH HER MOTHER

and are even encouraging of women in sports.

"Annu (Rani) has changed the way people think in these parts," her father Amarpal Singh said on Wednesday. "It wasn't easy when she decided to take up javelin. People were incredulous at first. Many would rail against her for entering a field which is considered a male domain. But we stood by her. I would often accompany her for training."

Rani, 31, was introduced to athletics by her brother Upendra Singh in 2009 but her sports instructor saw her potential in javelin and asked her to focus on it. "She didn't leave any stone unturned to prove her coach right. When not in the stadium, she would practise with sugarcane stalks on her family farm, drawing ridicule from the villagers.

But she didn't pay any heed," her brother said.

Aarzu Nehra, who hails from Rani's village and was inspired by her to take up javelin, told TOI, "I wasn't aware of javelin as a sport until I saw

Annu did play. With her inspi-

ration, I bagged gold and silver at the state level and bronze in the nationals."

Nehra added, "Today the entire village is basking in her glory but in the initial days no one even cared how she had been managing her

preparation. Instead, she was criticised."

It was a similar story with

Parul Chaudhary, 28. She

faced such hard times in the

village that she trained secret-

ly and thought of quitting

numerous times.

"There were taunts all the time. I had to sever all social relations in the neighbourhood. It was difficult for me to take Parul out for practice sessions in the field, to keep her motivated. But it all paid off. Today my daughter is an

icon," said Parul's mother,

Rajesh Devi.

Parul's coach Gaurav Tyagi told TOI, "Often, Parul used to come to the stadium feeling miserable. Upon asking, she would always say 'my villagers demoralise me'. I motivated her by saying that one day she would walk past these same villagers wearing gold around her neck. And the day has come."

There were sacrifices to be

made along the way. Her bro-

ther Rahul, a volleyball player,

had to abandon his dream of

becoming a national player

when Parul began bringing

home medals. "My parents

could not afford to train both

their children so I stepped aside. But I have no regrets,"

Rahul said. To her father, Kris-

hanpal Chaudhary, "all of this

seems like a dream".

Sindhu, Prannoy & Satwik-Chirag stay on course

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PV Sindhu, HS Prannoy and the men's pair of Satwik-Sairaj Rankreddy and Chirag Shetty closed in on the medal round of the Asian Games on Wednesday. Sindhu drubbed Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia 21-16, 21-16, Prannoy trounced Dmitry Panarin of Kazakhstan 21-12, 21-13. Satwik-Chirag downed Indonesians Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin 24-22, 16-21, 21-12. Kidambi



PV SINDHU

Srikant, Treesa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand, Ashwin Ponnappa-Tanisha

Crasto and Sai Prathesh-Tanisha bowed out in pre-quarterfinals.

Srikanth faltered against

second seed Kodai Naraoka of

Japan 21-16, 21-17. Treesa-Gayatri lost to third seeds Kim So Yeong and Kong He Yong of Korea 15-21, 21-18, 13-21, Ashwini-Tanisha lost to Zhang Shu Xian and Zheng Yu of China 13-21, 21-23 and the mixed duo of Sai-Tan-

sha went down to Chen Tang Jie and Toh Ee Wei of Malaysia 18-21, 18-21.

Satwik-Chirag lost the

second game before domi-

nating their rivals in the



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Kishore matches Neeraj note for note in duet

Officials Blunder But Undeterred
Javelin Duo Ensures Dream Finish

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Hangzhou: Controversy marred Neeraj Chopra's men's javelin throw final at the Asian Games after the reigning Olympic and world champion successfully defended his crown won in Jakarta 2018 under a clear Hangzhou skyline here on Wednesday night.

Neeraj, who was coming into the Games on the back of a grueling yet brilliant athletics season, looked primed for a gold medal-finish. He did achieve that with a season-best throw of 88.88m on his fourth attempt, but not before high drama and a technical glitch threatened to spoil his outing.

Neeraj, 25, also thwarted tough competition from compatriot Kishore Jena, who twice reset his personal best to his silver finish with a best of 87.54m on his fourth throw. Jena, too, had his issues with competition officials after his second throw (79.76m) was deemed illegal for crossing the line when the Indian was clearly a foot behind the throwing line!

As Jena was shown the red flag, Neeraj walked up to him and propelled him to lodge a protest with the officials. After watching replays on television, the officials overturned their decision and reinstated the throw. Jena then came up with his two PB throws of 86.77m and 87.54m in his third and

fourth attempts to ensure a historic 1-2 finish for India.

Yet, it was Neeraj's first throw at the start of the final that triggered controversy after it wasn't measured by the officials due to a goof-up. The final was stopped for around 15 minutes as the officials were unable to gauge the distance the spear had travelled.

Neeraj looked unhappy with the decision and could be seen shaking his head in dismay. Realising that the other competitors had been waiting for the issue to be resolved, Neeraj agreed for a re-throw which resulted in a lowly 82.38m.

Trying to get a hold on his emotions, Neeraj channelled his inner strength and went for the gold-winning throw of 88.88m on his fourth to secure the top spot. He endured a brief scare before that as Jena led him in the standings with a 86.77m which surpassed his previous personal best of 84.77m.

Neeraj overtook him on his fourth attempt and stayed put there. "The first throw looked good. I'll look at the video again to see how far it might have gone. Surprisingly, they didn't measure. I am still puzzled, apparently the second athlete threw before they could even measure my throw and they lost the mark. I protested but other athletes were cooling down, which was unfair. So, they offered me a re-throw and I accepted it. It's the first time something like this has happened with me in a competition this big," said Neeraj after his win.



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HOW IT UNFOLDED

Neeraj Chopra*	82.38m	84.49	X	88.88	80.80	X
Kishore Jena	81.26m	79.76	86.77**	87.54	X	X

*Neeraj Chopra's first 'throw' which appeared to have crossed 85m was not recorded due to a malfunction in electronic distance measurement system.

**Jena took the pole position from Chopra with his third throw, but the latter reclaimed it in his fourth attempt.

OUR SONG: Neeraj Chopra (left) and Kishore Jena react to a controversial call during the Javelin throw competition on Wednesday

and won medals. I haven't seen anything like this in a big tournament. Athletes can get mentally down, even Jena was affected," he said.

"Even Jena's second throw was wrongly called foul. I think the protest must be lodged. I am happy to see Indians athletes are standing their ground and questioning the decisions of officials," he added.

Jena, too, weighed in. "We try to give 100 per cent in every throw but sometimes things go wrong. In the second throw, they called foul saying I had touched the line, but I had not, I don't think they checked properly. I have never seen anything like this anywhere ever, not even at a domestic level or small competitions in India."

In the other athletics events of the day, India won the 35km race walk mixed team bronze after the pair of Ram Baboo and Manju Rani won bronze with a timing of 5:51:14.

In the men's high jump, Anil Kushare finished fourth with a season best jump of 2.26m, while in the women's high jump, Pooja finished fifth with a best leap of 1.80m and Rubina Yadav came ninth after her best jump of 1.75m.

A MEDAL OF PRIDE FOR JENA'S DAD & VILLAGERS BACK HOME IN ODISHA

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Kolkata: Kishore Jena's silver-winning performance at Asian Games brought tears to his father's eyes as he watched his son in action along with hundreds of others at his residence in Kothasahi village of Odisha's Puri district. "I am very proud of what he has achieved and it's beyond what I had ever imagined," Jena's octogenarian father Keshab told TOI on Wednesday as people kept celebrating around him.

The people in his village, meanwhile, conducted a puja in the morning hoping for a medal and his father kept calling up the athlete's youngest sister Anjana in Rajasthan asking if he would be able to watch his son in action in his village. "He was confident of finishing on the podium. Even when he called me up this morning he assured me that he would get a medal," said Anjana.

Jena's coach, Samarjeet Singh Malhi, said: "He worked hard to achieve this and hopefully this will inspire others to take up the sport."

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“I DON'T KNOW HOW I RAN THE RACE TODAY, MY LEGS WERE SO HEAVY. AFTER WINNING A SILVER IN THE 1500M, AND THE HEATS FOR 800 – PACE IN THE LAST 800M OF THE 1500M RACE WAS FASTER THAN THIS.”

— HARMILAN BAINS, AFTER CLAIMING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 800M RACE

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LAST GASP! Subha Venkatesan (left) gives it all trying to get past Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser (second, right) in the women's 4x400m relay final. India won silver



KISS-MET: India's Rajesh Ramesh crosses the finish line ahead of Qatar and Sri Lanka in the men's 4 x 400m relay final

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3 KOR	33	45	70	148
4 IND	18	31	32	81
5 UZB	16	16	22	54
6 TPE	12	14	20	46
7 THA	10	12	24	46
8 PRK	9	11	8	28
9 BRN	9	1	5	15
10 HKG	7	15	28	50

FEELS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT, GELS LIKE INDIA

Relays: Women Give Bahrain Run For Their Money; Men Lead From The Front For Gold

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India's men's 4x400m relay team, comprising Mohd Anas, Amoj Jacob, Mohd Ajmal and Rajesh Ramesh, lived up to the favourites' tag, being the Asian record holders, as they dethroned Qatar to grab the gold on the penultimate day of athletics competition at the Olympic Stadium here on Wednesday.

Team India clocked 3:01.58s, though slower than their World's time, to leave Qatar (3:02.05) and Sri Lanka (3:02.55) with the silver and bronze medals respectively.

Though Mohd Anas clocked the best time of 43.60s of the Indian quartet, India were trailing in fifth place when he handed over the baton to Jacob. But the Delhi athlete pulled his team ahead with a best second leg time of 47.01s that set the tone for the last two legs. Ajmal continued Amoj's good work as he kept India in the lead till he handed over the baton to Rajesh Ramesh. Ajmal clocked 45.61s as he withstood a strong challenge from Qatar's Ismail Abakar who timed 45.23 and was closing in fast.

At 45.36s, Rajesh was only the third fastest among the final lap runners,

Silver for relay girls, Sable, Harmilan

Earlier, the women's 4x400m relay squad comprising Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya K Mishra, Prachi and Subha Venkatesan settled for the silver after clocking an impressive time of 3:27.85s. Vithya gave her team a fine start, clocking 48.86 seconds in the first leg Aishwarya failed to build on it as she clocked 55.27s, the slowest among the four. After Prachi ran a 52.45 in the third leg, Subha went all out chasing the gold. She clocked 51.27s, the second best leg time, but that was not enough to overtake Bahrain who won in 3:27.65s. Sri Lanka won bronze in 3:30.88s.

Avinash Sable, fresh from his dominating show in men's 3000m steeplechase, was back on the track in men's 5000m but settled for the silver behind Birhanu Balu who won in a Games record time of 13:17.40s. Sable clocked 13:21.09 while DF Admasu, also of Bahrain, took bronze in 13:25.63s. "I have to admit that he was better. But my target is to bag a golden double at the next Asian Games," Sable said.



WORKING CLASS: Avinash Sable (15) and Gulveer Singh (12) compete in the 5000m final. Sable won silver, while Gulveer finished fourth

Adding another silver to India's tally was flamboyant middle distance runner Harmilan Bains. After emulating her mother Madhuri Singh by winning the 1500m silver, Harmilan went a rung ahead in the Hall of Fame as she made it a silver double adding the 800m also to her prizeladen collection. The 25-year-old couldn't catch Sri Lanka's MT Dissanayaka, who won in 2:03.20, despite a fine kick at the end. Harmilan took the second place in 2:03.75 followed by China's Chunyu Wang in 2:03.90s.

"I came to remember my army discipline. This season, my performance was not that good but I have been given full support by the government, so I wanted to end with my best effort," said Sable after winning the silver in 5000m race.

RESULTS
Men: 5000m: 1. BY Balew (Brn, 13:17.40s GR); 2. Avinash Sable (Ind, 13:21.09); 3. DF Admasu (Brn, 13:25.63) • **Javelin throw:** 1. Neeraj Chopra (Ind, 88.88m SB); 2. Kishore Kumar Jena (Ind, 87.54); 3. RG Dean (Jpn, 82.68) • **High jump:** 1. M Bashir (Qat, 2.35m =GR); 2. S Woo (Kor, 2.33); 3. T Shinn (Jpn, 2.29 SB); 4. Sarvesh A Kushare (Ind, 2.26 =SB)...9. Jesse Sandesh (Ind, 2.19) • **35km Race walk mixed team:** 1. China (16:41 GR); 2. Japan (5:22.11); 3. India (Ram Babu, Manu Rani; 5:51.14) • **4x400m Relay:** 1. India (Anas, Amoj, Ajmal, Rajesh; 3:01.58); 2. Qatar (3:02.05 SB); 3. Sri Lanka (3:02.55 NR) • **Women 800m:** 1. M Dissanayaka (Sri, 2:03.25s); 2. Harmilan Bains (Ind, 2:03.75); 3. C Wang (Chn, 2:03.9 SB) • **Triple jump:** 1. S Davronova (Uzb, 14.09m PB); 2. R Zeng (Chn, 13.92); 3. M Morimoto (Jpn, 13.78) • **4x400m relay:** 1. Bahrain (3:27.65 GR); 2. India (Vithya, Aishwarya, Prachi, Subha; 3:27.85); 3. Sri Lanka (3:30.88)

Lovlina fails to raise level, settles for silver

India's Campaign In Boxing Ends With Five Medals

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Hangzhou: Lovlina Borgohain had a lot riding on her. India was waiting for its first gold medal from the boxing ring here after four other boxers had finished with a bronze each.

The hopes rested on the reigning world champion and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina's shoulders to provide the perfect final flourish. However, Lovlina failed to rise to the occasion and lost her title bout to China's two-time Olympic medallist, Li Qian, by a unanimous decision to finish with silver in the women's 75kg division here on Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, Parveen Hooda lost the women's 57kg semi-final to Chinese Taipei's



Lin Yu Ting by a unanimous decision and settled for bronze. Lovlina's runner-up finish

Parveen Hooda, Narendra Berwal and Preeti Pawar winning the four bronze medals. The country also secured four quota places in boxing for the Paris Olympics 2024 — Nikhat (50kg), Preeti (54kg), Parveen (57kg) and Lovlina (75kg).

In the final, Lovlina was cagey early on and only dropped her guard in the final 15 seconds of her first round after being defensive for most part of the duel. The Indian did manage to land a few jabs but the Chinese was up for the challenge.

There was little separating the two but the first round went to Qian in a split decision. In the second, Lovlina started with a quick left hook on the Chinese. However, she was deducted a point for excessive clinching.

The second round, too, went to Qian as it became tougher for Lovlina to make a comeback. Qian, marginally shorter in height, went on the offensive in the final round and landed a

couple of left jabs and right cross combinations on Lovlina to seal the gold.

Qian, who won silver at Incheon 2014, claimed her maiden Asiad gold medal while Lovlina's silver was the first for an Indian woman boxer here. Mary Kom had won gold in Incheon in the 51kg category.

"I feel happy that I got this medal but equally disappointed because I thought I could get a gold. But I will try next time and will give my 100 percent to change the colour of my medal. I learned so many things (from my debut Asiad), that things sometimes don't happen the way you have planned. There's always the next time."

Qian said: "I think the biggest blow for me was the 2014 Asiad, because that was my first participation in a large-scale tournament. I was full of confidence but failed to win the gold medal. But I kept training and pushing myself forward. After participating in two Olympic Games, step by step, I finally got the gold."

India overcome Korea, to meet Japan for gold

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The Indian men's hockey team took a firm step towards an Asian Games gold and a ticket to the Paris Olympics, but not before surviving a scare from South Korea. In a pulsating semifinal in which India went from impressive to ordinary before pulling themselves together, Harmanpreet Singh and his men battled past the Koreans 5-3.

They will meet Japan in Friday's final who beat China 4-3 in the other semifinal.

The defence, which was barely tested in the pool phase of the competition, was put under the pump. India's search for the lead began early and they did well with ball possession and circle penetrations.

Hardik Singh pushed home the opening goal off a rebound in the fifth minute. The goal shook the Koreans as their defenders struggled to come together. Gurjant Singh seized an opportunity, and his deft pass was deflected by Mandeep Singh for a 2-0 lead. India further asserted their dominance with Lalit Upadhyay picking up a misfire from Surjeet Singh in front of an empty goal to slot home seconds before the end of the opening quarter.

Conceding penalty corners against an opposition which had dangerous like Jonghyun Jang and Manjae Jung in their ranks was suicidal and India paid for defensive lapses in the second quarter. In the 17th minute, when the



focus was on Jang, the Koreans worked a variation and Jung slotted home.

Soon after the rutiness of the Indian defence showed up. Tactically, India looked at sea and the Koreans narrowed the gap in the 20th minute with goalkeeper Sreejesh down trying to cover an angle and Jung scoring off a deflection. Amit Rohidas added a goal with a powerful drag-flick.

Jung completed his hat-trick after half-time as the Indian defenders were caught napping during a penalty corner in the 42nd minute. With six minutes left, Abhishek scored a peach of a goal.

Mandeep stormed ahead but failed to find support outside the circle. With Mandeep's square pass intercepted, Abhishek came charging in to score with a scorching reverse hit.

Manpreet Singh then weighed in with his experience and skilful dribbling to keep position and see his team through.

Result: India: 5 (Hardik Singh 5, Mandeep Singh 11, Lalit Upadhyay 15, Amit Rohidas 24, Abhishek 54) bt Korea: 3 (Manjae Jung 17, 20, 42).

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

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KABADDI: **8am** — Men's pool match vs Chinese Taipei; **1.30pm** — Men's pool match vs Japan

SEPAKTAKRAW: **6.30am** — Men's prelims match — India vs Thailand; **7.30am** — Women's prelims match — India vs Vietnam; **11.30am** — Men's prelims match — India vs Philippines; **12.30pm** — Women's prelims match — India vs China

SOFT TENNIS: **7.30am** — Mixed doubles prelims — India1 vs Chinese Taipei1; **Not before 12.15pm** — Mixed doubles prelims — India2 vs Chinese Taipei2; **Not before 10.45am** — Mixed doubles prelims — India2 vs Korea2; **Not before 1.30am** — Mixed doubles prelims — India1 vs Philippines1; **Not before 1.45am** — Mixed doubles prelims — India2 vs Philippines2

SQUASH: **11.30am** — Mixed doubles final — India2 vs Malaysia1 — Dipika/Harinderpal; **2.30pm** — Men's singles final — Saurav Ghosal vs Eain Yow Ng (Mas)

WRESTLING: **7.30am onwards** — Women's freestyle — Antim vs Uzb; **7.30am onwards** — Men's Greco-Roman 97kg QF — Narinder Cheema vs Korea; **7.30am onwards** — Women's freestyle 57kg QF — Mansi — Pooja Gehlot vs Thailand; **7.30am onwards** — Men's Greco-Roman 130kg QF — Naveen; **2.30pm onwards** — Medal matches

CHESS: **12.30pm** — Men's, Women's team R7

HOCKEY: **1.30pm** — Women's semifinal — India vs China

BADMINTON: **6.50am** — Women's singles QF — PV Sindhu vs Bingjiao He (Chn); **7.50am** — Semis; **9.05am** — Final; **12.15pm** — Compound men's team QF — India vs Bhutan; **12.40pm** — Semis; **1.55pm** — Final

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WORLD CUP'S HERE. WE'RE GAME!

Biryani, Fan Visas, Pitches, Hospitality, Future Of ODIs In Focus At Captains' Day On Eve Of Marquee 50-Over Event

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Ahmedabad: After witnessing numerous delays, schedule changes and ticketing issues, the 2023 ODI World Cup — one that will decide the future of the One-Day format and maybe even the fate of future ODI World Cups — has finally arrived. The prelude to the 13th edition of the mega tournament saw a warm, light-hearted, at-times serious interaction at the 'Captains' Day' event on Wednesday at the Narendra Modi Stadium here.

"Babar, biryani kaisa tha (how was the biryani?)," former India allrounder-turned commentator Ravi Shastri asked Pakistan captain Babar Azam. "I've already

10 The number of venues where the matches will be played. Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, New Delhi, Dharamsala, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, and Hyderabad. Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium will host the tournament final.

10 The WC will feature 10 teams: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India (hosts), Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka. With an average age of 31.81, England have the oldest squad in the event.

said this a hundred times. It was quite good. I heard that the biryani in Hyderabad is good. So, I ate it and liked it," replied Babar, leaving everyone in splits.

Later, batting for Pakistan's fans to be given visas for the World Cup, Babar said, "It would have been better if we had fans from our side. We will try to get such support in every match, across stadiums."

Asked if going into this World Cup as the leader of reigning champions in ODI and T20 cricket puts some 'heat' on him, England captain Jos Buttler quickly dismissed all talk about pressure. "I don't see us as defending champions. We're very much in the same boat now as everybody sat here on the eve of the tournament trying to win it," Buttler asserted.

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were happy to get those days off. We've been playing a lot of cricket of late. We can't really do too much with the weather. Apart from travelling from one part to another part of India, there is nothing much we could have done," Rohit said.

It's clear that New Zealand captain Kane Williamson — the only skipper who has survived from the 2019 World Cup — has moved on from that heart-breaking final at Lord's four years ago.

"I mean, 2019 was amazing. As a side, there were a lot of fond memories and we had a huge amount of fun as well and we're looking forward to what this one brings," Williamson said.

In an era of lucrative T20 leagues, is the 50-over World Cup still the pinnacle event of cricket, you wonder. The Kiwi captain's answer was reassuring. "I still think the ODI World Cup is one of the top events that we can play and be involved in," Williamson said.

Organisers of the World Cup will hope for a dream start to cricket's 50-over showpiece when defending champions England take on New Zealand at the sprawling Narendra Modi Stadium here on Thursday.

The opening game is a rematch of the teams' epic showdown in the 2019 final at Lord's. Interestingly, these same two sides flagged off the 1996 World Cup at the same venue, back when it was known as the Motera.

On Thursday, seven players will be in action from each side who were part of that ultra-exciting final four years ago—which saw tied scores (241 in 50 overs, followed by 15 each in the Super Over), before the winner was decided by the controversial and now-scraped boundary countback rule.

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attacking cricket. Four years on, under a different captain, Jos Buttler, who had led them to the T20 World Cup triumph last year, England go into the 10-team tournament as title favourites, more so after the return from retirement of the talismanic Ben Stokes. While Stokes has given England's Test cricket a 'bazball' touch' the transition from Morgan to Buttler too has been smooth for England.

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In the ODI World Cups, the record is even more even — both teams have clashed 10 times and won five games each. While England have reached three World Cup finals, the Kiwis have a habit of punching above their weight and regularly making the semi-finals, and on the last two occasions, even the finals.

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the grand stadium here. India skipper Rohit Sharma, though, claimed that India's cricket fans can't wait for the event to kick off. "Everyone's quite excited. Even before we got into the warm-up games, like a month back, every time we were travelling in India the talk was about the World Cup. It's happening after 12 years in India. So, more reason for people to be excited," said the Indian captain.

With India having just played a three-match ODI series against Australia recently, Rohit wasn't too perturbed about both his team's warm-up games, in Guwahati and Trivandrum being washed out completely. "We

had a bit of rain, but the guys

are fit and ready to go," he said.

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World Cup Anthem:
Dil Jashn Bole,
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Will Men In Blue Lift The World Cup? 68% In TOI Poll Say Yes!

Indian cricket is on a roll. Captain Rohit Sharma's team produced a winning performance at the Asia Cup last month. The women's team claimed gold in the ongoing Asian Games. And now the 13th ODI World Cup gets off the blocks on Thursday. It promises to be a crackling opener between defending champs England and runners-up New Zealand. But the big question is, can India clinch a third ODI world title?

How will Team India fare in the ODI World Cup?

Winner	68%
Losing finalist	13%
Losing semifinalist	17%
Out after round robin	2%

Who will be India's highest run scorer?

Rohit Sharma	14%
Shubman Gill	56%
Virat Kohli	27%
Others	3%

Who will be India's highest wicket-taker?

Kuldeep Yadav	35%
Mohd Siraj	33%
Jasprit Bumrah	27%
Others	5%



The CUP At A Glance

THE CONTENDERS: India, Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, New

Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, The Netherlands and Sri Lanka. **WILL BE**

MISSSED: Two-time world champions West Indies. **DURATION:** Oct 5 to Nov 19.

MATCHES: 48. **FORMAT:** Round robin. Knockouts from semifinal stage.

WHERE TO WATCH: Star Sports. Also Disney+ Hotstar app (free).

PRIZE MONEY: \$10 million, winner takes home \$4 million



The Opener

TEAMS: Defending champions England (world no. 5) vs runners-up New Zealand (world no. 6).

VENUE: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. **TIME:** 2pm onwards. **WEATHER:** Hazy sunshine,

max temp: 35°C. **CHANCES OF RAIN:** Nil. **PLAYING CONDITION:** No reserve day



PROGNOSIS: Captain Joss Buttler's hard-hitting England will face off against Kane Williamson's Kiwis in what promises to be a grudge game. In 2019, New Zealand had lost the final by less than a whisker. England will be boosted by the presence of the talismanic Ben Stokes and NZ will rely on left-arm pacer Trent Boult's wiles and leg-spinner Ish Sodhi's wares



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Oct 8: Vs Australia (Chennai). **Oct 11:** Afghanistan (New Delhi). **Oct 14:** Pakistan (Ahmedabad). **Oct 19:** Bangladesh (Pune). **Oct 22:** New Zealand (Dharamsala).

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Nov 12: The Netherlands (Bengaluru)

FIRE

MOHAMMED SIRAJ (WORLD NO. 1 BOWLER)

ICC's no. 1 bowler, Siraj will be key to India's new ball success. Only a handful of bowlers can be lethal with both swing and seam. Siraj, 29, belongs to the rare breed



THREATS: India has excelled in meaningless bilaterals but fared poorly in key knockout matches in major ICC tournaments. Of late, several Indian batters have displayed a strange vulnerability to spin

X-FACTOR: Any major tournament tests a team's skill as well as temperament. Managing pressure would be key to success. Toss could also play vital role, given the dew factor

TEAM INDIA AN ASSESSMENT

Previous Best: Winners (1983, 2011)

Current ICC Ranking: No. 1 (in all formats)

STRENGTHS: Home advantage. Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are two of the most prolific ODI batters while Shubman Gill is in red-hot form. Potent pace attack with Bumrah, Siraj and Shami. The late inclusion of off-spinning all-rounder Ashwin makes the attack better rounded, adds experience to the team

WEAKNESSES: No settled playing XI. No clarity over the middle order and a long tail. Batting nosedives after no. 7. Jadeja's poor batting form. Shoddy catching. Inconsistent ground fielding

OPPORTUNITIES: Chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav has hit a purple patch and could be a key point of difference. Shreyas Iyer's numbers at home are inspiring



ICE

SHUBMAN GILL (WORLD NO. 2 BATSMAN)

The 24-year-old opener from Punjab is in stellar form, having scored 1,230 runs in 20 matches this year. He was also the top scorer at the recent Asia Cup where India won their eighth title. He is among a handful of batters with a century in each format of the sport, which includes a double hundred against New Zealand in an ODI earlier this year. His partnership with fellow opener captain Rohit Sharma will be vital as India look to repeat their 2011 success

YESTERDAY, ONCE MORE



SEALED WITH A SIX: M S Dhoni sent the ball soaring into the night sky. Commentator Ravi Shastri erupted. So did Wankhede. And the rest of India. Contrary to what T S Eliot had written, April suddenly became the kindest month for a billion-plus people. India had won the ODI World Cup a second time. The image remains alive in collective memory. In the last two years alone, the highlights of that 2011 final against Sri Lanka have earned 43 million views on ICC's YouTube channel



SONG OF THE CUP: Lata Mangeshkar, Nightingale of India, played an active role in the felicitations of the 1983 cricketers. She also sang a specially composed anthem, 'Bharat Vishwa Vijeta'

WORLD CUP QUIZ
Sandeep Patil & Syed Kirmani, two players from the 1983 World Cup winning team, acted together in a flop Hindi film? Name the movie.

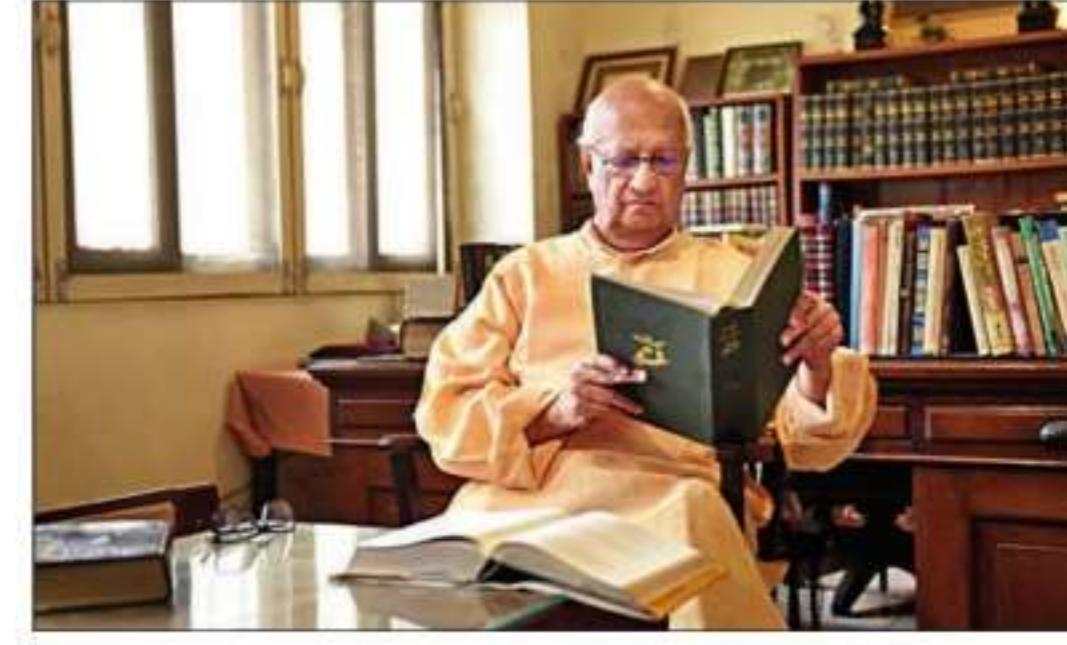


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A son who couldn't escape the 'sins' of his father

The Raja, Of Mahmudabad, Who Could Have Been A Scholar

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Lucknow: He wasn't an 'enemy', he said, and fought in court after court for nearly four decades to prove his point. He almost won and then lost everything again. Such was the drama, such was his dogged pursuit, that Mohammad Amir Mohammad Khan, who died on Tuesday at 80, became famous — as the man who symbolised the battle between individuals and governments over 'enemy property', as the son who in vain tried to absolve himself from the 'sins' of his father.

That was sad in a way for his life outside those legal jousts was plenty colourful. Khan was a gifted astrophysicist who didn't pursue his calling, an occasional politician who found politics distasteful, a 'raja' who lived in a palace but didn't set much store by 'nobility'. He could quote from the classics of poetry — works of Yeats were a favourite — and was a gifted speaker, in English, Urdu and Persian.

On his death, those who knew him well remembered his gentility, his erudition, which he wore lightly, his courtesy and his generous

hospitality. Those who only knew of him would have tried to recall the many twists in the Khan versus government court battles.

Raja Mah- **1943-2023** Khan had then been in Khan was popularly known — Mahmudabad is around 60km from Lucknow — might well have had a life defined by his academic gifts and his family's considerable wealth. But the course was set differently when his father took Pa-

kistani citizenship in 1950. When Pakistan attacked India in 1965, the then government passed the Enemy Properties in India Act in 1968.

The case was still pending.

That wasn't the epitaph the Raja of Mahmudabad would have wanted. Only a few may remember him as he might have wanted to be remembered, by these words of Yeats he quoted often: "I press my heart upon the loveliness that has long faded from the world".

Lakshadweep MP disqualified for second time within a year

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha Secretariat on Wednesday disqualified Lakshadweep MP P P Mohammed Faizal from the membership of the House, the second time this year; after the Kerala high court rejected his plea for suspension of conviction in an attempt to murder case, reports Swati Mathur.

The LS notified that Faizal's disqualification comes into retrospective effect from January 11, 2023, the date on which HC first convicted him.

Faizal was originally disqualified from the Lok Sabha on January 13, two days after a sessions court sentenced him and four others — out of a total 35 accused — to 10 years in jail and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on them in the case.

The LS had reinstated Faizal's membership on March 29 only after he mounted a challenge in Supreme Court for restoration of his membership since the Kerala HC had stayed his conviction on January 25.

In an order on March 29, the LS Secretariat said, "In view of order dated January 25, 2023, of the high court of Kerala, the disqualification of Mohammed Faizal P.P...has ceased to operate subject to further judicial pronouncements." The decision, the Secretariat said, followed a recommendation from the law ministry that the MP should be reinstated.

Later, the SC, while hearing the case, found fault with the HC order giving Faizal relief and directed the HC to hear the matter again. This, eventually led the HC to reverse its own order, resulting in Faizal's acquiring the unique distinction of being disqualified as Lok Sabha MP for the second time in under a year.

After his reinstatement, Faizal attended both the monsoon session of Parliament and the recently-concluded special session of Parliament, where he also voted in favour of the women's reservation bill, along with his party colleagues.

GEARING UP FOR DANDIA NIGHTS



Colourful beads and mirror-work embellishments have begun to brighten street corners. As the festival of Sharadiya Navratri arrives October 15-23, potters in Mumbai's Dharavi have started displaying 'garba' pots that are used to worship Goddess Ambe

Now, teachers join row over IIT-B's 'veg tables' policy

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Mumbai: The decisions to mark separate tables for vegetarians in an IIT-B mess and impose a fine on a student protesting against the move drew sharp reactions from some of the institute's teachers.

"The fine on the student who protested is disgraceful. Academics who care even a little bit about their institutions ought to resist this in speech and act. I certainly will," Anupam Guha, assistant professor from the Ashok Desai Centre for Policy Studies at the institute, posted on X. A Rs 10,000 fine was imposed on the student.

Suryakant Waghmore, professor of the institute's department of humanities and social sciences, also posted on social media on Wednesday: "Bhartiya vegetarianism of purity and segregation is a social illness... it needs to be cured, not institutionalised."

One of the professors told TOI that government spaces can't institutionalise segregation. "Eating non-vegetarian food is not a crime and it is not illegal. Such decisions will not stand in the court of law. What is private for an individual and practised at home, can't be made public," said the professor. The institute's administration has not commented on the issue.

In a column in a news portal earlier, Waghmore had written: "The idea of purity attached with vegetarian food tells us about the ideology of caste and its influence on food preferences in India."

Guha had criticised the decision earlier on September 28 in another post. "Segregation of spaces based on food is irrational, ingrained in purity-pollution practices which are casteist."

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The mess council said the fine was imposed for "unruly behaviour" and "flouting the mess norms". It further resolved to initiate disciplinary action against two other students once they are identified.

The protest took place a day after the mess council issued the new norms.

Hindu marriage not valid without 'saat pheras', says Allahabad HC

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN



Prayagraj: Observing that a Hindu marriage is not valid without the 'saptapadi' ceremony (taking seven rounds around the sacred fire) and other rituals, the Allahabad high court has quashed the entire proceedings of a complaint case, where the husband had sought punishment for his estranged wife, alleging that she had solemnized her second marriage without obtaining a divorce from him.

Allowing a petition filed by Smriti Singh, Justice Sanjay Kumar Singh on September 19 observed, "It is well settled that the word 'solemnise' means, in connection with a marriage, 'to celebrate the marriage with proper ceremonies and in due form'. Unless the marriage is celebrated or

performed with proper ceremonies and due form, it cannot be said to be 'solemnised'. If the marriage is not a valid marriage... it is not a marriage in the eyes of law. The 'saptapadi' ceremony under the Hindu law is one of the essential ingredients to constitute a valid marriage."

The court relied on Sec-

tion 7 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, which provides that a Hindu marriage may be solemnized in accordance with the customary rites and ceremonies of either party thereto. Second, such rites include 'saptapadi', which makes the marriage complete when the seventh step is taken.

Quashing the summoning order and further proceedings of the complaint case pending before a Mirzapur court against the petitioner wife, the court said: "Even there is no averment with regard to 'saptapadi' in the complaint as well as in the statements before the court. Hence, no prima facie offence is made out against the applicants."

Petitioner Smriti Singh was married off to Satyam Singh in 2017 but due to acrimonious relations, she left the

house of her in-laws and lodged an FIR alleging harassment for dowry. Later, after investigation, the police submitted a chargesheet against her husband and in-laws.

The petitioner-wife also filed an application for maintenance, which was allowed and the principal judge, family court, Mirzapur, on January 11, 2021 directed the husband to pay Rs 4,000 as maintenance per month until she gets remarried. The husband gave an application alleging bigamy against his wife.

The husband filed another complaint on September 20, 2021, alleging inter alia that his wife had sanctified her second marriage. The magistrate on April 21, 2022, summoned the petitioner-wife, following which she filed the present petition before the HC.