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Israel declares war as Hamas springs land-air-sea assault, over 400 killed

Retaliatory Airstrikes Batter Gaza

NYT & Agencies

Tel Aviv: Israel declared war with Hamas Saturday after Palestinian militants launched an early morning assault from the blockaded Gaza Strip on southern Israel that had few precedents in complexity and scale. They invaded Israeli towns — took dozens of civilians and soldiers, including officers, hostage — and fired thousands of rockets toward cities as far away as Jerusalem. In retaliation, Israel launched airstrikes in Gaza, vowing to inflict an "unprecedented price". At least 400 people have died and thousands wounded.

Militants of the Islamist group entered Israel by land, sea and air on a major Jewish holiday, firing at least 2,200 rockets by late morning, according to the Israeli military.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said operations were underway to clear the militants from infiltrated towns and that he had issued a call-up of reservists. "We are at war. Not an 'operation', not a 'round', but at war... The enemy will pay an unprecedented price," he said in an address to the nation, promising that Israel would "return fire of a magnitude that the enemy has not known". On those being held captive, he said, "I tell Hamas, you are responsible for wellbeing of captives, Israel will settle the score with anyone tho harms them". Vowing a "mighty vengeance", he asked "Gaza's people to leave those places".

The timing of the assault was striking. It came 50 years and a day after the Yom Kippur War of 1973, when too Israel was surprised by a attack by Egypt and Syria to take back Israeli-occupied territories, leading to huge Israeli losses. Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.

▶Towns ambushed, P 17

Photo: AP

Israeli police officers evacuate citizens from a site hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip, in Ashkelon, southern Israel, on Saturday

Stand in solidarity with Israel: PM

Expressing solidarity with Israel, PM Modi condemned the "terrorist attacks" by Hamas. He wrote on X: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families." The **Indian embassy in Israel issued an advisory** asking Indians to avoid unnecessary movement and stay close to safety shelters. P 15

Will offer all means of support to Israel: US

President Joe Biden said the US stands by Israel and supports its right to defend itself in response to the Hamas offensive. "I made clear to prime minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support to the government and people of Israel," Biden said in a statement. P 17

INDIA'S GOLDEN SIX-PACK ON FINAL DAY OF ASIAD

Indians won 6 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals to finish their Asian Games campaign with a haul of 107

Photos: PTI, ANI

World No. 3 Satwik and Chirag had become first Indians to win Asian championships in 58 years in March

- The **women's kabaddi team (above) beat Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a dramatic final** to regain its title for India's 100th medal. The **men's kabaddi team also emerged victorious, beating defending champions Iran 33-29** in a controversial final that was suspended for 1 hour
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (above, right) earned India's first ever badminton gold** with a straight-game win over South Korea's Choi Solgyu and Kim Wonho
- The **men's cricket team won the gold medal on their Asiad debut** after their final against Afghanistan was called off due to rain. The Ruturaj Gaikwad-led side were adjudged winners by virtue of being seeded higher at the Games
- **Indian archers won two golds, a silver and a bronze. Ojas Deotale won gold** and **Abhishek Verma took silver** in men's compound individual event while **Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold** in women's compound individual event. **Aditi Swami won bronze**

"A momentous achievement for India at the Asian Games! I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our phenomenal athletes whose efforts have led to this historic milestone for India —**PM Narendra Modi**

It's a century, India has done it for the first time, more than 100 medals we have won in Asian Games. Every Indian is so proud of their athletes —**Anurag Thakur** | Sports minister

INDIA @ASIAD	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
	28	38	41	107

More on P 23, 24

GST Council relief for alcohol industry inputs, millet flour to cost less

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The GST Council on Saturday decided to lower the levy on millet flour and foreign ships undertaking domestic cruise, while providing clarity and relief on taxation of two ingredients used by the alcohol industry.

The council, headed by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, also offered relief on corporate guarantees where notices were being issued, and sought to ease the rules for appointment of members of tax tribunals. Among the other changes, the council decided to lower the tax on molasses from 28% to 5%, arguing that it will leave more money with sugar mills to clear the dues of sugarcane farmers and also provide a boost to cattle feed production, for which it is a key ingredient. A section of the alcohol industry, too, uses molasses to make extra neutral alcohol (ENA).

For the alcohol industry, the bigger relief came as the council decided not to exercise its power to tax ENA and ceded it to the states, which will decide whether they want to impose tax or not. The clarification came after the Allahabad high court ruled that after GST kicked in, states did not have the power to levy tax on ENA. The Centre also got the same legal opinion, resulting in the decision to cede the power to the state government, Sitharaman said.

▶5% GST, P 14

No retrospective tax on online gaming, casinos, says govt

The Centre insisted that it had not resorted to retrospectively taxing online gaming portals and casinos and the action taken against such entities was in line with legal provisions. At the meeting, Goa sought a review of the tax on casinos six months after it was imposed, while Delhi expressed concern over the impact of 28% tax on the gross value of bets on the industry. P 14

Navy rolls out '360-degree appraisal' to improve promotion evaluation

New Delhi: All officers being considered for promotion in the Navy will now also undergo a peer review by their colleagues as well as subordinates in a new "transformative 360-degree appraisal mechanism" being institutionalised in the maritime force.

The Navy on Saturday said the existing appraisal mechanism of periodic confidential reports by senior officers has an inherent limitation of a "top-down" approach because it does not cater for or quantify a leader's impact on his subordinates. "The new mechanism is aimed to address this shortfall by encompassing large-scale surveys from suitably identified peers and subordinates for every officer being considered for promotion," Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said.

The survey includes a spectrum of questions, encompassing aspects such as professional knowledge, leadership attributes, suitability in war or crisis situations and the potential for higher ranks. TNN

▶600 women officers, P 13

Many 1sts this IAF Day

The IAF will "unveil" its new ensign to "better reflect the values" of air warriors during its annual day parade. The parade will be the first to be commanded by a woman officer. While Tejas Mark-i trainer will appear for the first time, MiG-21 Bison will fly for the last time. PG OPP

6.3 earthquake in west Af kills 120, injures 1,000

The death toll from a magnitude 6.3 quake in western Afghanistan on Saturday has risen to "about 120", disaster relief authorities said, with over 1,000 injured. The US Geological Survey said the epicentre was 40 km northwest of largest city Herat, and was followed by eight aftershocks between 4.3 and 6.3. P 17

Young Army officer goes missing from Mhow Infantry School

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Mhow: A newly-commissioned Army officer has gone missing from the elite Infantry School in Mhow, near Indore, where he was undergoing the mandatory Young Officers (YO) course. It's unprecedented for an officer to vanish this way from a post-commissioning training course.

Lt Mohit Gupta, who hails from Etah city of Uttar Pradesh, was found missing during the PT period on Friday morning, officiating SHO of Mhow police station, Deepak Rathore, told **TOI.** A subedar posted at the YO wing filed a missing person's report on Saturday afternoon after which police registered a case and started looking for him, said Rathore. In a preliminary investigation, police have found that Lt Gupta was last seen in PT rig in his room at 6am.

▶Cops seek CDR, P 13

HIS PHONE IS OFF

- **Lt Mohit Gupta,** who hails from UP's Etah, **was found missing during PT period on Friday morning**
- **A subedar posted at the Young Officers wing filed a missing person's report** on Saturday after which police registered a case
- **Police have sought call records** as his phone is off

WORLD CUP BEGINS FOR INDIA WITH AUS FACE-OFF TODAY

Team India will be looking to continue celebratory vibe of Asiad and bring the ICC World Cup trophy home as the Rohit Sharma-led side takes on a strong Australia in their opening game in spin-friendly Chennai today

- The last time the World Cup was held here, in 2011, MS **Dhoni sealed the deal with a six in the final.** The pressure is high on the likes of Rohit, Kohli and Bumrah to meet those lofty standards. **Rohit, incidentally, was left out of that squad** and has a point to prove
- With opening talisman and man-in-form **Shubman Gill looking doubtful** as he is recovering from dengue, left-handed **Ishan Kishan may step in** to partner Rohit at the top
- India go in as slight favourites on the sticky Chepauk surface with **three heavyweight spinners in Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja & R Ashwin.** Hardik Pandya will operate as the third seamer
- **Australia have previously won the World Cup title in each of the continents that has hosted it** but they have won only 1 of their last 6 ODIs leading up to this tournament. Allrounder **Marcus Stoinis is doubtful** and Travis Head will miss the action
- When the two teams played against each other at this venue in March this year, **Australia posted 269** batting first and **won by 21 runs**

"IT'S A BIG DEAL FOR ME. AND YES, IT IS UNFINISHED BUSINESS —**Rohit Sharma**

"I'VE PROBABLY PLAYED MORE WHITE-BALL CRICKET IN INDIA THAN I HAVE IN AUSTRALIA OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS —**Pat Cummins**

- South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 102 runs; Bangladesh pull off comprehensive 6-wicket win over Afghanistan P 25

PM chairs meet to review I-Day schemes

PM Modi on Saturday chaired a meet to review preparations for implementing announcements he had made during his I-Day speech. The review included the plan to roll out an interest subsidy scheme for home loans for the poor and middle class. In his address, the PM had also mentioned about ensuring solar power for households. P 11

4 die in multiple accidents on KMP at dawn

Four persons, including three truck drivers, died in a series of accidents involving five heavy vehicles on the KMP Expressway at the break of dawn on Saturday. Police said the accidents occurred in Nuh. After one of the trucks broke down on the speedway, its owner sent another vehicle to transfer containers of ghee. The drivers were transferring the consignment when a third truck crashed into the vehicles. All three drivers and a person died. P 8

OTHER TOP STORIES

Punjabi singer gets Bishnoi gang threat

Punjabi singer Jasmine Sandlas on Saturday allegedly received death threats from people claiming to be associated with jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Sandlas, who stays in the US, is currently in Delhi. Police has provided her security and deployed personnel at her hotel. P 5

PIO gets death for murder of husband

Seven years after an NRI was murdered by his wife Ramandeep Kaur Mann, a UK national, with the help of his friend Miththu, a court in UP's Shahjahanpur has awarded the death penalty to Mann and life imprisonment to Miththu following a testimony by the victim's nine-year-old son. P 11

Man held for filming DU girls at IIT-D loo

A 20-year-old from Palam was arrested Saturday for allegedly filming videos of DU women students at a washroom of IIT-Delhi. The students were at IIT-D for a fashion show on Friday when they were filmed. The accused was part of the housekeeping staff. P 7

12 killed in fire at cracker warehouse

At least 12 people were charred to death and five hospitalised with injuries after a fire broke out at a firecracker warehouse near Attibele on the outskirts of Bengaluru near the TN border on Saturday. A total of 20 workers were present at the site when the fire broke out. Three of them are yet to be traced. P 11

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Panel To Keep Tab On Gender Complaints

3 IAS Officers To Review Functioning Of ICCs

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New Delhi: Delhi government has formed a three-member committee of senior IAS officers to examine the functioning of all the Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) set up in various departments, corporations, and other related agencies.

Headed by Dilraj Kaur, who is posted as secretary-cum-commissioner in food and supplies department, the panel will report any shortcomings in the ICCs' constitution, their functioning and also suggest a system to ensure that repeated complaints against a particular officer are identified within a week.

Constituted on the directions of chief secretary Naresh Kumar, two other members of the committee include Neha Bansal, chief vigilance officer of Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation, and Geetika Sharma, general manager, Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation.

Sources said the committee has been asked to submit its report within a fortnight.

The move comes weeks after a senior officer of the department of women and child development (WCD) was arrested on the charges of raping and impregnating a minor, and subsequent allegations of sexual harassment against him by at least three former colleagues. The officer had managed to escape any action, departmental or criminal, despite serious allegations.

Following WCD minister Atishi's instructions, various departments and bodies of Delhi government had started constituting an ICC to deal with the cases of sexual harassment.

Though the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, makes it mandatory for every employer to constitute an ICC at each office or branch with 10 or more employees, sources confirmed that the panels were non-existent in most Delhi government departments.

Officials said directions have also been issued to all departments, board, corporations, bodies and other organisations under Delhi government to widely propagate and display the details of 'She-Box' and the procedure for registering a sexual harassment complaint.

Developed by Union WCD ministry, She-Box is a portal on which women employees of government and private sector can submit their sexual harassment complaints against seniors/colleagues.

Overweight bags? Be alert of airport thieves

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Beware while adjusting the contents of your baggage at the airport. A woman who reached Delhi from Melbourne and was to go to Tarn Taran in Punjab opened her bag to shift some stuff from her overweight luggage. Since she was wheelchair-bound, her loader was assisting her. On reaching home, the woman discovered the gold ornaments missing from her bag. Police then unearthed a theft racket being run by loaders at the airport. The role of senior airport officials is also being probed.

Devesh Kumar Mahla, DCP (IGIA), said, "Six loaders have been arrested while the seventh person is the receiver of the stolen items. The loaders work with Air India and Vistara airlines." From the arrested men, police claimed to have recovered at least 15 pieces of jewellery along with a De Grisogono luxury watch, two Apple Air Pods, a pair of expensive sunglasses and currency notes of five different countries.

The gang comprised Manoj Kumar, Hari Darshan, Balwinder, Praveen Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Subodh and Satish Kumar Verma. They came into the ken of police when Paramjeet Kaur narrated her ordeal of September 16 after arriving in Delhi from Melbourne on the way to Amritsar. She told the cops that she had noticed her wheelchair assistant observing her closely, but only realising why when she found her jewellery missing on reaching home.

After Kaur's complaint, police registered a case of theft and initiated an investigation. The investigators scrutinised CCTV footage and interrogated the batch of loaders who were on the shift on that day. "We obtained a video from the phone of Manoj in which Hari is seen telling him that the jewellery stolen was fake," said Mahla. "The cops interrogated the men and raided their homes, from where stolen items were recovered. They also disclosed the names of their associates."

The DCP also said the cops realised the airlines were not following the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security guidelines and the letters issued by Delhi Police periodically. "We learnt that some higher officials of some airlines were in connivance with these thieves. Their role is now being investigated," said Mahla.

Mahla also recalled another incident reported on Aug 16 when a passenger from Goa, Rajesh Sen, alleged that after handing over his luggage at the check-in counter at IGI Airport, his Carl F Bucherer watch valued at Rs 4.6 lakh went missing. "In that case too, it was found that the same ground handling company was managing the baggage handling for that particular airline. The investigation of the same is also going on and the officials in those airline companies concerned with luggage handling are being questioned," he said.

A Vistara spokesperson said, "We are fully cooperating with the authorities in the investigation. We follow a zero tolerance policy for unethical conduct." Sources in Air India said the matter was being internally investigated.

THE GANG

Manoj Kumar | Kingpin of the gang. Specialised in identifying bags that may contain valuables, also stole from luggage

5 LOADERS ARE PART OF THE RACKET

- Hari Darshan disposed of jewellery, Balwinder took care of other stolen items
- Praveen Kumar diverted attention of officials during searching and frisking
- Sanjeev Kumar and Subodh used to slow down the process of loading and unloading from aircraft
- Satish Kumar Verma, a jeweller, bought the stolen jewellery

HOW COPS BUST THE RACKET

- A wheelchair-bound woman, who reaches Delhi from Melbourne and then flies to Amritsar, complains to police about missing jewellery items on Sept 23
- She opens her overweight suitcase in Delhi to adjust items when a loader spots the jewellery. On reaching Amritsar, she notices the theft
- Police scan CCTV camera footage, but no surveillance input found in the area from where baggage is moved to the aircraft
- List of loaders assigned to the flight scanned and mobile phones checked
- Police find a video on Manoj's phone in which Darshan is seen informing him about the jewellery being fake
- On checking the phone, cops come across a WhatsApp group in which loaders discuss which bag to target and other details
- Cops then raid houses of the loaders and recover some stolen items

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Water supply to be affected in parts for 2 days

New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board on Saturday said the supply of potable water in north, northwest, west and south Delhi and the cantonment area would remain affected for two days and urged people to use it judiciously.

DJB in a press statement said that due to a breach in carrier line channel (CLC) near Barwasni village in Haryana's Sonipat and less receipt of raw water through Delhi sub branch, the production of clear water will remain affected at water treatment plants in Haiderpur Phase-I, Phase-II, Bawana, Nangloi and Dwarka for the next two days.

"Situation is being monitored constantly. DJB is endeavouring to rationalise the water supply. Meanwhile, water will be made available at low pressure till the situation gets improved or the CLC is restored," DJB said.

It added that people can contact the control room at 1916/23527679/23634469 for demand of tankers and other issues. TNN

A decade on, consultant to be hired to look for infra gaps in industrial pocket

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New Delhi: Delhi government has decided to hire a consultant to help it develop and manage northwest Delhi's Bhorgarh Industrial Area by identifying critical infrastructural gaps.

One of the 29 planned industrial pockets in the capital, Bhorgarh was set up over a decade ago but only 5% of its area has functional industrial pockets.

Officials said the consultant would not only be required to suggest a plan that is economically viable and technically feasible, but it would also have to advise a model for its maintenance.

Located about 40-odd kilometres from central Delhi off the GT Karnal Road, the infrastructural development in Bhorgarh Industrial Area began in 2006-07, and most of the works — road, water and sewage network, electric sub-stations, underground water tubewell rooms, parking lots, and even CNG pumps — were ready by 2010.

Of the 4,460 available plots, 3,917 have been allotted, of which 3,386 are in possession. According to the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC), only 230 industrial units are now functional, while 125 are in various stages of construction.

"We have started the process to engage a consultant to conduct an assessment of various infrastructure facilities available in the Bhorgarh Industrial Area and identify critical infrastructure gaps by understanding the requirements to set up industries," said an official.

With the new Startup Policy of Delhi, which was approved in May 2022 and is due for notification, officials said they expect a large number of units emerging in the capital in sectors such as automotive, fintech, robotics and automation, IT and ITES, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, and most of them would be looking for space in planned industrial areas.

With the Baprola Industrial Area still in the planning stage and the Rani Khera business park not moving beyond the drawing board, officials said low-density industrial pockets such as Bhorgarh would be the first choice for entrepreneurs.

Officials said the low occupancy at Bhorgarh so far was due to incomplete electrification work, inadequate water supply and the absence of streetlights. Since electrification and water supply have been addressed, officials said the DSIIDC intended to work on the infrastructure damaged in the last few years and make it a fully operational industrial area.

"The consultant will conduct a detailed survey, analyse the physical conditions of the existing infrastructure, and prepare a preliminary feasibility study to redevelop each infrastructure facility," said an official.

As per the Economic Survey of Delhi 2022-23, the capital has 29 planned industrial areas, four flated complexes and 25 non-conforming pockets with industrial concentration.

230 units running

431-acre Bhorgarh Industrial Area divided into 12 sectors

- **4,660** total plots, 3,917 allotted
- **3,386** possessions given
- **230** industrial units functional
- **125** units under construction

LG checks revamp of Yamuna projects

Many projects were affected during the July floods

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Saturday took stock of the restoration of various Yamuna riverfront projects that suffered damage during flooding in July this year.

Accompanied by senior DDA officers, Saxena visited Vasudev Ghat near Kashmere Gate ISBT, Yamuna Vatika, Asita across ITO, and Baansera opposite Sarai Kale Khan where the work to restore greenery was going on in full swing.

"Vasudev Ghat at ISBT, which was impacted the most, is being totally redone with eco-friendly architectural designs amidst lush greens. Yamuna Vatika on the Outer Ring Road along (the) Yamuna is set to get ready in a couple of months with its resplendent flowerbeds, undulating gardens and triple grid plantations including cherry blossom & chinar," Saxena posted on X.

He promised to bring Asita East back to its "pristine glory". Stating Baansera largely remained unscathed by the Yamuna's fury this monsoon, Saxena added that three waterbodies had been successfully rejuvenated, musical fountains made operational and 'Bharat Kunj', a Bambusetum with 53 varieties of bamboos, was being readied across 12,000 square metres of land. TNN

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ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०. 05/S.B.D/2023–24

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम :–कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमण्डल, आरा।
2. निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि :–दिनांक–04.10.2023
3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्ति (डाउनलोड) की अवधि :–दिनांक–02.11.2023 से 22.11.2023 को 3:00 बजे अप0 तक। :–वेबसाईट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर
4. निविदा कागजात जमा करने (अपलोड) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :–दिनांक–23.11.2023 को 3:00 बजे अप0 तक। :–वेबसाईट(www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर।
5 परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान एवं निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान :–वेबसाईट(www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर।
6 प्री–बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :–1. दिनांकः–09.11.2023 को अप0 3.00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, भवन अंचल, आरा के कार्यालय कक्ष में। 2. दिनांकः–16.11.2023 को अप0 3.00 बजे मुख्य अभियन्ता (द0) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
7 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (तकनीकी बीड):–दिनांकः–24.11.2023 को 3:30 बजे अप0
8 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) :– तकनीकी बीड निष्पादन के उपरान्त
9 निविदा वैधता की अवधि :– 120 (एक सौ बीस) दिन।

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Govt. of Bihar
OFFICE OF THE CONVENOR, CENTRALIZED SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE -CUM-DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA
NOTICE
(In connection with appointment to the post of Clerk pursuant to Employment Notice No. 01/2016)

In view of Judgment dated 19.04.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Court in L.P.A. no. 650/2022 in C.W.J.C. no. 6259/2019 with L.P.A. no. 657/2022 in C.W.J.C. no. 21219/2018 with L.P.A. no. 661/2022 in C.W.J.C. NO. 21219/2018 as well as resolution of the 'Centralized Selection & Appointment Committee' dated 21.08.2023, the list of twenty (20) candidates selected for their appointment to the post of Clerk, who have found place in the waiting list of 168 candidates prepared during preparation of final result of Clerk in the year of 2018 in connection with appointment to the post of Clerk in the Civil Courts of Bihar pursuant to the Employment Notice No. 01/2016 is available on the website of the Civil Courts, Patna with their place of posting.

In view of Hon'ble Court letter no. 62539 dated 15.09.2023, the said list has already been approved by the Hon'ble Court.

The Appointment letter of selected candidates will be issued by the concerned District & Sessions Judges of Bihar in due course.

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(RAJIV RANJAN) CONVENOR
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PR- 009831 (Law) 2023-24
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NOTIFICATION
RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF LIBRARIAN HAVING THE STATUS OF RURAL LIBRARY IN THE DISTRICT OF NADIA
[Ref: Notification No.-279/DLO/Nadia, dated- 31.05.2023]
All candidate who appeared for written exam in this process are notified that list of candidates qualified for appearing Computer Test has been published vide this Office memo no. 569/DLO/Nadia, dated-29.09.2023. Computer test will be held on 12.10.2023, 11.00 AM onwards at RTC Hall, DOMA Building, Minority Bhawan, Near Collectorate Building, Krishnagar, Nadia.
Admit cards for Computer Test have been dispatched to the qualified candidates by Post. Same may be downloaded from the portal https://lib.nadiaonline.in
For more updates please visit https://nadia.gov.in
Instruction given in the admit card are to be followed strictly.
Candidature for the applied post is subject to the verification of original documents as per existing Govt. orders and recruitment rules of concerned Dept.
Sd/-
District Library Officer, Nadia
Memo No.: 150/DICO/N/Advt.23 Date: 07.10.2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT is hereby invited by Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/HD/NIeT_09/2023-2024, Memo No. 3558/HD, Dt: 05.10.2023. Details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in and wbphed.gov.in Last date of application is 03.11.2023. For Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E Dte.
ICA-T20797(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PW(ROADS) TENDER NOTICE
AE, Cob Hwy. Sub-Divn. No-II, P.W.(Roads) Dte. invites online e-tender for the work of - 1) Emergent potholes repairing of Panisala balarampur road from 0.00 km to 2.00 km (in stretches) under Cooch Behar Highway Division in the district of Cooch Behar. NIT No. 08 of 2023-24. (Sl. No. 1), Estimated Amount : Rs. 4,76,527.14. Tender ID: 2023_WBPWD_584537_1. 2) Emergent cutting of jungle along side the carriageway of Mathabhanga-Cooch Behar (SH-16) road from 64.00 km to 69.00 km, 71.50 km to 76.00 km, 77.00 km to 82.00 km & 83.00 km to 93.00 km in stretches) under Cooch Behar Highway Division in the district of Cooch Behar. NIT No. 08 of 2023-24, (Sl. No. 2), Estimated Amount: Rs. 2,97,950.00. Tender ID : 2023_WBPWD_584537_2. 3) Emergent cutting of jungle along side the carriageway of link road to Kaljani HC road from 0.50 km to 2.50 km, 2.80 km to 3.60 km, 6.00 km to 8.60 km (in stretches) and emergent flood damage repairing through rain cuts restoration with bamboo walling at Chanaige 7.50 km & 8.20 km to link road to Kaljani HC road under Cooch Behar Highway Division in the district of Cooch Behar. NIT No. 08 of 2023024, (Sl. No. 3), Estimated Amount: Rs. 3,01,812.00. Tender ID : 2023_WBPWD_584537_3. 4) Connecting road from 780.50 km of NH 31 to Pundibari Sonapur road (At Pundibar Bazar), from 0.00kmp 1.00kmp patch repairing work under Cooch Behar Highway Division in the district of Cooch Behar. NIT No. 08 of 2023-24, (Sl. No. 4), Estimated Amount: Rs. 4,83,274.00. Tender ID: 2023_WBPWD_584537_4. Bid submission start date (online): 07.10.2023 from 9.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 13.10.2023 upto 6.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from : https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Cooch Behar Highway Sub-Division-II, Cooch Behar.
ICA-T20822(2)/2023

Brothers held for duping as 'army' men

New Delhi: Delhi police has arrested two brothers who would pose as army officials and dupe people online, police said. The two men were identified as Ilyas (37) and Yusuf (25), both residents of Mewat in Haryana. Four cellphones have been recovered from them. On Oct 4, police said, a case of cheating was registered on the complaint of one Aakash Panchal. The complainant said that he was cheated of Rs 3.26 lakh after being promised a tender to supply water at an army camp in Mahipalpur. "Panchal paid the amount and sent his water tanks to the camp where the Army personnel denied to have given any such order. Realising that he had been duped, he contacted police," DCP (Shahadra) Rohit Meena said. Cops said an inquiry was initiated and the two were nabbed in a raid. TNN

Atishi Objects To High Tax Rate On Online Gaming

Seeks Notice Recall At GST Council

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi government on Saturday said its finance minister, **Atishi**, had opposed the high rate of tax on online gaming industry in the GST Council meeting and demanded that tax evasion notices be revoked immediately.

Addressing a digital press conference earlier in the day, Atishi said the online gaming companies were served tax evasion notices worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore, which were much higher than even the estimated valuation of Rs 23,000 crore of the gaming industry.

She added that it was important to withdraw the notices to protect the industry, which had provided employment to over 50,000 youths and attracted Rs 17,000 crore foreign investments. "An unstable, erratic tax environment will deter foreign investors in the online gaming industry and impact the overall startup ecosystem in the country."

Delhi government later stated that the issues raised by Atishi in her digital press conference were also mentioned in the 52nd GST Council meeting, which was chaired by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Fearing that the gaming industry may crumble under 28% tax burden and tax evasion notices, Atishi said it might impact the overall startup ecosystem in the country.

The minister pointed out that the online gaming industry stood at nearly Rs 23,000 crore and unstable tax conditions would shut down the companies leading to unemployment of over 50,000 young programmers and web developers working in this sector.

She also argued that excessive taxation on legal online gaming would encourage illegal activities and drive many startups out of business. "Subjecting an industry with a current valuation of Rs 23,000 crore to taxes equal to six times its total value would lead to the industry's downfall. No company would be able to pay taxes equal to its total worth," she said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor, however, said he was shocked to see the city's finance minister supporting online gaming as a source of entertainment for people of smaller towns of the country. "Everybody knows that it is another form of gambling with lower stakes. But it is ultimately ruining lakhs of families," he said.

Foreigner held for cheating

New Delhi: A Ghana national who duped people by offering them mobile phones that are not yet launched in the country has been arrested by the Delhi Police.

The accused has been identified as Ebo Quansah. A complaint was received regarding a fraud. During the investigation, the complainant's statement was recorded and screenshots of WhatsApp conversations, credit card details, and other documents were obtained. The investigation revealed that the cheated amount was transferred to a bank account in Kohima, Nagaland. TNN

Punjabi singer from US gets Bishnoi gang's threat calls

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Punjabi singer Jasmine Sandlas on Saturday allegedly received death threats from people claiming to be associated with jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

Sandlas, who stays in the US, is currently in Delhi to perform at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Delhi Police has provided her security and deployed personnel at her hotel, officials said. Bishnoi, an accused in the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala, is lodged in a jail in Gujarat.

"The singer started receiving threat calls the moment she landed at the Delhi airport. Delhi Police was subsequently informed about the calls being made from international numbers," said an official. She was told that she would be attacked at the stadium during her performance.

The cops are checking the details of the numbers from which the calls came. A few of the calls were apparently made using VOIP numbers and their IP address analysis is being conducted, sources said.

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IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS
- 09.10.2023 (Monday) from 11:00 AM: Opening of Helpdesk, Commencement of Registration & EMD Submission
- 06.11.2023 (Monday) upto 06:00 PM: Closing Time of Registration & EMD Submission
- 07.11.2023 (Tuesday): Bidding for Function Sites, Kiosks, Mobile Tower Sites, CNG/Green Fuel Sites and Institutional Plots
- 08.11.2023 (Wednesday): Bidding for Industrial, Residential and Small Size Residential Plots
- 09.11.2023 (Thursday): Bidding for Commercial & Group Housing Plots, Janak Place Shops and Built up Shops

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Swasthya Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna-14

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(e-tender(NIT) Reference No. 04/SHSB/DMU/2023-24)

Notice Inviting Tender for selection of Service Provider for establishing Data Management Units (DMUs) for providing data entry, analysis and management services in Government Healthcare Facilities and Health Department Offices in all 38 districts in the state of Bihar.

1. The State Health Society, Bihar(SHSB), Patna intends to select agency(s) via e-tendering for all 38 districts of the state, for establishing Data Management Units(DMUs) for its various programs across the state, for providing data entry, analysis and management services at Government Healthcare facilities – From District Hospitals(DHs) to Additional Primary Healthcare (APHCs) and health department for the period of three years. The State Health Society, Bihar invites bids from eligible business entities, in providing the services as mentioned in this tender document.
2. To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in, shall contact the helpdesk at the following address, "Mjunction Services Limited, RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, e-mail id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, Toll Free Number- 18005726571 *(Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM, All days in week except Sunday and few selected state holidays)"*.
3. **Schedule of Events**

Sno.	Event Description	Timeline
3.1	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	**04/10/2023 (Wednesday) from 11:00 AM** , on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3.2	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document.	**06/11/2023 (Monday) till 05:00 PM** , on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3.3	Last date & time for submission of EMD (Online Mode)	**06/11/2023 (Monday) till 05:00 PM**
3.4	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	**10/11/2023 (Friday) at 11:00 AM** on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3.5	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e -Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3.6	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	**10/10/2023 (Tuesday) at 11:30 AM**
3.7	Pre- bid meeting venue	Conference Hall, State Health Society, Bihar, 4th Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Sheikhpura, Patna -800014

Note – i) Interested bidders may obtain further information about this Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) from the office of State Health Society, Bihar. ii) No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.

4. Tenderer may also download the tender documents (a complete set of documents is available on website) from e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and submit its tender by using the downloaded document.
5. For further enquiry and information, please contact to the following officers at office during office hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on all working days -
   I. Sri Priya Ranjan Raju, BAS, OSD , SHSB , **II.** Sri Kaushal Kumar, Data Officer, SHSB
6. All further notifications/Corrigendum/Addendum, if any shall be posted on e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in), and shall be binding on all the bidders.

Executive Director
State Health Society, Bihar

PR. No. 009856 (Ni.Ni.) 2023-24

This information is available on website **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** also.

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Govt. of Bihar

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
Construction Division No.-2, B.C.D., Patna

(Only as per e-Tender procedure on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

E-Tendering Invitation Notice

S.B.D.Tender No. –06/2023-24

Percentage rate Tender in two bid system (Technical and Financial bid) is invited from **Any Contractor Registered with Government of India / Any State Government / Any Public Sector unit Undertakings or an Agency of National / International repute** for the following work.

1. Designation and Address of Advertiser : Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, BCD Patna.
2. Date of Inviting Tender : 05.10.2023
3. Last date and time of sale(download) of B.O.Q : 30.10.2023 to 16.11.2023 15.00 HOURS **(Only www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
4. Last date and time of submission(upload) of Tender : 17.11.2023, 15.00 HOURS **(Only www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
4. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting : 07.11.2023 at C.E (Patna), Office., B.C.D., (Vishweshwaraiyya Bhawan), Patna, 12.00 HOURS
5. Date & Time of opening of Tender(Technical Bid) : 22.11.2023 16.00 HOURS
6. Date and time of opening of financial bid : After approval of technical bid by Competent Authority
7. Place of sale of B.O.Q : Only on website (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
8. Place of Submission of Tender : **website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
9. Period of BID VALIDITY : 120 days
10. Post of Tender sanctioning officer : Competent Authority
11. **Details of Work :**

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Cost of BOQ (in Rs)	Cost of Bid Processing (in Rs.)	Time of completion of work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Detail Design, fabrication, Installation and Testing of Exhibit Work of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Science City, Patna.	520.00 Crore	5,30,00,000.00	10,000.00	As per e-procurement -2.0	18 Months

12.Other information can be obtained and downloaded from web site www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in, For further details please visit website **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

PR- 009841 (B C D) 2023-24

Executive Engineer,
Construction Division-2, BCD Patna

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Road Construction Department
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RCD, ROAD DIVISION, SIWAN

SBD BASED DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(through e-procurement mode only-www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

NIT No.- 02/2023-24, R.C.D, Road Division, Siwan

1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Siwan.
2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender : 05.10.2023
3. Period for download of Tender Document : From 31.10.2023 to 06.11.2023 up to 17.00 hours (From Website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting : Date 03.11.2023 at 11:00 hours at the Office of the Chief Engineer, North , RCD, Bihar, Patna.
5. Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents by bidder : Date 07.11.2023. till Time 17.00 Hours on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Last date, time and place for submission of original instrument of EMD : Till 15.00 hrs. on 08.11.2023 Place: office of the -
   1. Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Siwan
   or 2. Superintending Engineer, Saran Road Circle, Hajipur
   or 3. Chief Engineer North, RCD, Bihar, Patna.
7. Date, time & Place of opening of Technical Bid: Date. 08.11.2023 Time- 15.30 hours Place: On Website - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. Details of works:- :

Bid No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost/ECV (Rs in Lakh).	Amount of Earnest money (Rs in Lakh).	Cost of B.O.Q (to be paid through online) (non-refundable) in Rs.	Bid Processing Fee (to be paid through online) (non-refundable in Rs.	Time of completion of work (in month) including monsoon period.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Widening and Strengthening of Bhantapokhar-Ziradei Road via Zamapur Bazar Road Ch -0.00 km to Ch-5.10 km (Total Length -4.90 km) for the year 2023-24	1890.63	28.9063	10,000	5900.00	12 (Twelve Months)

9. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid : To be announced later (On Website- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
10. Bid Validity: 120 Days.

For further details please visit website **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

PR- 009839 (R C D) 2023-24

Executive Engineer,
RCD, Road Division Siwan

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बिहार सरकार

जल संसाधन विभाग
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
जल निस्सरण प्रमण्डल, समस्तीपुर

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – **01SBD / 2023–24**

(राष्ट्रीय / राजकीय स्पर्द्धा)

(केवल ई–टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

1.कार्य का विवरण –

ग्रुप सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख रू0 में)	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख रू0 में) (ऑन लाईन अथवा फिजिकल / मैनुअल मोड में भुगतेय)	परिमाण – विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय) रू0 में	बेल्ट्रॉन को देय बिड प्रोसेसिंग फी (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय) रू0 में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	Bagmati-Shanti Dhar-Burhi Gandak River link project under Samastipur District. (Agenda No. 208/33/2023)	11469	124.69	10000	5900	18 Months

2.निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक – 05.10.2023
3.निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड करने की अवधि : दिनांक – 26.10.2023 से दिनांक – 02.11.2023 के 3.00बजे अपराह्न तक (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
4.प्री–बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक–28.10.2023 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न में, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, समस्तीपुर।
5.निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :दिनांक – 03.11.2023 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
6.तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक – 06.11.2023, समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
7.वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी । (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
8.निविदा खोलने का सीन : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर ।
9.निविदा की वैधता अवधि : 120 दिन
10.विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :कार्यपालक अभियंता, जल निस्सरण प्रमण्डल, समस्तीपुर । मो0न0: 7463889849
11.विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in एवं www.wrd.fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है ।

विस्तृत जानकारी **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** पर देखी जा सकती है।

PR- 009817 (W R D) 2023-24

कार्यपालक अभियंता
जल निस्सरण प्रमण्डल, समस्तीपुर।

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योजना एवं विकास विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल–1,दरभंगा

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या –07/2023–24

(केवल ई–टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग / निगम / अन्य राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार / सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम या राष्ट्रीय या अंतरराष्ट्रीय ख्याति के किसी भी एजेंसी में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर निविदा दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य के किसी कार्य विभाग / निगम में पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं है, तब एकरारनामा के पूर्व निम्नलिखित कार्य का स्वीकार पत्र (लेटर ऑफ एक्सेपटेंस) प्राप्त होने के बाद बिहार राज्य के किसी भी कार्य विभाग / निगम (जिसमें निबंधन की प्रक्रिया लागू हो) में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

1. **कार्यो की विवरणी :–**

ग्रुप संख्या	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि (लाख रू0 में)	अग्रधन की राशि (ऑन लाईन मोड या ऑफ लाईन मोड में केवल B.G. के रूप में) (लाख रू0 में)	परिमाण–विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीयके वल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	बीड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क (अप्रत्यर्पणीय केवल ऑनलाइन मोड में भुगतान) (रूपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि (माह में)
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
1	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत केवटी प्रखंड के ननौरा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30420418.00	608400.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
2	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत केवटी प्रखंड के छतवन पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30794993.00	615900.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
3	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत केवटी प्रखंड के नयागाँव पष्चिमी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30566250.00	611300.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
4	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत सिंघवाड़ा प्रखंड के सढ़वाड़ा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30591578.00	611800.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
5	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत सिंघवाड़ा प्रखंड के रामपुरा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30531068.00	610600.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
6	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत सिंघवाड़ा प्रखंड के निस्ता पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	31041792.00	620800.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
7	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत जाले प्रखंड के राढ़ी उतरी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	31224251.00	624500.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
8	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत बहादुरपुर प्रखंड के जलवार पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30409148.00	608200.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
9	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत दरभंगा सदर प्रखंड क अतिहर पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30495705.00	609900.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
10	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत दरभंगा सदर प्रखंड के सिसो पष्चिम पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30487816.00	609800.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
11	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत मनीगाछी प्रखंड के माउबेहट पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30893464.00	617900.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
12	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत मनीगाछी प्रखंड के नेहरा पष्चिम पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30772955.00	615500.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
13	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत मनीगाछी प्रखंड के कटमा बहुरवा पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30893464.00	617900.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
14	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत मनीगाछी प्रखंड के पैठान केवई पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30772955.00	615500.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह
15	दरभंगा जिला अन्तर्गत बहादुरपुर प्रखंड के मनियारी पंचायत में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य	30388751.00	607800.00	10000.00	e-proc2 के वेब पेज के अनुसार	18 माह

2. निविदा की वैधता अवधि: 120 दिन(निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि के बाद)
3. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता: कार्यपालक अभियंता, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन प्रमण्डल, कार्य प्रमंडल–1,दरभंगा
4. विज्ञापन निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक – 04.10.2023
5. निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भिक की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 25.10.2023 को 10.00 बजे पूर्वाहन से (सिर्फ वेबसाईटwww.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
6. प्री–बीड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 20.10.2023 समय 3.30 बजे,अपराहन मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, विरवेश्वरैया भवन, चतुर्थ तल, कमरा नं0–423, बेली रोड, पटना–800015
7. निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 01.11.2023 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (सिर्फ वेबसाईटwww.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
8. तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 04.11.2023 समय 3.30 बजे अपराह्न से। (कंडिका 5 में उल्लेखित अंतिम तिथि से दो कार्य दिवस के पश्चात् की तिथि)। (सिर्फ वेबसाईटwww.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
9. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
10. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

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कार्यपालक अभियंता
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन,
कार्य प्रमंडल–1,दरभंगा

PR- 009812(Planning) 2023-24

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer(A-M) Suri(A-M) Division, WRDD invites e-tender for Clustered Solar powerd Sprinkler irrigation scheme under RIDF-XXIX Programme vide eNIT No. eNIT No. 36/2023-24 Tender ID2023_WRDD_586769_1,2, 3, 4 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/-P.Maliick
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Suri(Agri-Mech) Division
ICA-T20786(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(N.I.T No. WBTC/JMD/NIT-474/2023-24)
(Abridged e-Tender)

e-Tender, in prescribed from in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works : Minor repairing of tram body along with floor and full tram body-inside and outside painting of 65 trams. Tender ID : 2023_CTC_584682_1. Please Visit website: www.wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/- Jt. Managing Director, For WBTC Limited.
ICA-T20759(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

"E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF HIGH SPEED BURR(2ND CALL) FOR SAMBHU NATH PANDIT HOSPITAL", is invited by the Superintendent, Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital due on behalf of the Government of West Bengal from the manufacturer or their agent/ reputed organization/ firm having experience in supply of CCTV. Details of the tender will be available in the website "https://wbtenders.gov.in" & "www.wbhealth.gov.in" on and from 07-10-2023 vide memo no. NIT No. SNPH/5244 Dt. 04/10/2023. Bid Submission Start Date: 12/10/2023 at 10:00 A.M. Bid Submission Closing Date: 31/10/2023 at 5:00 P.M. For Detail, please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in or www.wbhealth.gov.in
ICA-T20765(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Online E-Tender (NIeT- 25 of 2023-24, Tender ID – 2023_WRDD_585836_1 to 2023_WRDD_585836_5) is being invited by the Executive Engineer (A-M), Malda-I (A-M) Division, Madhabnagar, Mokdumpur, Malda, 732103, on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the bonafide agencies for Conversion of 5 (Five) nos. Major River Lift Irrigation scheme on Turnkey basis under different blocks under different (A-M) Sub-Divisions under Core Sector 2022-23 Programme.
Last date and time of bid submission is 30/10/2023 till 14:00 Hrs.
Other details may also be seen from the office notice board/ website (https://wbtenders.gov.in)
Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Malda-I (A-M) Division, Malda.
ICA-T20784(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

The District Health and Family Welfare Samity, Rampurhat Health District is inviting e-tender for Infrastructure Strengthening work of Akhira Sub centers (SC) to be upgraded into Suswasthya Kendras (HWC), Chakmondala RH under Rampurhat Health District, vide Tender ID no. 2023_HFW_577813_1, Dated-22.09.2023. [eNIT-02 (2nd Call), 2023-24/DH&FWS]. Technical Bid Submission Closing Date : 13/10/2023 at 1.00 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website www.birbhum.nic.in or www.wbhealth.gov.in or www.wbtenders.gov.in or the Office of the CMOH, Rampurhat Health District.
ICA-T20760(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

The Director of Land Records & Surveys, IBBD, West Bengal invites Tender for procurement of "Three (03) sets of Godrej make Optimizer" vide Tender ID No: 2023_LLRRR_583617 with Tender Reference No: BDY/222(pt) – 385/2023-24 through e-Tender portal of Govt. of West Bengal. EMD: Rs. 1,08,000/-; Last date of submission is 07.11.23 up to 15.00 hrs. For details please visit https://wbtenders.gov.in and West Bengal Govt. Website.
ICA-T20791(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

The Executive Engineer (A-M), Raiganj (A-M) Division, WRDD invites e-tender of Installation of New Mini RLI Schemes (Solar) on Turnkey basis i.e by supplying materials at different RLI schemes under Raiganj (A-M) Division under RIDF-XXIX Programme , vide eNIT no. 30 (Sl No 1 to 13) of 2023-24 Tender ID : 2023_WRDD_585998_1 to 6 & WRDD_585998_8 to14 and amount put to tender is Rs.3,23,11,422/- last dropping date 03.11.2023 at 15.30 hrs. respectively. Intending Bidders are requested to visit the website https://wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer.(A-M),
Raiganj (A-M) Division
ICA-T20782(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar
e-TENDER NOTICE

WBFOR/JWD/NIT-34(e)/23-24-Repairing & Maintenance Works of Group-C Quarters (Schedule No. I to XI) under JPWLD during 2023-24. WBFOR/JWD/NIT-35(e)/23-24-Repairing & Maintenance Works of Staff Barrack (Schedule No. I to X) under JPWLD during 2023-24. Last date of online submission of bid- 19/10/2023. For all details and Online Tender submission visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in/ www.westbengalforest.gov.in
Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar.
ICA-T20763(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar
e-TENDER NOTICE

WBFOR/JWD/NIT-37(e)/23-24-Repairing and Maintenance Works of Group-A Quarter (1 No.) under JPWLD during 2023-24. WBFOR/JWD/NIT-38(e)/23-24- Repairing and Maintenance Works of Range Offices (Schedule No. I to III) under JPWLD during 2023-24. Last date of online submission of bid- 13/10/2023. For all details and Online Tender submission visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in/ www.westbengalforest.gov.in
Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jaldapara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar.
ICA-T20762(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M), Berhampore- I (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply of miscellaneous materials for maintenance of different RLI under Berhampore-I (A-M) Division. e-NIT no: EE(AM)/BER-I (A-M) /MATERIALS/ eNIT-11/2023-24 Tender ID: 2023_WRDD_584724_1 to 3. Last dropping date is 30.10.2023 up to 04.00 PM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Berhampore I (A-M) Division
ICA- T20788(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Online E-Tender (NIeT- 26 of 2023-24, Tender ID – 2023_WRDD_585849_1 to 2023_WRDD_585849_11) is being invited by the Executive Engineer (A-M), Malda-I (A-M) Division, Madhabnagar, Mokdumpur, Malda, 732103, on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the bonafide agencies for Installation of 11 (Eleven) Nos. Mini (Solar) River Lift Irrigation scheme on Turnkey basis under different blocks under different (A-M) Sub-Divisions under RIDF-XXIX Programme Last date and time of bid submission is 30/10/2023 till 14:00 Hrs. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board/ website (https://wbtenders.gov.in) Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Malda-I (A-M) Division, Malda.
ICA-T20785(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. WBIW/EE/BUE004/e-NIT-12/2023-24

Above mentioned e-Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned from eligible contractors having sufficient credential and financial capacity for one no. Electrical work at Sonamukhi District Bankura. Tender ID: 2023_IWD_585859_1. Last date of online submission of the bid: 30.10.2023 17:00 Hrs. The other details may be seen from the website https://www.wbtenders.gov.in and https://www.wbiwd.gov.in and also from office of the undersigned on any working days. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Durgapur M&E. Div., I & W Dte.
ICA-T20792(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

The Commandant, 1st RAF Battalion, Bidhannagar, Durgapur-713 206 (W.B.), invites e-Tender on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms/companies/individual contractor for Maintenance and Supply of Articles of Motor Transport Section vide e-Tender ID: 2023_WBP_545624_2. Last date of Bid submission is 13.10.2023 up to 17.00 hrs. For details contact office of the undersigned in any working day between 11.00 A.M. to 17.00 P.M. or visit http://www.wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/- Commandant, 1st RAF Battalion, Durgapur-713 206 (W.B.)
ICA-T20793(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Commandant, RAF 2nd Bn., Dabgram, Siliguri from bonafide suppliers / firms / contractors / Dealears for supply / purchase of tyres, tubes and flaps of Govt. Vehicles of 2nd I.R. Bn., Dabgram, Siliguri at present under RAF 2nd Bn., Dabgram, Siliguri. The last date for submission of E-Tender is on 02.11.2023 upto 14:00 hours. For other details please visit our office notice board. For other details please visit our office notice board. Sd/- Commandant, RAF 2nd Bn., Dabgram, Siliguri
ICA-T20794(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Online tender (E.N.I.T 12(e) of 2023-24[ID: 2023_WRDD_584315_1 to 12 of 2023-24) has been invited by the Executive Engineer, Malda-II (A-M) Division, at Madhabnagar, Mokdumpur, Malda, Malda-732103 from Bonafide agency for Installation of new Mini (solar) River Lift Irrigation at different (A-M) Sub-Division within Malda -II (A-M) Division under RIDF-XXIX Programme. Last date & time of Bid Submissionis 30.10.2023 upto 12.00 Hrs. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board/website (https://wbtenders.gov.in). Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer(A-M),
Malda-II(A-M) Division,
Madhabnagar, Malda
ICA-T20783(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I), Bolpur (A-I) I & P Division, WRDD invites e-tenders for Installation of 8(eight) Nos.cluster (32 Nos) Sprinkler Irrigation Scheme with 2.0 HP Solar Pumping System under Bolpur-Sriniketan & Labpur Block in Birbhum District under RIDF-XXIX Tranche, vide eNITNo-02/RIDF-XXIX/VWRDD / BOLIP/ 2023-24 of the Executive Engineer (A.I,) Bolpur (A.I.) I & P Division, Bolpur, Birtbhum e-Tender ID'S 2023 WRDD 586446 1 & 2023 WRDD 586871 1 Estimated values put to tender Minimum Rs. 12,76,376.00 & Maximum Rs. 89,34.636. Last dropping date is 07. 11.2023 up to 06.00 PM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Bolpur (A-I) I & P Division, Birbhum
ICA-T20787(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

THE WEST BENGAL STATE HANDLOOM WEAVERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.
18/4, Block-DD, Sector-1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700064
Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI)
No.: WBTANTUJA/BNA/MD/17(e)/2023-24
Date: 07.10.2023

An Expression of Interest vide on. 0874/5445/2023-24 dated 07.10.2023 is invited from the Weavers / Weavers Co-oparatives, Small Garment Traders / Manufactures, Entrepreneurs, interested Stakeholders, Textile Merchants Exporters to setup Selling Shops at upcoming Taanter Haat within the available space at Ground, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor of Taanter Haat Building of WBTC at Rajabajar Tram Depot, Kolkata, under Kolkata Municipal Corporation West Bengal. The Application Form and others terms and conditions are available on wbtenders.gov.in & www.tantuja.in Online Pre-Bid Meeting : 13.10.2023 at 04.00 P.M. Meeting ID : 813 1125 8411. Passcode : 620684. The last date of submission : 03.11.2023 at 4.00 P.M. Sd/- Managing Director
ICA-T20789(3)/2023

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-750 Dated : 03.10.2023

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E2708/23-24

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Overhauling job of ESP of Unit 3 KTPS during upcoming Overhauling in January 2023 Under AHPEM". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 29.09.2023 at 10.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 08.11.2023 at 14.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Supravat Mondal, Sr. Manager (PS)(Contract Cell), KTPS. **Mobile No.:** 9874630130. **E-mail:** s.mondal01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T20769(3)/2023

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Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-748 Dated : 03.10.2023

NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E2703/23-24

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Supply and delivery of Spares for Coal Mill of Unit #5 & 6 under BMD, KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 03.10.2023 at 14:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 31.10.2023 at 15:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Sikder, Sr. Manager & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336903799. **E-mail:** s.sikder@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T20767(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No.20/BD of 2023-24
Vide Memo No.2994/BD dt. 04.10.2023

Tender reference no. 2994_BD_NIeT_20_of_2023_24 :: Tender ID : **2023_PHED_584257_1 ::** Tender Invited by the undersigned for – Sinking of 17 (seventeen) nos. 100mm X40mm dia. 200 mtr. Deep tube-well fitted with India Mark-II pump at different places within North 24 Parganas under MPLADS of Hon'ble MP(R.S) Sri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy within Barasat Division, PHE Dte. Closing date of submission of both Technical and Financial bid (online) = 01.11.2023 at 2.00 P.M. Details of Tender document and its related corrigendum/ Addendum (if any) may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte, on working days during office hours or in website http

Air quality to remain poor next 6 days

New Delhi: The city saw a slight drop in maximum temperature and low wind speed on Saturday. The air quality was 'poor' despite the number of stubble burning incidents dropping in Punjab.

Residents found the outdoor weather unpleasant even towards the evening.

The air quality is likely to remain 'poor' for the next six days. Weather analysts said the the wind directions are changing and variation in day and evening temperatures would continue for some more days.

On Saturday, the maximum temperature was 35.5 degrees Celsius, and the minimum was 20.9 degrees. With clear skies, the maximum and minimum temperatures on Sunday are likely to hover around 36 and 22 degrees Celsius.

The air quality in in Shadipur, Wazirpur, Mundka and Bawana was 'very poor'. Environment minister Gopal Rai visited Wazirpur to ensure GRAP 1 measures were carried out. Under the anti-dust campaign, 591 teams have been deployed for inspection. TNN

Man held for making DU students' videos

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Akash (20), a resident of Manglapuri in Palam, was arrested on Saturday for allegedly making videos of Delhi University women students in the washroom of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D).

Bharati College students and Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) filed a complaint with Delhi Police regarding the incident that took place on Friday. The women students alleged that when they were changing for a fashion show event in the washroom, somebody – who later turned out to be a housekeeping staff – was making their videos.

"Akash is a contractual staff part of a private company to whom the work was outsourced by IIT-D. He had been working on the campus for the last six months. We had received a complaint at PS Kishangarh regarding a boy making a video in the ladies' washroom of IIT," said a senior police official.

The students, part of Elantre-the fashion society, said on social media, "Our team Elantre went to IIT Delhi to perform in their fashion show competition. A few of our members went to change in their washrooms, saw someone filming them through the window shafts and informed their student-in-charge as soon as they saw the guy running away. There were no female guards to keep a check on who was entering the washrooms".

The students also alleged that the IIT administration did not act swiftly and that their parents had to be called in as well.

IIT said in a statement, "The accused in an unfortunate and regrettable incident dated Oct 6, 2023, was immediately handed over to Delhi Police that is investigating the matter…The institute treated the matter with the utmost seriousness and urgency it deserved".

DUSU president Tushar Dedha also submitted a complaint at Kishangarh police station on Saturday requesting urgent action against the suspect.

18-yr-old dies after being hit by vehicle, no arrest yet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An 18-year-old boy lost his life after being shuttled between three hospitals after an accident on October 3. The victim had to travel a total of 40 km after the accident. He died the same day.

Atul was allegedly hit by an unidentified vehicle around 9.30am in Alipur on Tuesday. Officials said they received a PCR call at 9.56am about the accident.

"He was taken to SRHC Hospital in Narela in a private car, where doctors recommended surgery and referred him to BSA Hospital in Rohini for further evaluation and treatment. Then he was referred to RML Hospital in central Delhi, where he was declared dead on arrival by doctors at 5pm," said Bharat Reddy, additional DCP (Outer North).

Police have registered a case of rash and negligent driving and causing death due to negligence. No arrests have been made so far.

Rinku, who took Atul to the hospital, told **TOI** that he was going to Sonipat for some work.

"Over a hundred people had gathered there. Everyone said he needed to be rushed to a hospital but no one was doing it. I sought help from a roadway bus driver and put him in my car," he said.

Rinku said that he stopped by around 9.35am. "By 9.45am we were at Satyawadi Raja Harish Chandra Hospital. I drove my car so fast. Using his phone, I informed his family and left. Later I found out that he had passed away," he said.

Sealing in Civil Lines

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has cracked down on buildings for violation of building bye-laws in Mukherjee Nagar area of civil lines zone on Saturday. As per the last report, MCD has sealed basements of 16 properties out of which nine are coaching institutes. In the beginning of August, MCD had sealed 14 centres in Mukherjee Nagar running from the basement without having fire NoC. TNN

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A Central University, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India)
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Advt. No. IMU-HQ/D/11/11/6/Secretariat/2023 Date: 08.10.2023

Advertisement for University Full Time Ph.D Fellowship

Indian Maritime University (IMU) calls for registration for the 'University Full Time Ph.D Fellowship' for students who wish to pursue Full Time Ph.D. in Maritime-related fields at IMU beginning with the academic year 2023–2024. The candidates are requested to visit IMU website to apply for the Full time Ph.D Programme. The deadline for submitting Ph.D applications has been extended to 31.10.2023. The candidates who have already submitted applications need not submit again. The detailed guidelines for the University Full Time Ph.D Fellowship and Ph.D Programme are available in IMU Website (www.imu.ac.in). Women candidates are encouraged to apply.

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DR (CTR) i/c

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(Indian Council of Medical Research)
Department of Health Research
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Government of India, CHENNAI-600 077.

India FETP - MPH Admission Notice - 2024

Applications are invited from medical graduates for admission to the **India FETP-Master of Public Health (Epidemiology and Health Systems) - 2 year** programme of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, conducted by ICMR School of Public Health at ICMR - National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai.

Last date for receipt of application: 31st December 2023
Date of commencement of the course: 1st July 2024

Information Brochure and prescribed application form are available on the Institute's Website: **www.nie.gov.in**
(Email: **icmrniesph@nie.gov.in**, Phone: 044-26136420).

Date: **1st October 2023** **Director**

Singh: ED Trying To Shift Me To Police Lockup For Torture

Not Taking MP To Tughlaq Road PS: Agency; Plea Disposed Of

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After Aam Admi Party Rajya Sabha member **Sanjay Singh** moved an application against the Enforcement Directorate at the Rouse Avenue court alleging that the agency was creating "fictitious grounds" to shift him to a local police station lockup where he could be tortured away from CCTV cameras, ED told the court that it had no intention of shifting the MP to the lockup at Tughlaq Road police station.

The court of special judge Vikas Dhull, noting the submissions of ED, disposed of the application on Saturday. "In response to the application, it is submitted by learned special counsel for ED that pest control measures were taken in the lockup at the EDs office, which was planned on October 3, prior to sending of the present applicant/accused into ED custody on October 5. It is further submitted that since the applicant/accused had refused to be shifted to the other place due to pesticide treatment in the lockup room, therefore his consent was taken in writing for keeping him in the interrogation room at the ED office. It is further submitted by him that ED has no intention of shifting the applicant/accused to the lockup at PS Tughlaq Road since the work of pesticide control at lockup in the ED office stands completed," the court said on Saturday.

Singh, in his application, expressed apprehensions regarding his safety, saying that ED tried to shift him to a police lockup late in the night on October 5 on the basis of "weird and strange" reasons based upon "fictitious ground" with possibly an intent to do some harm to him. He requested the court to direct ED not to shift him to any other location from its headquarters when he was in the agency's custody.

The AAP MP stated in his application that when he resisted the attempt to shift/transfer him to the Tughlaq Road police station, he was "made to sleep outside the lock up and was subjected to inhuman treatment". He also said he had apprehensions about being subjected to torture at the police station, arguing that the ED, by creating a "bogus ground" for shifting him, was trying to keep his presence away from CCTV cameras.

The application also stated that according to the court's orders granting five days' custody to ED, the agency was required to ensure that Singh's interrogation would only be conducted in such a place "having CCTV coverage in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the said CCTV footage shall also be preserved".

Four die, three injured in accidents involving 5 trucks on KMP at dawn

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Gurgaon: Four persons — three of them truck drivers — died in a series of accidents involving five heavy vehicles on the KMP Expressway at the break of dawn on Saturday.

Police said the accidents occurred between 4.30am and 6am — when it was still dark — near Khor village in Nuh.

After one of the trucks broke down on the speedway, its owner sent another vehicle to transfer containers of ghee that the first one was carrying. The drivers were engaged in transferring the consignment when a third truck coming from the Tauru side crashed into the two vehicles from behind and plunged 20ft from the elevated expressway. All four died in the first accident itself.

Around an hour later, a truck driver passing by on the other carriageway had his eyes fixated on the mangled vehicles and police's rescue operation when he rammed into another lorry from behind. Both trucks fell 20ft through the gap between the two carriageways. Three persons, police said, suffered grievous injuries and are undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital.

Vinay Gupta

Three people died on the spot and the driver of the third truck succumbed to injuries in hospital after his vehicle toppled over and fell off the e-way

Ashok Kumar, the owner of the truck (HR47E-7518) that broke down around 4.30am, said his driver, Prem Singh, called him up and requested for a replacement vehicle. Kumar then asked his cousin, Uday, to visit the spot with another truck.

Uday reached Khor village in about half an hour with a second truck (HR55AN-3156), which was being driven by Mahendra. Uday, Prem and Mahendra were inspecting the breakdown and transferring the cargo when a third truck (HR14CE-9992) crashed into it. The three died on the spot and the driver of the third truck, Sunil Kumar, succumbed to injuries in hospital after his vehicle toppled over and fell off the expressway.

Passerby informed police about the accident and a team of highway patrol reached the spot. They were retrieving the bodies from under the trucks and clearing the snarl that the accident caused when the second crash occurred on the other carriageway around 6am.

The drivers of the two trucks that plunged through the gap in the carriageways and a helper are undergoing treatment at Nalhar medical college, police said. Following a complaint by transporter Kumar, a case was registered against Sunil for rash driving and causing death by negligence at a Nuh police station.

MP confronted with 'scam' approver

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The ED on Friday confronted Kanwar Bir Singh, the business partner of accused-turned-approver in the Delhi liquor scam Dinesh Arora, with senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh on the second day of the Rajya Sabha member's custodial interrogation.

On Saturday, Singh's two close aides—his parliamentary secretary Vivek Tyagi and personal assistant Sarvesh Mishra—were questioned for their role in allegedly receiving bribes (Rs 2 crore in cash) for the AAP MP from the associates of Dinesh Arora.

Kanwar Bir Singh being brought face-to-face with Sanjay Singh and Tyagi and Mishra being questioned separately are important from the point of view of indications that ED may plan to use as crucial evidence the alleged understanding between Sanjay Singh, Dinesh Arora and liquor trader Amit Arora in its money laundering case against the Rajya Sabha MP.

The ED, in its application seeking remand of the AAP MP, has alleged that Dinesh Arora, who had known Sanjay Singh since 2017, was latter's conduit to liquor traders, an important one among them being Amit Arora. The liquor policy in force did not suit Amit Arora, a prominent liquor distributor in other states, who dealt in high premium brands and found himself priced out by the less expensive local brands.

As per a deal allegedly struck between Sanjay Singh and Amit Arora, with Dinesh Arora playing the middleman, the former agreed to get the policy changed to suit Amit Arora. As a quid pro quo, he was to allegedly offer 20% stake each in his liquor distribution company, Aralias Hospitality Limited, to Sanjay Singh's aide Tyagi and Dinesh Arora. The understanding was concretised in the form of a proper Memorandum of Understanding which was vetted by Kanwar Bir Singh on behalf of Amit Arora as well as Dinesh Arora's chartered accountant Ankit.

The ED, which has recovered the copy of the MoU, says that Tyagi, with no background of business, leave alone liquor trade, was merely a proxy for Sanjay Singh.

It has built its case on the statement Kanwar Bir Singh gave in March where he alleged that Tyagi was a mere front of Sanjay Singh and that Amit Arora offered 20% stake to him in exchange for the favour he got from Sanjay Singh who used his access to Manish Sisodia to make changes in the liquor policy. Sanjay Singh has denied the charge as "political vendetta".

Sources said investigators had planned to ask Tyagi as to how he was supposed to get 20% stake in Amit Arora's established liquor business when he served as a parliamentary secretary (MPs are allowed to keep one to help the lawmakers do research-related work) and had no business background.

The twin sessions are important in view of Enforcement Directorate's claim that they have details of CDR, including Facetime calls to support their charge that Sanjay Singh got Rs 2 crore in two equal instalments from Dinesh Arora who got the cash delivered at the MP's official residence in North Avenue.

Singh was arrested by the ED on October 4 and has been remanded in ED custody till October 10 in connection with his alleged involvement in the excise policy scam and money laundering case.

Unhappy together? A good divorce may be better than a bad marriage

*To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched **Talk it Out**, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries. This week's advice is from psychiatrist **Dr Jyoti Kapoor***

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I have a 10-year old son. My wife is so possessive about him that she has made an invisible world of herself and my child, alienating me. Things such as utensils, masalas, detergent powder, and toothpaste are separated for them. They even eat separately cooked food. I feel like there's a vacuum inside me because of this. From the last three years, I have also developed feelings for a colleague. My parents agreed to get me married to her as she is also willing. However, I feel that if I repair my life at the age of 42, my child, whom I love very much, will suffer separation from me. At the same time, if I continue the marriage with my wife, my life will be damaged. How can I resolve this dilemma?

— Anonymous

We have to first and foremost try to understand your wife's behaviour, why has she created a separate world for not just herself but the child. Such behaviour may indicate an underlying psychological issue which may be unhealthy for the child. From this perspective, you need to communicate with her or take the help of a family member or a mental health specialist/psychologist. From the perspective of having feelings for another person, if the marriage is not working out and you are not a part of your child's life anyway, it's best to not continue it. As it is, the trauma of a stressful household is far worse for a child's development than a mutual decision to end the marriage without anger or resentment. The child needs to get the message that while all marriages may not work out, he is still loved by his parents and that their relationship will continue to be strong.

My daughter has completed her MBBS and is a doctor. She wants to marry a boy who is a graduate. My concern is that he doesn't have a growth potential in the future with this educational background and if he loses this job, I think he won't get another one with this salary. My daughter is adamant and insisting that I agree to this proposal, but I am not happy. Now, she has left the house. What can I do?

— Anonymous

Your daughter is an adult and has a right to make a choice about what she wants in her life. We as parents go by assumptions learnt from our parents and society but we all know that neither career, nor position or money can guarantee a successful marriage. It may be a good idea to meet the boy and interact with him without judgment and bias and also share your concerns with him. You will get an idea about the person's character and it would also help improve your communication with your daughter. In case you still have doubts about the boy, you can just convey your thoughts and let her make a decision.

My family members and my partner with whom I have been in a relationship with for many years are putting pressure on me to get married. My partner and I have cracked competitive examinations and are waiting for our appointment letters. I run a small business owned by my father and whatever I earn is not sufficient to run a family after marriage. My partner and her mother will help me financially if I get married with low income. Is it fair to take financial assistance from my in-laws? My conscience does not allow me to take financial help from anyone. Please help.

— Anonymous

In today's world, the roles and expectations from a man and a woman in a marriage are not the same as before. Men and women have to bring a lot more than money to run a household and build a family. A man can choose to be a house husband while a woman focuses on her career. Couples invest equal time and money in household and children. What's important is that the couple are clear about their role and expectations in the relationship. If you and your partner trust each other and have good communication, who helps with the finances should not be a problem.

I am a 28-year old man who has been in a relationship with a girl for the last five months. We share a great vibe and compatibility. However, there's a huge concern for me about her previous relationship which she has openly confessed to, while I have mostly been single. She is a loyal and loving person but I am unable to make a decision. I really like her present self and see a good future with her, but I am also severely affected by the stories of her past. How can I resolve this?

— Anonymous

Romantic relationships are more of a norm than an exception in our society and expecting to find someone who has never met anyone before yourself is quite unrealistic. What is important is that the person is honest and trustworthy, which is the building block of a good relationship. You need to focus on the present and what you appreciate about the person and the comfort level you share. If the ideas of her past relationship bothers you, it may indicate an underlying obsessive trait which may require professional help. Obsessive ideas not only ruin current relationships but also stick around to hamper future associations. Therefore, it is worthwhile to introspect if you have such traits and work on them for your own sake.

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NEET syllabus on NMC website, HC informed

New Delhi: National Medical Commission, in an affidavit submitted before Delhi High Court, has informed that syllabus for NEET examination has been uploaded on the NMC's website.

The affidavit was submitted in a public interest litigation by the father of a class 12 student who is preparing for NEET. The petition stated that the exam is based on the NCERT books of Class 11 and 12 as decided by the NMC.

Advocate Manan Aggarwal, counsel for the petitioner, told **TOI** that in compliance with the order dated September 14, 2023, syllabus for the NEET exam has been declared by NMC.

It said that for the current academic year 2023-24, the NCERT has reduced/deleted many chapters from the books which has put the petitioner's daughter and other aspiring candidates preparing for the exam in "complete dark and confusion" whether the deleted chapters are still part of the syllabus.

The petition stated that despite sending representation dated July 8, 2023 to the NMC to provide certified copy of the syllabus NEET(UG)-2024 and also various reminders dated July 20 and 22, email dated July 24 and 26 but till date no response has been given by the NMC on the said representations. TNN

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Jails get detectors for phones on premises

New Delhi: Delhi Prisons Authority has procured 10 non-linear junction detectors to locate mobile phones and metal objects hidden by inmates inside jails.

According to officials, the cost of each product is Rs 15 lakh and these were deployed in the jails. The prison authority had procured two such devices in 2021 and, after using them, they found them successful. So, more orders with a distributor of a foreign-based firm were placed. Officials said these tools could detect objects buried up to two feet in the ground. TNN

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Former CJI Dipak Misra joins Bennett Univ's School of Law

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former chief justice of India Dipak Misra has joined the School of Law at Bennett University as an eminent jurist and distinguished law professor.

Welcoming justice Misra, Bennett pro-vice chancellor Ajith Abraham said, "It is an honour and privilege for Bennett University to have hon'ble justice Dipak Misra on board. This will empower the law students with their academic pursuits and provide valuable insights into the intricacies of the legal profession and the real-world application of legal principles."

Misra embarked on his legal journey as an advocate in 1977 and handled constitutional, civil, criminal, revenue, service and sales tax cases in Orissa High Court and the Services Tribunal. After 19 years as an advocate, he was appointed additional judge of Orissa High Court in 1996. Then, in 1997, he was transferred to Madhya Pradesh High Court. He was appointed as the chief justice of Patna High Court in 2009 and chief justice of Delhi High Court a year later.

He was elevated to the Supreme Court in 2011 and sworn in as the 45th CJI in August 2017.

In his career, he has rendered many notable judgments, among them rejecting the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts convict Yakub Memon's appeal to stay his execution and confirming death for the four Nirbhaya rape case convicts.

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Aide of slain gangster in Canada held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An associate of slain gangster Sukhdool Singh alias Sukha Duneke was arrested from Sarita Vihar in southeast Delhi on Friday. The accused was identified as Harjeet Singh alias Chota Harry, a resident of Bhatinda in Punjab.

Duneke was recently gunned down in Canada allegedly by the henchman of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

"This arrest happened in quick succession to the arrest of Rajwinder Singh Rajpura last month. The two were the last prominent on-ground operatives of the Arsh Dalla-Sukha Duneke terror-gangster alliance. Harry was one of the main accused in the killing of British Kabaddi team captain Sandeep Nangal Ambian at Nakodar in Punjab," said HGS Dhaliwal, special CP. Police said Harry was involved in three murder cases in Punjab and was taking instructions from Dalla and Duneke for targeted killings.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Mrs. Sandhya Arya (Director) Connoisseur Wellness R/o K-House No. 166, Ground Floor, Near Raja Garden, New Delhi** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. **266/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Mrs. Sandhya Arya** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Mrs. Sandhya Arya** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation are hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Mrs. Sandhya Arya** of CC No. **266/2018 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Bawana, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **02.02.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Vinod Joshi
Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
Room No. 114, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/11249/ON/2023 (Court Matter)

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

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcuremcnt Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
(First Call)

System Tender No. 148989/NIT No.: 13/SAC/23-24 Gariaband, Dated: 05.10.2023

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 26.10.2023 at 17.30 Hours. (IST)

Name of Work : CONSTRUCTION OF RBC CANAL PAIRY GHUMMAR DIVERSION SCHEME AT GARIABAND DISTRICT.
Probable Amount of Contract : **Rs. 3544.54 Lakhs** (As per S.O.R. Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 01.08.2014))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 12.10.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal https://cproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Water Resources Division, Gariaband
for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin
Water Resources Department, Raipur (C.G.)

G-06087/7

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that one accused **Smt. Aruna Devi** W/o Sh. Narendra, R/o 2, Bharkau, Siyana, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh have Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 5146/18 u/s 138 NI Act** has been registered at **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Smt. Aruna Devi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Smt. Aruna Devi** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Smt. Aruna Devi** of **CC No. 5146/18 u/s 138 NI Act** has been registered at **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.11.2023.**

By Order
Sh. Arjun Kirar
Metropolitan Magistrate, (NI Act-04),
Central Court No.1, Court Building Annexe-I,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/11268/CD/2023 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ram Kishan Chopra, S/o Wadan Ram Chopra R/o H.No. J-34, 1st Floor, Vikas Puri, West, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.219/2018 Dtd. 02.05.2018 u/s 354/509 IPC, P.S. IGI Airport, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ram Kishan Chopra** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ram Kishan Chopra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ram Kishan Chopra** of **FIR No.219/2018 Dtd. 02.05.2018 u/s 354/509 IPC, P.S. IGI Airport, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.11.2023.**

By Order,
Komal Garg
Metropolitan Magistrate Mahila Court No.1 Room No.11
Patial House Court, New Delhi

DP/11261/IGIA/2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons namely **1. Paro** W/o Sanjay @ Sanju R/o House No. B-991, J.J. Colony, Sawda, Ghevra, Delhi and **2. Jeetan** S/o Late Bhagwan Dass R/o House No. H-322, J.J. Colony, Sawda, Ghevra, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 99/2023 U/s 420/34 IPC** registered at P.S. IP Estate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **1. Paro and 2. Jeetan** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **1. Paro and 2. Jeetan** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **1. Paro and 2. Jeetan** are required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.11.2023**

By Order
Sh. Vinod Kumar
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, Central Distt.,
Room No. 150,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/11187/CD/2023 (Court Notice)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Rajkumar @ Guddu** S/o **Ramchander R/o** GD-16, Maurya Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, Wearing Blue colour Shirt and Jeans and Hawai Chappal in feet, who was last seen with his friend at H.No. 58, Pitampura Village, Delhi on 15.09.2023 at 5:30 PM and he has been missing/kidnapped since then. In this regard a **DD No. 139A, Dated 24.09.2023** has been lodged at **P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi.**

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

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DP/11226/OD/2023

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The last date of the bid submission of E-Tender for "Construction of 132 kV and 66 kV bays and installation of 3x20MVA. 132/66kV Transformer at 132kV Substation Simli" against tender specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/(C&P-I)/SS-08/2023-24" is hereby extended upto 26-10-2023 17:00 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (Tender id no. 2023_PTCU1_62908_1) and for e-tender notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

Superintending Engineer
(C&P-I)

Ro No. 1288/HQPU/PTCUL DATED 07.10.23

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(A Government of India Enterprise)
Pragati Bhawan, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi-110 001 (India)

Selection of agency for providing **Conceptual Design Scenography and Architectural Supervision** for the India Pavilion at World Expo' 2025, Osaka, Japan. Please refer website **www.indiatradefair.com** and **www.eprocure.gov.in** for complete details including criteria and documents to be furnished.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Lali Devi

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely: Lali Devi, W/o: Tinku Singh, R/o:** Ward No. 6, Village & P.S. Rabupura, District Gautambudh Nagar (Noida) U.P., has been missing since **01.10.2023** at 03:45 pm from Platform No. 16, New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi In this regard a missing vide **DD No. 52A dated 04.10.2023** has been registered at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The description of the missing female is as under: **Age:** 29 years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **ID Mark:** Mentally Weak, **Wearing**: Grey-pink colour saree and pink colour slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

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DP/11243/RLY/2023

12 charred to death in blaze at Bengaluru cracker shop

Bengaluru: Twelve people were charred to death after a major fire broke out at a firecracker godown-cum-shop in Attibele in Anekal taluk on Saturday, police said.

Four persons, including the shop owner, sustained burn injuries and were given treatment. Most of them who died were employees working in the firecracker godown-cum-shop, police said, adding efforts are being made to ascertain the identity of the deceased.

The incident took place around 3.30 pm while unloading firecracker cartons from a vehicle, police said, adding firefighters are at the spot conducting a search operation to ascertain if there are more bodies.

"Some employees were working inside the shop when the fire broke out. We have recovered 12 charred bodies from the spot so far. Search operations are still underway to ascertain if there are more bodies inside the gutted shop," said the Superintendent of Police (Bengaluru Rural). TNN

UK woman gets death for killing NRI husband

Bareilly: Seven years after a 35-year-old NRI, Sukhjeet Singh, was murdered by his wife Ramandeep Kaur Mann, a UK national, with the help of his childhood friend Gurpreet Singh alias Miththu, the court of additional district judge Pankaj Kumar Srivastava in UP's Shahjahanpur has awarded the death penalty to the wife and life imprisonment to Miththu following a testimony by the victim's nine-year-old son, reports **Kanwardeep Singh**.

The crime took place on September 2, 2016 when Ramandeep plotted a vacation in UP with her husband and two kids. She poisoned the family before slitting her husband's throat.

PM reviews rollout of welfare schemes promised on I-Day

Checks Home Loan, Solar Power Plans

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The review meeting chaired by PM Modi on Saturday comes weeks after the Expenditure Finance Committee cleared the proposal of providing assistance of ₹60,000 crore over the next five years

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Saturday chaired a meeting to review preparations for implementing various announcements he had made during his Independence Day speech this year. The review included the proposal to roll out interest subsidy scheme for home loans for the poor & middle-class in urban areas.

In an statement, the PMO said, "In his Independence Day speech, the Prime Minister had mentioned about ensuring affordable credit for poor and middle class housing. In line with this announcement, Modi reviewed the preparations to implement this announcement." It also said that the PM had mentioned about ensuring solar power for households in his address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort.

Sources said Union housing and urban affairs secretary Manoj Joshi made a detailed presentation on the home loan interest subsidy scheme. PM's principal secretary P K Mishra, cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba, advisor to PM Tarun Kapoor and finance and expenditure secretary T V Somananthan were also present at the meeting.

The PM's review meet on execution plans comes barely weeks after the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), chaired by Somananthan, cleared the proposal of providing assistance of Rs 60,000 crore over the next five years.

Officials had said last week that the scheme will take final shape after the PM's meeting and then it will be placed before the Cabinet for approval. Sources said there is a possibility of the scheme getting into the Cabinet agenda in the next couple of weeks.

Sources said as per the EFC proposal, individuals taking loans of less than Rs 50 lakh for a 20-year tenure may get interest subsidy ranging from 3% to 5% annually on up to Rs 9 lakh of the loan amount. It may benefit around 25 lakh new homebuyers.

The PM, in his speech, had said, "We're coming up with a new scheme that will benefit those families that live in cities in rented houses, slums, or chawls and unauthorized colonies. If they want to build their own houses, we will assist them with a relief in interest rates and loans from banks."

Ajit skips Delhi GST meet, faces farmers' ire in Nashik

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Nashik: Farmers in Dindori taluka of Nashik in Maharashtra expressed their dissatisfaction with the significant drop in onion and tomato prices by staging a protest and throwing these kitchen staples onto the road on Saturday when the convoy of deputy CM **Ajit Pawar** was passing through Vani village. Police detained three persons, but they were subsequently released.

The convoy continued on its route towards Saptashrungi Gad, where the deputy CM, NCP (Ajit group) state president Sunil Tatkare, and food and civil supplies minister Chhagan Bhujbal were given a rousing welcome by workers of their party and ally BJP.

The deputy CM, who also serves as the state's finance minister, drew attention when he was conspicuously absent from the GST Council meeting held in New Delhi on Saturday. According to his office, he had a prior engagement in Nashik's Kalwan.

Later, Tatkare said: "We wanted to celebrate (party's Kalwan MLA) Nitin Pawar's birthday and both of us travelled to Nashik. Therefore, Ajitdada skipped the GST meeting."

This would have been Ajit Pawar's first GST Council meeting as the finance minister since he joined the government led by CM Eknath Shinde in July this year.

Ajit Pawar denied that he had witnessed farmers throwing onions & tomatoes. He said had he seen such an act, he would have stopped the car to engage with the farmers and understand their concerns.

"Just as the convoy passed Vani, farmers led by district chief of NCP youth wing (Sharad Pawar faction) Sham Hirey and Santosh Rehere threw tomatoes and onions on the road. This happened after several cars in the convoy had crossed the spot," said sub-inspector Nilesh Bodke.

The protest aimed to draw attention to the sharp decline in the prices farmers receive for their produce. Hirey cited the 40% export duty on onions as a factor contributing to the price decrease and blamed Ajit Pawar for doing little to ease farmers' pain despite being in the government.

Earlier in the week, Ajit Pawar did not attend a state cabinet meeting, citing health issues. However, he met NCP ministers at his residence.

'Remarkable milestone': Modi hails 100-medal feat at Asiad

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the first-ever feat of India's athletes of winning more than 100 medals at the Asian Games and invited the participants to his residence on their return to India.

"A momentous achievement for India at the Asian Games! The people of India are thrilled that we have reached a remarkable milestone of 100 medals," the PM wrote on X and shared a collage of the medal winning athletes with pugilists and hockey players amongst others being seen. India trounced Japan 5-1 to win the men's hockey gold and also qualified for the Paris Olympics.

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> **PM NARENDRA MODI**

"Every awe-inspiring performance has made history and filled our hearts with pride. I look forward to hosting our Asian Games contingent on the 10th (October) and interacting with our athletes," he posted on X.

"Congratulations to Ojas Praveen Deotale for striking gold in the compound archery men's individual event. His precision, determination and unwavering focus have done it again and made our nation proud," he said.

He congratulated wrestler Deepak Punia on winning a silver medal and women's hockey team for winning bronze. "Congratulations to our women's hockey team on their remarkable achievement of winning the bronze medal at the Asian Games! Their resilience, teamwork and passion have brought glory to the nation," he said.

Lauding the men's cricket team on striking gold in their debut appearance at the Asian Games, Prime Minister Modi said their passion and teamwork have once again made the nation proud.

Raj planning caste study, not census: Gehlot

Jaipur: Rajasthan CM **Ashok Gehlot** clarified Saturday that it is not a caste census, but a caste survey, that his state plans to start immediately.

That way, the Congress leader said, once a decision has been taken before the model code comes into force for the upcoming state polls, there will be no problem in continuing with the survey.

"Census can only be conducted by the Centre. We are only doing a survey of the families in which their economic condition will come to the fore. I think a huge decision has been taken. It is our party's commitment, we will take it forward," Gehlot said. TNN

150 trucks stopped, some destroyed, in Manipur during stir over Net ban

N Benson Singh | TNN

Imphal: As many as 150 trucks were stopped, a few destroyed, and keys snatched from some of them during an indefinite economic blockade on NH-2 imposed since Thursday by Senapati District Students' Association, which is from Manipur's hill district abutting Nagaland.

This was in protest against the ongoing ban on mobile net services in Manipur, where the government extended the restriction on Friday until October 11.

NH-2 connects Dimapur in Nagaland with Imphal and is a crucial lifeline for Manipur, especially the Imphal valley, as it facilitates transportation of essential commodities such as food, medicines, fuel, cooking gas, and other necessities.

Expressing disappointment, the students' union said in a statement: "We firmly believe that access to the internet is not just a privilege but a fundamental right that every citizen should enjoy without interruption." It argued that the blanket ban on mobile internet services across the entire state, even in areas with no law and order issues, infringes upon their basic rights as citizens of a free state.

NH-2 BLOCKADE

The union had issued an ultimatum to the government, demanding lifting of the ban by Friday. Failure to meet the demand aggravated the situation along NH-2.

Woman abused with iron rod over farm feud

Bhopal: A woman was allegedly brutalised with an iron rod and run over by a tractor over a petty dispute in MP's Sidhi district. She is in ICU in a critical condition. Police initially filed a case of attempted murder, but after the woman's kin came forward with details of torture, cops are mulling adding other charges.

"Both families are locked in an old property dispute. The family of the accused had gone to cultivate the disputed farm, and the victim went to stop them when they tried to mow her down with a tractor. A case was registered the same night and five suspects, including prime accused Anil Jaiswal, were arrested," Jamodi PS in charge Pawan Singh told **TOI**.

The victim's son said the accused inserted an iron rod into her private parts and when she fell unconscious, they tried to mow her down. TNN

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Celebrating India's Aerial Legacy

India is commemorating the 91st Air Force Day, celebrating the valour, legacy, and achievements of its skyward defenders and aerial heroes

PICS: ISTOCK

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has consistently stood as a beacon of power, courage, and technological excellence. Throughout history, it has transformed into a formidable entity, not just protecting the skies over the Indian subcontinent but also gaining admiration worldwide. The achievements of the IAF can be credited to a blend of meticulous strategy, technological progress, and the unwavering determination of its personnel.

Since 1932, the Indian Air Force IAF has carried out many operations as a defender of the Indian skies. In 1933, with five pilots, it commissioned its first squadron. Thereafter, be it the war in 1947 with Pakistan or the liberation of Goa, Daman, and Diu in 1961, the glorious chapters of the IAF certainly make each citizen of the country proud. This extremely competent force has also carried out many special relief programmes during disasters.

Every year, October 8 is celebrated as Air Force Day to commemorate the establishment of the IAF. The Bharatiya Vayu Sena was established on October 8, 1932, as an additional armed Air Force of the British Empire. To mark its 91st anniversary, the Indian Air Force is organising air shows and mega events in different cities.

Apart from defending the airspace of the nation, the IAF has been constantly helping the civilian population during natural calamities and internal disturbances. Ahead of the Indian Air Force Day celebration, the IAF has released an 11-minute-long video showcasing its role in the nation-building process. The video shows how the defender of our Indian skies contributes to generating employment, boosting local industries, and enhancing transportation. The IAF has been playing a key role in rescue operations whenever any natural disaster throws life out of gear. The IAF showcases the prowess of the mighty nation.

With superior technology and a vast networking system, the IAF protects the nation's boundaries. This year will be an exception as the main celebrations will be held in Prayagraj for the first time. Earlier, the air show used to be held in Hindon (Ghaziabad) where only people from Delhi and its surrounding areas could witness air shows.

But this time, it is being organised in Prayagraj. Since the Sangam confluence area is very large, more and more people will be able to witness the spectacle. Prayagraj was said a top IAF official. It was in 1911, for the first time in the country, an aircraft took off from Naini in Prayagraj.

According to the senior officer, Surya Kiran and Sarang teams will perform above the Sangam. The Air Force has set up a control room near Kila Ghat for the air show and seating arrangements for spectators are being made by the district administration. Ahead of the air show on the IAF day, many more events like cycle rallies, exhibitions, etc., are being organised in Prayagraj to spread awareness about the air show.

To manage preparations in the city for the upcoming Indian Air Force Day celebration, a control room has also been set up near the Kila Ghat, Prayagraj for the air show. Seating arrangements for spectators of the show are also being made by the district administration. About 120 fighters, transport aircraft, and helicopters will be featured in the air display in the Sangam area of Prayagraj.

Today, the Indian Air Force is one of the top five air forces in the world. The IAF has performed all its responsibilities with utmost dedication and professionalism. With over one lakh and seventy thousand active personnel and 1,40,000 reserve personnel, the IAF is one of the most powerful defence entities in the world. It also has over 1,926 aircrafts and its authorised strength is 42 squadrons.

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THE INDIAN AIR FORCE HAS BEEN PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN RESCUE OPERATIONS WHENEVER ANY NATURAL DISASTER THROWS LIFE OUT OF GEAR

Two trainee pilots from Mumbai among 3 killed in Canada plane crash

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Mumbai: Yash Ramugude from Andheri and **Abhay Gadroo** from Vasai who were among the three men killed in a plane crash in Canada early Saturday, were passionate about flying since childhood.

A resident of Evershine City in Vasai, Abhay had gone to Canada in April 2021 to pursue his dream of flying. He was to return in November after completing 250 hours of flying.

The twin-engined light aircraft, Piper PA-34 Seneca, primarily used for personal and business flying, crashed into trees and bushes behind a motel in the city of Chilliwack in Canada's British Columbia province.

Yash Ramugude, in his early 20s, lived in Andheri. His father Vijay is the proprietor of a logistics company. The crash took place around 200km east of Vancouver.

Abhay's parents Bhavani and Anil were on a religious tour and were to return to Vasai on Sunday. They got the news early Saturday.

Residents of the three-storey Krishna Vandan complex, comprising three wings, were shocked on hearing the news. Gaurav Goel, a neighbour and friend who was the first to hear the news, said that Abhay was among the few in his circle who was focused about his career path. "He always spoke about becoming a pilot," said Goel, a chartered accountant.

Abhay, who studied in Vidya Vikas school in Vasai and graduated from the Thakur College in Kandivli, was remembered as a fun-loving person who was always ready to help others. "We spoke during Ganesh Chaturthi when the idol was brought to Abhay's house," said Goel.

Gaganyaan's critical safety system test by end of Oct: Isro

New Delhi: Isro is set to conduct an abort test of the crew escape system, a critical safety feature of the Gaganyaan mission, by this month-end, reports **Surendra Singh**. "All vehicle systems have reached Sriharikota. We are getting ready for launch by the end of October," a senior Isro official said.

Isro posted on X: "Preparations for the Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), which demonstrates the performance of the crew escape system (CES), are under way."

The TV-D1 is in the final stages of preparation. The test vehicle is a single-stage liquid rocket developed for the abort mission. The payloads consist of the crew module (CM) and crew escape systems (CES) with their fast-acting solid motors, along with CM fairing (CMF) and interface adapters. This flight will simulate the abort condition during the ascent trajectory, corresponding to a Mach number of 1.2 encountered in the Gaganyaan mission.

CES with CM will be separated from the test vehicle at an altitude of about 17 km. Subsequently, the abort sequence will be executed autonomously commencing with the separation of CES and deployment of the series of parachutes, finally culminating in the safe touchdown of CM in the sea, about 10 km from the coast of Sriharikota, Isro said. This launch would be the first of the four abort missions of the Gaganyaan programme.

Shah's 'zero tolerance' mantra for cops in war against terror

Calls For Optimum Use Of Databases Maintained By MHA

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Dehradun: Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday urged state police units to adopt "zero tolerance action in counter-terrorism measures". He made the statement during his address at the inauguration of the 49th All India Police Science Congress, a two-day event organised by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) at the Forest research institute (FRI) in Dehradun.

"Our government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been taking stern action against terrorism. Now is the time to implement a zero-tolerance policy and completely eradicate the menace of terrorism from our country," Shah said. He also directed state police units to "make optimum use of the various databases maintained by the ministry of home affairs" to enhance their counter-terrorism efforts.

Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Union home secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Uttarakhand chief secretary SS Sandhu, state DGP Ashok Kumar and other officials attended the event.

The Union home minister also digitally launched a coffee table book titled 'Uttarakhand Police: Marching with the Times', published by The Times of India. He also unveiled the 49th All India Police Science Congress Compendium and the Police Science Journal published by the BPR&D.

Talking about India's goal of becoming the 'third-largest economy of the world in the next few years', the home minister said, "It would be important for the police to ensure the security of important financial institutions, for which it should inculcate the required new technologies."

Earlier in the day, sessions were held on various subjects, including "policing in the 5G era, known and unknown cyber security threats, narcotics enforcement strategies, and coordination between police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)."

Sukanta Mukherjee

Union home minister Amit Shah launches a coffee table book, 'Uttarakhand Police: March With The Times', published by The Times of India during the 49th All India Police Science Congress in Dehradun on Saturday

Shah pitches for cooperation at zonal council meet

Union home minister Amit Shah called for special emphasis on cooperation, dropout ratio of school children and malnutrition, among others, as he presided over the 24th Central Zonal Council (CZC) at Narendra Nagar on Saturday, reports **Kautilya Singh**. He stressed the collective responsibility of addressing malnutrition among children with sensitivity. The meeting was attended by state chief ministers Pushkar Singh Dhami, Yogi Adityanath and Shivraj Singh Chouhan (who joined virtually). Shah pointed out that the previous meeting at Bhopal had decided to set a benchmark price for Kodo and Kutki Sri Anna (Minor Millets) produce.

The central department of food and public distribution issued an order on August 9 this year. The price of Kodo and Kutki produce will be at par with the Minimum Support Price of ragi. This decision will benefit millions of farmers across the country, particularly in CZC member states —Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Shah also underlined the significant contributions of CZC member states to the country's GDP and overall development. He added that member states are major centres for agriculture, animal husbandry, foodgrain production, mining, water supply and tourism.

Chhota Rajan gang member held 29 yrs after jumping bail

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Mumbai: The Mumbai crime branch arrested an alleged Chhota Rajan gang member from Gujarat on Friday, 29 years after he fled the city while he was on bail. The arrested accused Shakir Lakhani (59) was brought to Mumbai on Friday and produced before a court.

A crime branch source said that in 1994, Lakhani and his four associates, made rounds near a real estate agent's office and were preparing to commit a dacoity. They allegedly attacked the police team with deadly weapons, injuring a cop, when the cops tried to catch them. They were arrested and a case of attempted murder and preparing to commit dacoity was registered against them.

Lakhani and his aides were sentenced to five years of jail term. Lakhani fled the city and went to Gujarat while he was out on bail. His three associates also got bail. Three of them were shot dead in encounters.

"We kept collecting information about Lakhani and nabbed him from Gujarat. He said that earlier he had changed his name and location. Currently, he was living with his real name. While on the run, he got married and has a daughter and a son. He was into property dealing in Gujarat," said Ghanshyam Nair, senior inspector, crime branch. While he was not traceable, a court had issued a non-bailable standing warrant against him.

Wear body cams to tackle unruly commuters: NHAI to toll plaza staff

New Delhi: Waking up to the instances of serious altercations and even violence at toll plazas on National Highways (NHs) over non-payment of user fees and misbehaviour by commuters and attendants, now all lane supervisors at these sites will need to wear body cameras to record them, reports **Dipak Dash**. NHAI has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) to be followed during violence and anticipated violence at the toll plazas. The SOP also directs the regional officers of NHAI to sensitise state governments to direct local police to register complaints and file FIRs in case of violence at any toll plaza.

NHAI said that if a road user is behaving unruly or speaking loudly for any reason, the lane supervisor should immediately intervene and try to resolve the issue. It said that in case any road user refuses to pay toll, the supervisor should politely insist him to pay the fees.

"If the matter persists, local police may be called and an FIR should be lodged. The incident should be recorded by mobile video camera," it said. The toll plaza operators have been directed to report about any incident of violence to the project director within 12 hours.

3 dead, 5 hurt as vehicle falls into gorge in J&K's Doda

Three persons died while five others were injured when the vehicle they were travelling in fell into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district late Friday, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**.

"A vehicle en route from Khellani to Sarhoa Humble skidded off the road and rolled into a deep gorge close to its destination. Of eight passengers aboard the vehicle at the time of the accident, three died on the spot while five others sustained injuries," said a cop on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Minay Kumar and Lal Chand from Sarhoa Humble and Karan Jeet Singh, police said, adding that all five injured belong to Doda.

Police registered a case under relevant sections and launched a probe DC Doda said.

5 girls drown in Bihar's Sone river while taking a selfie

Five girls in the age group of 15-20 years drowned near Bahiyara ghat of Sone river in Bhojpur district of Bihar on Saturday, reports **Praveen**. The mishap took place when one of the five was swept away by the strong current and the four others drowned in trying to save her.

"Locals said Suman Kumari (15) was clicking a selfie while taking bath with the four other girls and got swept away. When the other four tried to save her, they also drowned," SHO Saurav Kumar told **TOI**.

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Sikkim flash floods: 29 bodies found in Teesta

Toll 73, Rescue Ops Halted Due To Bad Weather

Roshan Gupta | TNN

PTI

Army officers inspect the damage caused by flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall in Naga village in north Sikkim on Saturday

Siliguri: Twenty-nine bodies were retrieved on Saturday from different sections of the course of the Teesta river in Sikkim, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, and even Bangladesh. Eight of the bodies were of Army personnel, taking the flood toll to 73.

Rescue operations remained suspended on Saturday due to bad weather at Lachen and Lachung in Sikkim. The fuel crisis in the hill state has eased after the restoration of road connectivity between Singtam and Rangpo to allow the movement of petrol and diesel tankers. A government order has restricted petrol pumps in Gangtok district from dispensing more than a maximum of 15 litres of petrol per vehicle. Petrol pumps must also maintain buffer stocks for emergencies.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh posted on X on Saturday: "Deeply pained by the tragic loss of precious lives, including eight army personnel, in the recent flash floods arising out of glacial lake burst in Sikkim. Out of the 23 missing soldiers, one was rescued while the mortal remains of eight brave soldiers were recovered. Their sacrifice, while being deployed in forward areas in the service of the nation, will not be forgotten. Search operations to rescue the remaining 14 soldiers and missing civilians are underway".

The 23 soldiers had made an overnight transit halt at a vehicle parking area at Burdang, near Singtam, when it was hit by the flash flood, an Army update received in New Delhi said. Apart from the one rescued soldier, the others were submerged in silt or swept away, it said, adding that up to 30 to 40 feet of silt and mud had been deposited there.

A five-seater helicopter is being used to take 3,000 tourists stranded at Lachen and Lachung to Mangan. The road between Naga and Tung — connecting Chungthang, Lachen and Lachung with Mangan — has been washed away. "Due to adverse weather, we were unable to airlift all the people," said junior Union home minister Ajay Kumar Mishra. The state and the Centre were working together towards restoration of NH 10, he added.

Bikash Basnet, press secretary to Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang, said 29 bodies were recovered, while 143 were still missing. As many as 2,565 people have been affected, 1,170 houses damaged, and 2,500 people rescued, he added. The state government has set up 22 camps, sheltering 6,873 people.

The spokesperson for Kundan Green Energy's 20MW Rabom Chu project at Jalipool, east Sikkim, Amit Chaudhary, said, "As many as 150 workers of the company are stranded on the project site."

With an apology & a promise, Masood back in Cong after BSP expulsion

New Delhi: Twenty-two months after he left Congress party in Uttar Pradesh to first join Samajwadi Party and then Mayawati's BSP, former Muzaffarabad (Behat) MLA Imran Masood returned to the Congress fold with a vow, the party said, to never leave again, reports **Swati Mathur**.

The 'ghar wapsi (home coming)' and the change of heart, Masood said, was a result of the transformational impact of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra on Indian politics which resulted in the party's successive electoral victories in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka. Masood was expelled by BSP over charges of indiscipline and anti-party activities in August this year after he praised Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, and urged BSP to join the INDIA bloc. Masood, who vowed Congress was to be his final political destination, said he would apologise to Priyanka for letting her down.

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Missing Army officer's phone switched off, cops seek CDR

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All officers and other ranks are supposed to attend PT at 6am but he was not there for the muster.

The instructors asked his coursemates to check if he was unwell, but his room was empty and he was nowhere to be seen. Around 7.30am, the alarm went out and a full-scale search began for the young officer. After drawing a blank within the Army base, the authorities informed police, said the SHO. "Infantry School authorities have provided us with his mobile number and permanent address. We tried his number but his phone is switched off. We have sought his call records. His parents and family members, who live in Shrangar locality of Etah, have been informed," said Rathore, adding that they are making a list of his friends and contacts. Lt Gupta's motorcycle stood where it was parked, which indicates he moved out on foot, said police.

The military town of Mhow, around 25km from Indore, houses the Army War College and the Infantry School, where young officers, JCOs and NCOs are trained in tactics, weapons and leadership.

Navy has 10,000 officers, including over 600 women

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Inputs, thus obtained, will be suitably quantified for independent analyses by a nominated board of officers, headed by a flag officer. This will also be provided as feedback to the officers to effect behavioural changes and improvements, Commander Vivek Madhwal said.

The Navy has around 10,000 officers, including over 600 women, at present. "The women and men in whites are central to the Indian Navy's 'ships first' approach and will continue to remain its greatest asset in the foreseeable future. The Navy takes pride in imbibing such best practices and this initiative is in continuation of other endeavours towards remaining a 'combat ready, credible, cohesive and future proof force'," Commander Madhwal added.

1 dead, 3 injured in mishap at MP flyover site

One worker was killed and three injured in an accident at a flyover construction site in Jabalpur on Saturday.

"The labourers were working in a trench beneath the under-construction flyover when the pit collapsed around 2pm, trapping four workers in the debris. They were rescued, but one of them did not survive. The three survivors have been admitted to a hospital," said Praveen Dhurve, officer in charge of Madan Mahal police station. The accident site is less than 1km from the police station. TNN

MP dy sarpanch desecrates Shivalinga, held

A deputy sarpanch has been arrested for desecrating a Shivalinga in the ASI-protected 11th century Koteshwar Mahadev temple in Lanjhi town of MP's Balaghat district on Friday. The accused, 55-year-old Shankar Lal Lilhare resident of Didhauri village, was caught by devotees, thrashed and handed over to police. TNN

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U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution of **"Survey, Soil investigation, Design, Supply of all materials, T&P etc. required for completion of 24X7 Water Supply Scheme in selected wards of 10 towns (1) Ward 25 (Partial), Modipone Colony and Kaveri Enclave), Modi Nagar, Distt Ghaziabad (2) Kavinagar (Operational Zone-1), Distt. Ghaziabad (3) Ward No.-18, NPP Baraut, Distt. Baghpat (4) Ward-03 (Yamuna Puram), Distt. Bulandshahar (5) Ward-22, NPP, Khurja, Distt. Bulandshahar (6) Ward-20 (partial of Ramgarhi and Rafiq Nagar), Distt. Hapur (7) Ward-32, Distt. Meerut (8) Ward-30, Distt. Muzaffamagar (9) Ward-8, Distt. Shamli (10) Ward-21, Partially 37 & 39, Distt. Saharanpur) on TURNKEY basis"** are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal **https://etender.up.nic.in** and U.P.J.N. (Urban) website **www.jn.upsdc.gov.in** for download from **dated 11.10.2023 from 17:00 Hrs.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **dated 18.10.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.** in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted **till 07.11.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs.** and technical bid shall be opened **on 08.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, UP Jal Nigam (Urban), Meerut in presence of contractor or their authorized representative. E-tender Cost is **Rs. 20000.00 + GST @ 18%** for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** & U.P.J.N website **www.jn.upsdc.gov.in**.

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अहं भोजनं नैव भोज्यं न भोक्ता चिदानंदरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम्
(निर्वाण षट्कम)

I am beyond virtues, sins, joy or sorrow. I am beyond mantras, pilgrimage, Vedas or yagyas. I am not food, eatable, or its eater. I am of the form of aliveness, eternal bliss, auspiciousness. I am Shiva.
(Nirvana Shatakam)

Adi Kailash

Adi Kailash, also known as Chotta Kailash, is a sacred mountain located in the state of UTTARAKHAND.
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Foreign airline among three entities showing interest in Go First revival

Saurabh Sinha | TNN

New Delhi: Three "reasonably big entities" — including a foreign airline and an Indian corporate — are learnt to have shown interest in reviving GoFirst. Multiple sources say "multiple" expressions of interest (EoI) have been received and that the committee of creditors will consider them early next week. NCLT-appointed GoFirst resolution professional Shailendra Ajmera did not comment on this issue.

"Saturday was the last day for seeing EoI . This time some reasonably strong players have shown interest. So there is a ray of hope that GoFirst may fly again, though as a shadow of its former old self. We were hoping that either IndiGo or Air India would also show interest in Go but they are not likely to have participated but at least one foreign airline has shown interest now," said people in the know.

Time is running out for the Wadia Group airline, which suspended operations on May 2, 2023, as its 'unpaid-for-months' employees are now getting increasingly restive, due to a silence on the salary issue.

Also the moratorium period provided by India's bankruptcy law that has allowed GoAir to hold on to 45 leased aircraft, engines and other assets like foreign bilaterals is soon going to be over.

5% GST will be imposed on branded millet flour: FM

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She, however, made it clear that the change is only for ENA used to manufacture alcohol for human consumption, with a levy of 18% on the ingredient when put to industrial use.

"The industry has been pleading with the council and other government agencies involved for several years to bring finality to the matter. The GST Council had also taken it up several times in its meetings, but a definitive recommendation and closure had eluded. Considering that, the GST Council's decision (on Saturday) is a big relief to the industry, it will bring stability and settle nerves all over," said Vinod Giri, director general, Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC), a lobby group.

Sitharaman said that on millet flour, the GST Council unanimously decided that unbranded packed mix, in which millet content is 70% or more, will be exempted from the levy. On branded or labelled millet flour, 5% GST will be imposed.

There was relief for foreign flag vessels that undertake cruises along Indian waters too as they will be exempted from the 5% integrated GST if they reconvert to foreign going vessels after six months.

PTI

The GST council headed by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman also provided more time to taxpayers to appeal against an assessment order, provided they are willing to make a higher pre-deposit

In the case of corporate guarantees, the government will soon issue a circular stating that no tax will be levied in case of a guarantee provided by a director of the company to a bank or financial institution. For guarantees provided by a company for its subsidiary to avail of a loan, 18% tax will be levied on 1% of the guarantee amount.

"Prescribing 1% as deemed consideration with respect to corporate guarantees issued free of cost for subsidiaries provides much-needed clarity, though one hopes that the amendment is taken as prospective. In many cases, GST so paid would become a cost as typically these guarantees are issued in case of power and infra projects where input credit is not available," said Pratik Jain, partner at consulting firm PwC.

Taking forward the issue of appointment of tribunal members and president, the GST Council decided to relax the retirement age to 67 years in case of the former and 70 years for the latter with the minimum age of appointment fixed at 50 years.Lawyers who have practised for 10 years will be eligible for appointment.

"It is essential that the GSTATs now start functioning at the earliest and the decision to amend the criteria will enable the same," said MS Mani, partner at consulting firm Deloitte India.

Some other changes were also announced, including providing more time to taxpayers to appeal against an assessment order, provided they are willing to make a higher pre-deposit.

Govt: No retro tax on online gaming portals and casinos

Times News Network

New Delhi: The government on Saturday insisted that it had not resorted to retrospectively taxing online gaming portals and casinos and the action taken against such entities are in line with legal provisions.

At the GST Council meeting, Goa sought a review of the tax on casinos six months after it was imposed, while Delhi expressed concern over the impact of 28% tax on the gross value of bets on the industry. Delhi's finance minister,Atishi, wanted the levy to be withdrawn, a demand she had made at the last meeting as well after backing the plan when the decision was taken after three years of consultations.

"Certain members had raised the issue of retrospective taxation. It was informed to them that this is not retrospective, and this was the law earlier. These liabilities already existed because online games were played with bets... They were already attracting (28% GST) by way of betting or gambling," revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra told reporters after the GST Council meeting.

Tax authorities have sent out notices, which according to estimates, adds up to close to Rs 1.5 lakh crore, asking gaming companies to cough up the dues. On their part, the companies are contesting the claims, with some approaching the court.The government has maintained that the tax was due and the gaming companies may be overstating the impact of the levy.

The new tax regime for online gaming, casinos and horse racing kicked in at the start of the month. While the Centre has amended the law to arm itself with powers to impose the levy, Malhotra said that so far 18 states and union territories with legislature have made the necessary amendments to their respective state GST laws. The remaining 13 are in the process of incorporating the amendments but the levy will kick in from October 1.

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World Skill Center

Block B, Sector A, Tower, 2010, Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751007 Country: India
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Website: www.worldskillcenter.org, Email address: tenders@worldskillcenter.org

RFP NOTICE FOR HOUSEKEEPING AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

RFP Enquiry No: WSC/245/Tenders/2023/2079 Date: 06.10.2023

World Skill Center, a Government of Odisha company, invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Housekeeping and Facility Management Services at World Skill Center, Bhubaneswar

Eligible firms and agencies are requested to submit their offer in prescribed application form. The detailed terms & conditions, eligibility etc are in the RFP document which can be downloaded from the WSC website: **www.worldskillcenter.org/tender**. Proposals duly filled in and complete in all respects should reach the office of the Chief Executive Officer, World Skill Center at Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751007.

For any queries related to tender, please contact Mr. Brahmananda Sahoo, Officer Estate, World Skill Center, Bhubaneswar Contact No: +91 8260780987, Email: **tenders@worldskillcenter.org**

Last date & Time for Submission of bids	26.10.2023 at 02:00 PM IST
Date & Time of Opening of bids	26.10.2023 at 04:30 PM IST

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
OIPR-44009/11/0030/23-24

O-1227

Tel. 06766-258301(O)
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GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR
eProcurement Notice for Road Works under DMF
Identification No. Road Online NCB No. 391

No. 3642 Date: 06.10.2023

1. Name of the work : **Construction of roads under DMF in the District of Keonjhar.**
2. No. of work : **04** (Four) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	Road Online NCB No. 391	Dt.17.10.23 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.31.10.23 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.30.10.23 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.01.11.23 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Keonjhar
OIPR-25177/11/0029/23-24

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Department of Technical Education, Skill Development & Employment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh

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Global Skills Park, a flagship initiative of Department of Technical Education, Skills Development & Employment, Government of Madhya Pradesh with financial assistance of Asian Development Bank and technical support of ITEES Singapore is the first multi-skills park in India, which will introduce technology-oriented skill courses and impart advanced job-ready skills training of international standards. Global Skills Park will consist of core advanced training institutes- Center for Occupational Skills Acquisition (COSA) TVET support services such as entrepreneurship development, training of trainers and skill related research.

Global Skills Park Society is inviting applications for the various positions and is looking for experienced, dynamic, talented skilled leaders for the following positions at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

1. Principal Trainer - 08 Nos.
- i. Automotive Technology - 01
- ii. Electrical Technology (Power & Control) - 01
- iii. Electronics (Mobile Devices and IoT integration) - 01
- iv. Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration - 01
- v. Networking & Systems Administration - 01
- vi. Mechanical Technology - 01
- vii. Mechatronics - 01
- viii. Mechanical & Electrical Services - 01

2. Trainer - 112 Nos. (Reservation as per the Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) norms.
- i. Automotive Technology - 14
- ii. Electrical Technology (Power & Control) - 14
- iii. Electronics (Mobile Devices and IoT integration) - 14
- iv. Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration - 14
- v. Networking & Systems Administration - 14
- vi. Mechanical Technology - 14
- vii. Mechatronics - 14
- viii. Mechanical & Electrical Services - 14

Last date for applications to reach us is 25th October 2023.

For Qualification, salary for above post, detailed information and application process, please visit: https://mpsdp.mp.gov.in/careers.php

Note: Interested applicants has to send filled in application form along with updated CV and scanned supportive documents to globalskillspark@mp.gov.in for each advertised post separately. (Mail size should not be more than 25 MB)

G-21007/23

Sd/-
Sheetla Patle (IAS)
Project Director
Madhya Pradesh Development Project, Madhya Pradesh

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निविदा सूचना सं015/वाई & ई / Any Legal business दिनांक: 06.10.2023

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आयुध वस्त्र निर्माणी, शाहजहाँपुर (उ0प्र0) द्वारा इस्टेट एरिया की **Un utilized assets** में निम्न स्थानों पर Any legal business हेतु मोहरबंद निविदायें (RFP Enquiry) आमंत्रित की जा रहीं हैं ।

Asset No.	Location/Area	Short Details of Assets
1	Old Y & E Office near Bedminton Hall	01 Dinning Hall, 01 mini store, 01 Kitchen
2	Bachelor Mess (OCFS Estate)	Double story building having 12 Rooms (04 AC & 08 Non AC) with Attached Toilets, Bathrooms and mini store. 01 Kitchen & 01 Dinning Hall with Attach Toilet.
3	Estate Dispensary Behind utsav Marriage lawn	03 Rooms 01Toilet & 01 bathroom
4	Old Community Hall, with vegetable Market, Near Double Story Market	02 Rooms, 01 Toilet/Bathroom and Remaining area is open.
5	Utsav Marriage Lawn Near Double Story Market	01 Hall, 01 Kitchen, 02 Rooms, 02 Toilets and remaining area is open having Road & Park.
6	Sport Complex in front of Badminton Hall	Gym Basketball Court, kabaddi Ground & Open Area
7	Open Area in Hospital Quarter Campus	Hospital Quarter Campus Open Area
8	Open Ground Near Ramleela Maidan, In front of celebration Marriage Lawn	Open Area
9	Estate Library	02 Room, 01 Kitchen, 01 Toilets and remaining area is open

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निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तारीख : 30.10.2023 सायं 17.00 बजे तक
निविदा: खुलने की तारीख : 31.10.2023 सायं 14.30 बजे

(प्रकाश प्रभाकर)
उप महाप्रबन्धक/पी
कृते वरिष्ठ महाप्रबन्धक

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No : JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-I/2023-24/D-109 Dated : 06.10.2023

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-I/28/2023-24

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works :-

UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
JDA2324WSRC00674	212.18	Road	25.10.2023
JDA2324WSOB00678	280.37	Drain	25.10.2023
JDA2324WSOB00681	2033.00	Building	30.10.2023

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj. Samwad/C/2023-24/10990

Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Engg-I

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No 141 to 142 of 2023-24 (JJM)

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work :-

e-NIT No. & Date.	Name of work	Est. cost (in Lakh)	Cost of document /tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid validity
e-NIT No. 141 of 2023-24 (JJM)	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IS reputed make pumping machinery along with other allied electrical and electro-mech. works at **WSS Pargalta** under **Jal Jeevan Mission.**	103.00	3000/-	2% of the est. cost	180 days
e-NIT No.142 of 2023-24 (JJM)	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IS reputed make pumping machinery along with other allied electrical and electro-mech. works at **WSS Upper Kathar** under **Jal Jeevan Mission.**	99.00	2000/-	2% of the est. cost	180 days

Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
Position of AAA : Accorded
Position of T.S : Sanctioned
Date of Publishing : 04/10/2023.

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from **04/10/2023 (04:00 PM)**
2. Clarifications can be had from **04/10/2023 (04:00 PM) to 06/10/2023 (02:00 PM).**
3. **Pre-Bid meeting can be held on 07/10/2023 (12:00 PM onwards) in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu.**
4. **The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 10/10/2023 (02:00 P.M) to 25/10/2023 (02:00 P.M).**

Sd/-
(Er. Narinder Singh)
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu.

DIP No:DIP/J-9204/23/06/10/2023.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION, GANDERBAL
PIN : 191201, PHONE : 0194-2416246,
EMAIL - exenifcdganderbal@ifckashmir.com

Corrigendum

Subject : Improvements and Upgradation of Akhal Najwan Canal.
Reference : This Office e-NIT No. 10 of 2023-24, issued under endorsement No. IFCD/GBL/5101-25, Dated 21/09/2023 (Tender ID : 2023_IFC_230716_1)

The criteria falling under Section 1 {Instructions to bidders (ITB) and Bid Data Sheet (BDS)} figuring at 4.3(e), 4.5(a), 4.6(c) Available Bid Capacity and Format 2-1 i.e. Annual Turnover Sheet may be read as under ;

S. No.	For	Read as
4.3(e)	Details of his available bid capacity with an undertaking that his available bid capacity, calculated as per clause 4.4 (c) below is at least 70% of the advertised cost.	Details of his available bid capacity with an undertaking that his available bid capacity, calculated as per clause 4.4 (c) below is equal to or more than the advertised cost.
4.5(a)	An undertaking that his available bid capacity, calculated as per clause 4.5 below, is not less than 70% of the advertised cost of the work.	An undertaking that his available bid capacity, calculated as per clause 4.5 below, is equal or more than the advertised cost of the work.
4.6(c)	The bidder should possess the bidding capacity as calculated by the specified formula below, which shall not be less than the advertised cost.	The bidder should possess the bidding capacity as calculated by the specified formula below, which shall be equal to or more than the advertised cost.

Format	S. No.	Financial Year	Turnover (Rs.)	S. No.	Financial Year	Turnover (Rs.)
2-1	1	2019-20		1	2020-21	
	2	2020-21		2	2021-22	
	3	2021-22		3	2022-23	

Further, please read e-NIT No. 10 of 2023-24 instead of e-NIT No. 10 of 2022-23 on Page No. 02 of the SBD.

All the other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the detailed e-NIT issued vide this office No. 5101-25 Dated 21/09/2023.

No. IFCD/GBL/6125-54
Dated: 04-10-2023
DIP No:DIPK-9910/23/06/10/2023

Sd/-
(Er. Iftikhar Nadeem Mattoo)
Executive Engineer
Irrigation and Flood Control Division Ganderbal.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK
E-Tender Notice No.35 for 2023-24 (Online)

Online E-Tenders in **"B-1" Form** for the following works invited by Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik Phone No. (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State From Capable of P.W.Deptt. Registered / Unregistered Contractor or International Contractor whose Sub company / branch in India and also complete terms and conditions mentioned in tender document.

Tender document download on our website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Right of rejection of E-tender / cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik. *Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note: Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 02 (Two) (Costing upto Rs.1000.00 Lacks) Works And details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below website.
1. www.mahapwd.gov.in
2. https://mahatenders.gov.in

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	09.10.2023		to	23.10.2023	
	From	11:05		Upto	17:00

* Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only.
* Post Qualification criteria condition included in tender document
* All eligible/intrested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal https://mahatenders.gov.in before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering
* The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering website https://mahatenders.gov.in

Please Note this to all Registered / Unregistered Contractors.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Nashik

DGIPR/2023-2024/4003

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता,
अलीगढ़ वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, अलीगढ़।
अल्पकालीन ई-टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक : 5133/कैशियर(नि.ख.-1 एटा)-अ.वृ./2023-24 दिनांक- 30.09.2023

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, अलीगढ़ वृत्त, लो.नि.वि., अलीगढ़ द्वारा निम्न तालिका में अंकित विवरण के अनुसार लोक निर्माण विभाग में मार्ग कार्य हेतु सुसंगत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार से आइटम दर के आधार पर ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि निविदा डालने से पूर्व निविदा के लिये न्यूनतम अर्हता हेतु बिन्दु 2 का ध्यानपूर्वक अध्ययन कर लें।

क्र. सं.	जिला	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लाख रु. में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रु. में)	निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य (रु.)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	कार्य सम्पादित कराने वाले अधिशासी अभियन्ता का पता	अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का पता	मुख्य अभियन्ता का पता	ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	एटा	वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 में टूण्डला एटा मार्ग (एस0एच0-31) के किमी0 26, 33, 36(600), 37, 38(750), 39, 40, 42,(800) 43(600), 44, 45, 47, 48, 51 से 58(150) में सामान्य मरम्मत के साथ नवीनीकरण का कार्य।	510.00	10.20	Rs. 2000.00 STC +. 300.00 TC+54.00 GST= 2354.00	02 माह	अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड-1 लो0नि0वि0, एटा	अधीक्षण अभियन्ता अलीगढ़ वृत्त लो0नि0वि0, अलीगढ़	मुख्य अभियन्ता अलीगढ़ क्षेत्र, लो0नि0वि0, अलीगढ़	श्रेणी ए

2. वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in/Prahari Portal पर निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण एवं विस्तृत शर्तें तथा बिडिंग डॉक्यूमेन्ट्स आन लाइन देखे जा सकते है। निविदा दिनांक 10.10.2023 से 17.10.2023 तक ऑनलाइन देखी जा सकेंगी। ऑनलाइन बिड दिनांक 17.10.2023 को दोपहर 12:00 बजे या इससे पूर्व ई-निविदा http://etender.up.nic.in/Prahari Portal पर अनिवार्य रूप से ऑनलाइन जमा कर दी जाये एवं ऑनलाइन प्राप्त समस्त टेक्निकल बिड दिनांक 17.10.2023 को दोपहर 12:30 बजे खोली जायेगी।
3. कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 02 माह है।
4. निविदा केवल ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से http://etender.up.nic.in पर जमा की जाये।
5. इच्छुक निविदादाता जिनके पास डिजिटल सिग्नेचर सर्टिफिकेट (DSC) नहीं है, वह इसे निविदा जमा करने से पहले अप्रूव्ड एजेंसी से प्राप्त कर सकते है।
6. निविदादाता द्वारा दरें जी0एस0टी0 रहित अंकित की जानी है। भुगतान के समय लागू दरों पर जी0एस0टी0 देय होगी।
7. किये गये कार्य का डिफेक्ट लाइबिलिटी पीरिएड दो वर्ष होगा।
8. तकनीकी मूल्यांकन प्रहरी सॉफ्टवेयर के माध्यम से ही किया जायेगा।

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE E-BIDDING INVITATION
RE-TENDER NO. 26/E-TENDER/ BSTDC/ SBD/2023-24

File No. 50/Engg/2023/1023/Engg/2023

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (BSTDCL), a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to execute tourism infrastructure projects at its tourism potential locations.
2. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd) invites sealed bids from eligible experienced Firms/Contractors/ Agencies/ Bidders for execution of works as given below :-

SL. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Lac)	Bid Processing fees (Beltron)	Bid Document Cost	Bid Security (EMD) (in Lac)	Contract Duration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	DEVELOPMENT OF GARAHI DAM AT JAMUI.	Rs-987.57	Rs-5,900.00	Rs-10,000.00	Rs-19.76	18 Months

2. Date of Inviting tender : Date- 06.10.2023
3. Date of downloading of bid document : From 13.10.2023 to 20.10.2023 up to 3:00 PM. Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only
4. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : Date 18.10.2023 Time 03:00PM. (Office of Chief Engineer B.S.T.D.C . Patna)
5. Last date and time for receipt on eproc2 : Date 26.10.2023 up to 3:00PM
6. Last date and time for receipt of hard copy of EMD or other document (if any) : Date 27.10.2023 up to 3:00PM
7. Time and date of opening technical bids : Date 27.10.2023 Time 3:30PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. Time and date of opening of financial bids : To be communicated later on
9. Place of opening of bid : Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
10. Period of bids validity : 120 days
11. Officer inviting bids : **Executive Engineer**, BSTDC Ltd.
12. For participating in E – tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in E– tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at contactbstdc@gmail.com
13. (i) **Bid Processing fees and Bid document cost to be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS.**
(ii) **Bids** along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-Proc2.0 portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay/Non availability of internet connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reasons".
14. **Earnest Money should be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS or by BG only in favour /pledged Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd), and hard copy (paid in the form as explained) shall be submitted to the office of Executive** Engineer **/ Chief Engineer, Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd), 3rd Floor, Tourist Banglow, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna– 800 001, till last date and time Mentioned above, failing which the tender will be rejected.**
15. All the information/corrigendum/addendum related to the project shall be published on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in / BSTDC website. The authority shall have the right to reject the bid partially or fully without assigning any reason what so ever.
16. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer For clarification, regarding the e–tendering process, please contact e-Proc2.0, Helpdesk, mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571, Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in
17. The Amount of B.O.Q may increase or decrease.

This information is available on **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** also

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BSTDCL, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna -800 001
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PM: Shocked by terror attacks, stand with Israel

Israel Mission Issues Advisory For Indians

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Expressing solidarity with Israel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condemned the Hamas terror strikes, saying he was "deeply shocked" by the news of the attacks.

Following the spate of rocket attacks by Hamas, leading Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu to declare that Israel was at war, the Indian embassy in Israel also issued an advisory for Indian nationals asking them to remain vigilant, avoid unnecessary movement and to stay close to safety shelters.

Modi wrote on X: "Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour."

Earlier in the day, Israel ambassador to India Naor Gilon in a statement appreciated the support of the people of India "as we stand firm in the face of terrorism". "These attacks which were launched early this morning by Hamas on our civilians, sleeping peacefully in their beds, in cities and villages of the south and central Israel are war crimes," he said.

"The cowardly actions of Hamas, targeting and killing women, children and elderly, injuring hundreds of civilians and firing indiscriminately over 2,000 missiles and rockets at our cities, came during the sacred Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. Israel will repell this combined assault of rocket fire and ground infiltration of Hamas terrorists and will take any and all actions to protect our citizens," added the Israel ambassador to India

"Thank you@PMOIndia. India's moral support is much appreciated. Israel will prevail," the Israel envoy posted on X.

After the surprise attack by Hamas militants from Gaza at daybreak on Saturday, the Israeli Prime minister declared "war" and said that his country would extract an "unprecedented price" from its enemy.

The Indian Embassy in Israel, in its advisory issued on Saturday, said: "In view of the current situation in Israel, all Indian nationals in Israel are requested to remain vigilant, and observe safety protocols as advised by local authorities. Please exercise caution, avoid unnecessary movement and stay close to safety shelters. For additional information, please see the Israeli Home Front Command website (https://www.oref.org.il/en) or their preparedness brochure. In case of an emergency, please contact us at +97235226748, or leave a message a cons1.telaviv@mea.gov.in. The Embassy personnel remain at your disposal for any further guidance."

READER'S POLL

In view of the attacks on Israel, do you think this constitutes a significant failure of the much-vaunted Mossad?

❶ Yes ❷ No ❸ Can't say

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AI cancels flights to and from Tel Aviv after Hamas strikes

New Delhi: Air India cancelled its Delhi-Tel Aviv flight on Saturday following the terror attacks in Israel. Consequently, the return flight will also not operate. AI has five non-stop flights to Tel Aviv a week. It will take a call on these services depending on the situation there.

"AI 139 from Delhi to Tel Aviv of October 7 and the return flight, AI 140 Tel Aviv-Delhi, have been cancelled (for) the safety of our guests and crew. Passengers are being extended all support," a spokesperson said.

Israeli airline El Al had earlier announced that it would resume India flights this October after a three-year pandemic hiatus. The journey was to be shorter, thanks to its planes overflying Saudi Arabia and Oman now. It is not clear yet whether this will change.

What used to be an almost eight-hour journey with the Israeli airline taking much longer routes, was to become a 5.5-hour flight to Mumbai and an hour more for Delhi. TNN

After Trudeau call, Sunak for India-Canada 'de-escalation'

Naomi Canton

London: UK PM **Rishi Sunak** called for a "de-escalation" in the Delhi-Ottawa row over the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar after a late-night phone call with Canada's Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau spoke to Sunak Friday in a desperate bid to shore up support from allies. Canada and the UK are long-standing allies.

The UK readout of the call, released early Saturday, said Trudeau updated Sunak on "the situation relating to Canadian diplomats in India", referring to Delhi telling Canada it must reduce its 62 diplomats by 41 by October 10, or else India would revoke their diplomatic immunity.

Sunak "reaffirmed the UK's position that all countries should respect sovereignty and the rule of law, including the principles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations", the readout said, adding Sunak agreed to remain in contact with Trudeau "on the next steps".

Canada said Trudeau provided "an update on the current situation between Canada and India". It added, "The PMs discussed the need to manage global challenges in close partnership and the importance of upholding and respecting the rule of law. The leaders emphasised respect for the Vienna Convention and the need to ensure the safety and security of their citizens. They underscored the importance of de-escalation in this context."

Man jailed in elopement case after 32 years: A 62-year-old in Jaipur, living under an alias, was on Saturday jailed for eloping with a married woman 32 years ago. TNN

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय
आयुध निर्माणी मुरादनगर, गाजियाबाद-201206

वॉक-इन-साक्षात्कार

शैक्षिक सत्र **2023-24** के लिये संविदा के आधार पर दैनिक आवश्यकतानुसार नियुक्ति के लिये **नर्स तथा विशेष शिक्षक (Special Educator)** का पैनल बनाने हेतु साक्षात्कार का आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

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स्थान: कै. वि. आयुध निर्माणी मुरादनगर

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प्राचार्य

MISSING

THOMAS

Thomas, Age 62/16, S/o Thomas.AV, Arakkal House, Tiruvampadi P.O. has been missing on August 2007 after leaving home saying he was going to work in Gulf and he has not returned so far. Hence if any information is received about him, please inform to the nearest Police Station or below mentioned phone numbers.

Identification Marks:- Height : 170cm, **Complexion:** Fair, **Body Shape:** Lean,

Contact numbers:-

Inspector SHO, Thiruvambady Police Station 9497947246.

Sub Inspector, Thiruvambady Police Station 9497980793.

Thiruvambady Police Station: 0495 - 2252038

RO NO : 2321/F2/2023/I&PRD

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Karan@Dharamjeet, S/o Ram Ratan, R/o** H.No. 28/117, Kasturba Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a **FIR No. 249/21 U/s 380/457/411 IPC** at **P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Karan@Dharamjeet** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Karan@Dharamjeet** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Karan@Dharamjeet** of **FIR No. 249/21 U/s 380/457/411 IPC** at **P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi** required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.11.2023.**

By order
Ms. Preeti Parewa
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 59, 3rd Floor, Shahdara
Karkarduma Courts, Delhi

DP/11356/SHD/2023(Court Matter)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

E-Tendering Notice DYCE/GS/AGC/2023-16 Dated: 05.10.2023

E-Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer(Gati Shakti), North Central Railway Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through online mode only **(E-Tendering)** for the following work. The details of the tender are as under:

SN	Tender No.	Description of work	Approx. Cost Rs.	Bid security
1	DYCE-GS-AGC-2023-23	Upgradation and improvement of goods shed at Mathura Junction of Agra Division in North Central Railway.	Rs. 19.98 cr.	Rs. 1148900.00/-

Completion Period: 15 months

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "**www.ireps.gov.in**". Tender can be submitted through web portal "**www.ireps.gov.in**" upto **11.00 Hrs. on 27.10.2023.** 1624/23(K)

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विज्ञप्ति

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि आयोग के विज्ञापन संख्या-02/2021-22, विभाग संख्या- एस-02/01 के अन्तर्गत विज्ञापित प्रशिक्षण विभाग, राज्य नियोजन संस्थान, उ0प्र0 लखनऊ के उपनिदेशक के रिक्त 01 पद (अनारक्षित) (सामान्य चयन) के सापेक्ष ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों से आयोग की विज्ञप्ति दिनांक 02 नवम्बर, 2021 तथा 17 जुलाई, 2023 के माध्यम से परम्परागत आवेदन-पत्र/अभिलेखों की मांग की गयी थी, किंतु आयोग के मानक के अनुरूप विज्ञापित अनिवार्य अर्हता धारित करने वाले पर्याप्त अभ्यर्थी न मिलने के कारण पुनः अभ्यर्थियों से परंपरागत आवेदन-पत्र/अभिलेखों की मांग की गई है। उक्त के संबंध में विस्तृत विज्ञप्ति आयोग की वेबसाइट **https://uppsc.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

संख्याः 13(12)/02/एस-2/डी/2020-21
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WALK – IN – INTERVIEWS IN SALES & MARKETING

Advt. No. 05/2023

Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) is the implementing agency for **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana** of **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India.** The objective of the scheme is to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all. PMBI is expanding it's operations and has urgent requirement in Sales & Marketing department. Walk-in-Interviews for such positions shall be held as follows:

Name of Posts	Total Posts	Place of Posting	Date and Time of Interviews	Venue (Place/Address) of Walk-in-Interviews
Assistant Manager / Senior Marketing Officer (Sales & Marketing)	09	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, West Bengal, Karnataka	13.10.2023 (FRIDAY) (10:30 AM to 04:30 PM)	Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), E-1, 8th Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi – 110055

Eligible candidates may appear for Walk-in-Interviews on the above-mentioned date on given venue. For the application form, salary structure and detailed terms & conditions visit at our website: **janaushadhi.gov.in.**

CEO, PMBI

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विज्ञापन संख्या – जी.आई.एम.एस./2023/मैनपावर/05 दिनांक : 08/10/2023

सीधी भर्ती: स्टाफ नर्स DIRECT RECRUITMENT: STAFF NURSE

राजकीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (GIMS), ग्रेटर नोएडा, गौतमबुद्ध नगर में स्टाफ नर्स के रिक्त पदों पर सीधी भर्ती हेतु भारतीय नागरिकों से कम्प्यूटर आधारित ऑन लाईन परीक्षा (Computer Based Test) –2023 हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते है । अनारक्षित एवं आरक्षित श्रेणीवार रिक्त पदों का विवरण निम्नलिखित है–

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नोट:– 1. विस्तृत विज्ञापन संस्थान की वेबसाइट – **www.gims.ac.in** पर देखा जा सकता है। 2. पदों की संख्या घट/बढ़ सकती है। 3. आरक्षण में उ.प्र. राज्य सरकार की नीति लागू होंगी। क्षैतिज आरक्षण नियमानुसार एवं चिन्हित श्रेणी पर लागू होगा।

आवेदन स्वीकार की अंतिम तिथि 07 नवंबर, 2023 है।

निदेशक, रा.आ.सं. ग्रेटर नोएडा

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01	**AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme** (Degree & Diploma) (Fresh & Renewal)	https://www.scholarship.gov.in	31.12.2023	15.01.2024
02	**AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme** (Degree & Diploma) (Fresh & Renewal)			
03	**AICTE Swanath Scholarship Scheme** (Degree & Diploma) (Fresh & Renewal)			

For details regarding eligibility, terms and conditions, etc. please visit AICTE website: **www.aicte-india.org** for respective schemes.

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Member Secretary

STORES E-PROCUREMENT

E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/27/2023-24 Dated: 06-10-2023. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

SN.1. Tender No. 79/23/0847B/OT/199/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 19-10-2023

Brief Description: Bed sheet,cotton handloom bleached white Size. 140 X 229 cms with strip of 1 cm wide to be printed all along the length on both sides of bed sheet with legend "Northeast Frontier Railway" in English & Hindi scripts in attractive sky blue colour. The strip shall be 25 cms from edges.Marking of Manufacturer Name, Month & Year of manufacturing,Batch Number/Lot Number to be given on every Bed Sheet to BIS Specification No.IS:745/2003, Variety No.12. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery]. (1) Qty: 123658.00 Nos for Dibrugarh Town workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). (2) Qty: 24481.00 Nos. for Katihar GSD, NFR (Bihar). (3) Qty: 180907.00 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. - 79337806.

SN.2. Tender No. 37/23/0555A/OT/200/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 30-10-2023

Brief Description: Knuckle Pivot Pin with Washer/BG Wagon. Drg. No. : RDSO, SK-62724, item-4, Alt-28. Mat. Spec: RDSO, WD-70-BD-10 (Rev- 3). (1) Qty: 322 Nos. for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam) (2) Qty-1435 Nos. for Pandu, GSD, NFR (Assam). (3) Qty: 4623 Nos. for New Bongaigaon workshop Depot, NFR (Assam) (4) Qty: 2467 Nos. for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal), P.L. No. 38130350.

SN.3. Tender No. 37/23/0520/OT/201/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 30-10-2023.

Brief Description: Brake Beam Support for 22NLB Casnub Bogies.Drawing No: WD-87078-S-1, Item - 1 & 2 Alt - 3. Specifications: IS: 2062:2011, Amend-01, Gr. E250 Quality A (1) Qty: 165 Nos. for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam) (2) Qty: 250 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam) (3) Qty: 1438 Nos for New Bongaigaon Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). (4) Qty: 420 Nos. for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No.- 38141668.

SN.4. Tender No. 30/23/0708/OT/202/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 30-10-2023

Brief Description: Polymer Buffer Spring assembly pack to ICF Drg. No. ICF/STD-2-2-015, Item-5, Alt-a as per Specn. Mat. Spec.:- ICF/MD/SPEC-353 (i) Qty: 200 Nos. for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. 30226030.

SN.5. Tender No. 30/23/1043/OT/203/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 30-10-2023

Brief Description: Control Governor for DPC of DEMU as per Cummins Part No. - 3167063 (1) Qty: 04 Nos. for New Bongaigaon workshop Depot, NFR (Assam) (2) Qty: 06 Nos for DEMU, NFR (West Bengal). P.L. No. 31931030.

SN.6. Tender No. 50/23/0661/OT/204/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 31-10-2023

Brief Description: Maintenance Free Battery, 48 Volt. 300 AH as per RDSO specification No.IRS:S-93/96 (A) Amend.1 or latest. (1) Qty: 06 Nos. for Dibrugarh Town Workshop Depot, NFR (Assam). (2) Qty: 08 Nos. for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). (3) Qty: 08 Nos. for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). P.L. No. 56158026.

SN.7. Tender No. 60/23/5042/OT/205/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 03-11-2023

Brief Description: Design, manufacture, Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning (Without machine room) of Passenger Lift for 13 nos. passengers (884 kg capacity) complete with hand rail, voice announcement system in the Car passes or stop at floor served by the elevator/Lift along with all associated accessories as per CPWD system/specifications (2003) or latest at stations of Rangiya division. Supply cost includes warranty period of twenty four months from date of commissioning. Makes: M/s OTIS, M/s Konr, M/s Schindler, M/s Johnson lifts Pvt. Ltd. or equivalent. (1) Qty: 2 Nos. for SSE/Elect/BG/New Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam) (2) Qty: 02 Nos. for SSE/Elect/Bongaigaon, NFR (Assam). (3) Qty: 08 Nos. for SSE/P/Rangiya, NFR (Assam). (4) Qty: 08 Nos for SSE/Elect/Rangapara North, NFR (Assam). (5) Qty: 10 Nos for SE/Elect/P/North Lakhimpur, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.-479016860026.

(2) CAMC for 5 years (1) Qty: 02 Nos. for SSE/Elect/BG/New Bongaigaon NFR (Assam) (2) Qty: 02 Nos. for SSE/Elect/Bongaigaon NFR (Assam) (3) Qty: 08 Nos. for SSE/P/Rangiya, NFR (Assam) (4) Qty: 08 Nos. for SSE/ELECT/Rangapara North, NFR (Assam) (5) Qty: 10 Nos. for SE/ELECT/P/North Lakhimpur, NFR (Assam). P.L. No.- 47901686002.

SN. 8. Tender No. 40/22/5216D/OT/206/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 20-10-2023

Brief Description: (1) Supply of 200VA single phase H class insulation 6KV, 750/415V AC Control transformer as per RDSO specification no RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0203-2020 (Rev-0) or latest for provision in LHB AC coaches (duly fitted with 2 Nos. 2 A, 1.2 kv fuse link with fuse base for primary RDSO approved make duly fitted with 2 Nos. 2A, 500V fuse link with fuse base for secondary RDSO approved make). (Warranty period: 30 months after the date of delivery). Qty: 330 Nos. for SSE/TL/AC/Kamakhya, NFR (Assam). Item Code No. 4720N01. (2) Supply of 200VA single phase H class insulation 6KV, 750/415V AC Control transformer as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0203-2023 (Rev-0) or latest for provision in LHB AC coaches (duly fitted with 2 Nos. 2 A, 1.2 kv fuse link with fuse base for primary RDSO approved make duly fitted with 2 Nos 2A, 500 V fuse link with fuse base for secondary RDSO approved make). (Warranty period: 30 Months after the date of delivery). Qty: 66 Nos. for SSE/AC/Guwahati, NFR (Assam). Item code No. 4720N02 (3) Supply of 200VA single phase H class insulation 6KV, 750/415V AC Control transformer as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0203-2020 (Rev-0) or latest for provision in LHB AC coaches (duly fitted with 2 Nos 2A, 1.2 kv fuse link with fuse base for secondary RDSO approved make). Warranty period: 30 Months. after the date of delivery). Qty:- 324 Nos. for SSE/TL/AC/Kamakhya, NFR (Assam). Item Code No. 4720N03.

SN.9. Tender No. 50/23/0605A/OT/207/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 30-10-2023

Brief Description: "Lead Acid Low Maintenance Stationery Secondary cell 2V,80AH Capacity at 10 hrs. rate of discharge, assembled with tubular positive and pasted negative plates in hard rubber container/ Transparent (polypropylene) with microporous vent plug,lead coated inter cell connector, nuts, bolts and washer in dry uncharged condition as per IRS Specification No.-S-88-2004 with latest amendments/ version." [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]. (1) Qty: 400 Nos. for Katihar GSD, NFR (Bihar) (2) Qty: 500 Nos. for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal) (3) Qty: 300 Nos. for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam). P.L. Nos. 56150088.

SN.10. Tender No. 61/23/0041/OT/208/2023-24, Closing/Opening date: 26-10-2023

Brief Description: Manufacture and supply of Elastic Rail Clip MK. III as per RDSO DRG. No. T-3701, Alt-5 for 60/52 Rail and PSC sleepers (Any alterations issued by upto date of closing to tender is also to be supplied by the firm for which no additional payment would be made). Specification IRS/T-31-2018 (Fourth Rivision). RDSO Drg No. T-3701 (Alt) IRSt-31-2021 (Fifth Revision) with corrigendum No. 01 (1) Qty: 169770 Nos. for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR (West Bengal). (2) Qty: 169770 Nos. for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam) P.L. No. 60110016.

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IREPS Tender No. SR-MAS842023

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विज्ञापन संख्या–04/2018 अंतर्गत **History** विशय हेतु दिनांक–16.05.2023 को निर्गत प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के क्रम में दिनांक–12.10.2023 एवं दिनांक–13.10.2023 को आयोग कार्यालय में अभिलेख सत्यापन पूर्वाहन 10:00 बजे से निर्धारित है। अभिलेख सत्यापन में बुलाए जाने वाले अभ्यर्थियों की सूची अभिलेख सत्यापन की तिथि सहित एवं अभिलेख सत्यापन हेतु आवश्यक निदेश आयोग के वेबसाइट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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ARAKU SHOWS HOW TO DO KAAPI RIGHT

This Andhra hill station has made its mark on the world's coffee map with not only the quality of its organically grown beans but also its business model that aims to empower growers

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It's been a month since the G20 summit. Surely, many of the foreign delegates have opened their gift hampers. Those who flipped open their colourful coffee tins first probably can't keep their noses out of them. Every time they soak their lungs in the rich aroma, they are transported to T Ramamma's backyard in the misty Araku valley. For more than a century, connoisseurs have known Araku for its coffee. This little hill station in Andhra Pradesh even has a coffee museum that welcomes you with the wise words: 'Knowledge is Caffeine'.

But in Araku, 900m above sea level, caffeine also means a decent living. Ask Ramamma, an illiterate tribal woman who was widowed at 25. She had debts to repay and children to bring up, and she didn't falter, thanks to coffee.

Socially Responsible Fix

Now 46, Ramamma earns over Rs 6 lakh a year from her coffee plantation – way more than the typical Andhra farmer with a similar landholding. There's also Gemali Kamala of Beesupuram hamlet, a widow who runs her home by growing coffee. They are just two of the nearly 2.3 lakh tribal farmers in this backward region whose lives have been transformed by coffee.

Literally transformed, because the indigenous communities of Araku practised slash-and-burn or 'podu' farming not so long ago in history. Now, thanks to their coffee plantations spread over some 2.4 lakh acres, they are anchored. If coffee is their bread, intercrops like pepper, vegetables, jackfruit and mango are butter.

But butter is an odd metaphor in Araku, a milk-scarce region. While their beans reach Switzerland, France, Italy, Sweden, the US, United Arab Emirates, Japan, France, South Korea, etc, the growers themselves hardly ever drink coffee, says M Sri Rama Murthy, a first-generation coffee grower. "Cattle rearing is largely absent in the region. We request the government to supply the tribals with cattle to make the farming more sustainable."

Govt's Played A Role

Although most government interventions have a patchy record, in Araku they seem to work. Take the valley's coffee story, for example. Sometime in the very late 1800s, the raja of Vizianagaram had a coffee estate at Ananthagiri, about 40km away. This is recorded in the Vizagapatam Gazette of 1907 (Visakhapatnam was Vizagapatam under the British).

Not long after that, coffee trees sprang up at Peddavalasa in the Araku region, from seeds sent up by a British officer named Captain Owen. By the 1920s, small coffee plantations had come up on the fields of tribal mandals like Chintapalli, Araku, and Ananthagiri.

And things remained small-scale in Araku for decades thereafter, even though the Union government's Coffee Board studied the region in the early 1950s to find suitable areas for growing coffee. The Andhra Pradesh forest department also facilitated coffee planting in the 1960s and 1970s. Yet, Araku's coffee plantations covered just 1,800 acres in the mid-1980s.

Right Ideas Work

But then, coffee planting took off as the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) offered 'patta' or the right to use land to the tribals. By 2002, the area under coffee had increased 25 times to 45,000 acres. And the growth continues. N Ashok, ITDA's assistant horticulture director (coffee project) in Paderu, says about 1.2 lakh acres of land has been brought under coffee farming in the last decade alone.

The government has guided the tribal growers all these years. The Coffee Board's deputy director (in-charge) S Ramesh says, "Coffee Board takes care of the entire process of the plantations – from seed to cup." They have a regional coffee research centre near GK Veedhi, about 120km from Araku, and extension offices in Chintapalli, Minumuluru, Araku valley and Paderu to serve the tribal coffee farmers.

The Andhra government-owned Girijan Co-operative Corporation (GCC) buys the greater part of the Araku tribals' coffee and its 'Araku Valley Coffee' branding is now known around the world. Every major government event has an Araku coffee stall – PM Modi was all praise after tasting their coffee in Visakhapatnam on his 2016 visit for the international fleet review.

It's Earth-Friendly Too

All of this is socially and economically significant, but something else makes Araku's coffee special. Start with the fact that Araku mainly grows the sweeter Arabica variety. It's also organic coffee, duly certified by the Union government. The manuring is organic and so is the pest-control. The coffee shrubs grow under a canopy of jackfruit, mango, rosewood, silver oak, etc, which increases the soil's fertility. It also makes the crop resilient to climatic variations.

"These farmers are largely immune to drought and other vagaries of nature," says ITDA official Ashok. "They earn Rs 310-320 a kilogram from the sale of parchment coffee (dried but unroasted). Pepper, which is grown as an intercrop, earns them as much, if not more."

The coffee drinker – G20 delegates included – gains too. "The high caffeine content and the native mode of cultivation without any chemicals give the coffee a unique texture and taste," Ashok explains.

Breathe, Sip, Think Coffee

If you are in Araku, walk through the sparsely populated and coffee-scented hamlets. Some months they smell of coffee blossoms, in others you'll smell the fruit. If you're visiting in November-January – the harvest season – the aroma of roasting beans will make you swoon.

Murthy, who wants cows for milk in Araku, is wary of visitors, though. He complains about the increase in theft of coffee berries. He has a 10-acre plantation and a shop where he sells coffee powder. Many tribal farmers have also forayed into coffee retail. They sell ground coffee worth Rs 5,000-10,000 a day, and more during the winter tourist season. You'll find these shops all the way from Ananthagiri to Araku.

But if you like your caffeine with knowledge – or the other way round – suppress that coffee lust till you reach the museum in Araku. Here, amid dioramas tracing coffee's journey all the way from Ethiopia to Araku, you can buy your coffee while sipping on your kind of Araku fix and munching on some coffee-infused chocolate, tart or brownie.

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3. Which actor, son of American missionaries in Mussoorie, acted in films like Shatranj Ke Khiladi and Kranti, and was a sports buff who also recorded Sachin Tendulkar's first video interview in the 1980s?
4. In which city is a family visit to the Mausi Maa temple, followed by a trip to the Gundicha temple, celebrated by millions of people?
5. What would you call a tropical cyclone occurring in the Atlantic Ocean?
6. The runner-up of the 1965 All-India Talent Contest for films was **Vinod Mehra**, who had a decent career. Who was the winner, who made his debut in the film Aakhri Khat in 1967 and went on to become a superstar?

7. What is traditionally called 'pheta' in Maharashtra and 'peta' in most parts of Karnataka?

ANSWERS

1 | To pull sleds
2 | Tank
3 | Tom Alter
4 | Puri. The Rath Yatra
5 | Hurricane. The names of storms change according to their geography
6 | Rajesh Khanna
7 | A turban or pugree

Centre plans a tribal push for Cleopatra's face pack

The Egyptian queen famously used it as a beauty aid, but experts say royal jelly can also improve health and fight disease. No wonder, its price is soaring

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It's said to slow down ageing, boost immunity and fertility, and even cure life-threatening diseases. And because royal jelly is so scarce, it sells for Rs 15,000-20,000 per kilo. Now, the government is planning to involve tribal women in harvesting this milky secretion that worker honeybees make to feed the larvae in the honeycomb.

"Tribal women make good training candidates as they are associated with beekeeping and honey extraction," said Dr K Lakshmi Rao, who recently retired from the Pune-based Central Bee Research Training Institute of India (CBRTI). "We have finished one leg of training for some and another week of advanced training will follow. It will include grafting and the extraction procedure."

Rao will collaborate with government bodies like the horticulture department in Uttarakhand and the National Rural Livelihood Mission in Rajasthan to train tribal women and self-help groups in the advanced techniques of royal jelly extraction. She has been conducting such sessions with batches of beekeepers in Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttrakhand for years.

Beekeeping communities will be trained in the advanced techniques of extraction as the Centre believes there will be a huge demand for royal jelly that is rich in carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids, fatty acids, vitamins, and minerals.

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India Needs 1 Tonne A Year

India produces over 1.3 lakh metric tonnes of honey every year, and there are close to 13,000 beekeepers registered with the National Bee Board. But only 2-3% of them are adequately trained in extracting royal jelly.

"There is a demand for about 1,000kg in India alone, but very little is available. A lot of doctors are prescribing royal jelly for patients with critical illnesses," said Dr Rao. Recently, she received a request from a Mumbai resident for 1kg of royal jelly to treat his mother's breast cancer.

Another Mumbai resident said they had been advised to consume royal jelly to overcome problems in conceiving. "After looking for it everywhere, I got it in powdered form from Vietnam and paid almost double the price. I have tapped a few apiaries here for the future," he said. Royal jelly can be stored in the freezer for up to two years and can be mixed with milk or honey and consumed per a doctor's prescription.

Used In Pharma Research

The cosmetic and nutraceutical industry also sources small quantities of royal jelly for research in India. "We are producing royal jelly on demand. There is not much awareness in India as yet, but we are getting orders from customers in Turkey and Georgia. We are also training our in-house beekeepers and vendors in royal jelly extraction," said Yogendra Punia, MD of Sunlite Agro Foods, which has 5,000 beehives and 30,000-50,000 workers extracting honey and other by-products.

Grafting and extraction of royal jelly is laborious work. "Extraction is a manual process and fast-paced, and the secretion has to be stored at minus temperatures. About 300g royal jelly can be extracted from one hive in a month," Punia added. The best months are between July and October.

"In the last 3-4 years, we have produced and sold about 100kg of royal jelly to Indian customers. Demand is low, therefore production is limited. Also, royal jelly can be consumed only in small doses. We are already selling honey infused with royal jelly and piloting hair oil and shampoo infused with it," said Devvrat Sharma, director of Hi-Tech Natural Products and a management committee member on the National Bee Board.

Indian Jelly Of High Quality

Thailand, China and Vietnam have taken the lead in extraction and distribution of royal jelly, but CBRTI research shows the quality of Indian royal jelly is far superior. "We found that it actually exceeds the ISO-prescribed standards imposed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in 2019," Dr Rao said.

If India wants to get into commercial production of royal jelly, experts say an organised extraction model is needed. To get 2-2.5kg of royal jelly a day, 50 bee colonies need to be set up in six apiaries in each state. About 10 people are required to work on the grafting and extraction process.

If this model is implemented, India will be able to become a major producer and exporter of royal jelly in the future, say experts.

HIVE WAY TO WEALTH: Priced over Rs 15,000 a kilo, royal jelly can significantly boost the earnings of beekepers across India

CHENNAI has become India's illegal animal farm

Smuggled exotic animals worth crores are sold in its markets every year

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It's 12.01am on a November night in 2022. Passengers of Thai Airways Flight TG 0337 from Bangkok await their luggage at the Chennai international airport. A stinking bag draws the attention of customs officials, who open it and find four sedated marmoset monkeys inside.

Thousands of such exotic animals reach Indian shores to feed the clandestine markets in Chennai's Red Hills, Pallavaram, Broadway and Kolathur. Although the trade in such species is illegal, once the animals are in the market the law is virtually toothless.

While there are no official records of transactions, **TOI**'s calculations based on inputs from traders and officials show Chennai's exotic pet trade could be worth Rs 1,000 crore. Well connected to the Far East, the southern metropolis has emerged as a hub of this grey market.

Sold Right Under Law's Nose

At the Pallavaram Friday market, barely a couple of kilometres from Chennai airport, exotic animals worth more than Rs 10 lakh are sold in a day. At Broadway, on Sundays alone, wildlife worth at least Rs 10 lakh is sold. And six breeding farms in Chennai stock exotic wildlife worth at least Rs 100 crore each.

A pair of macaws fetches up to Rs 15 lakh, and a pair of cockatoos up to Rs 5 lakh in the markets that function openly at Red Hills, Kolathur, Pallavaram and Broadway. The list goes on. You can buy a De Brazza's monkey for Rs 8 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, a marmoset for Rs 4 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, a tamarin (squirrel-sized monkey) for Rs 2 lakh to Rs 6 lakh, an iguana for Rs 1 lakh and a spectacled caiman for Rs 2 lakh.

Srinivas Reddy, wildlife warden of Tamil Nadu, says the Wildlife Protection Act has been amended, but officials like him are awaiting guidelines. Without new guidelines, the maximum legal action is a fine of Rs 50 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, he says.

Mules Easy To Find in SE Asia

Customs officials say it's the stench of animal urine that alerts them every time to exotic wildlife in the luggage of passengers from Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Shanthi Pillai, inspector with the state Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, says the smuggling has grown fast over the years. "When I joined the department in 2013, the first call I got was about aquarium fishes. The next was about six snakes. Now the frequency of calls and the number of species have gone up," she says. Recently, she seized 300 reptiles, including 200 snakes, from a passenger from Bangkok.

It all begins with the 'wildlife carriers' who are much like drug mules. Many of them are residents of Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. They carry the animals from Bangkok, where they are bred after being sourced from across the world. Some are labourers from southern Tamil Nadu districts in need of quick money. In one consignment caught in October 2022, 162 ball pythons, 198 albino red-eared slider turtles, 7 monitor lizards and 53 corn snakes were seized. In August the same year, six monkeys and over 150 iguanas were seized. "Once, we caught a young engineer who worked as an e-commerce company operator. They get Rs 10,000 plus ticket and expenses," says Pillai.

They're Breeding Animals Too

But what's more worrying is the large-scale breeding of all kinds of wildlife without checks. This increases the risk of zoonotic diseases spreading and of local fauna being overrun by exotic species. "Many are now doing genetic breeding, creating their own new species without understanding the ecological risks," says E Prashant, Chennai's Wildlife Warden.

In Chennai, close to two dozen breeding farms function like factories, with state-of-the-art infrastructure, on East Coast Road and at Tambaram and Koyambedu. They churn out lakhs of exotic pets every year. Tier-2 cities in the state are not far behind, with their own breeding farms for sugar gliders, meerkats, all types of monkeys, birds, and reptiles, including crocodiles from North America and Brazil. Activists say the law should ensure these animals are not let into the wild. There must also be more stringent punishment for those caught in illegal possession of exotic wildlife.

A 2018 photo of a slender loris that was rescued by wildlife officials from Chennai

Militants ambush Israeli towns on bikes, trucks, paragliders & boats

Breach Gaza's Security Barrier; Attack Towns, Military Posts

NYT & AGENCIES

Tel Aviv: The unprecedented assault on Israel by Hamas triggered chaos on the streets in several cities in the southern part of the country, sending shocked civilians scrambling for cover. The attack is one of the worst intelligence failures in the history of a country proud of its intensive infiltration and monitoring of militant groups.

Social media was flooded with images of Hamas gunmen, who rampaged through Israeli towns, bringing seized soldiers and civilians into Gaza on motorbikes and parading what appeared to be captured Israeli military vehicles through the streets, raising the spectre of a far wider escalation in the conflict as international concern mounted.

Videos also showed what appeared to be at least one dead Israeli soldier within Gaza being dragged and trampled by an angry crowd of Palestinians. One video showed a woman Israeli solder being stripped naked and assaulted.

The surprise attack began around 6.30am with thousands of rockets aimed as far as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, some bypassing the Iron Dome (missile defense system) and hitting buildings. Hamas fighters — travelling in pickup trucks, speed boats and even using motorised paragliders — breached Gaza's security barrier and attacked nearby Israeli towns and military posts, sparking gunbattles as panicked residents hid out in bunkers. Bodies were seen lying on the streets of the town of Sderot near Gaza.

"I went out, I saw loads of bodies of terrorists, civilians, cars shot up. A sea of bodies, inside Sderot along the road, other places, loads of bodies," said Shlomi from Sderot.

"Send help, please!" one Israeli woman sheltering with her two-year-old child pleaded as militants outside opened fire at her house and tried to break into their safe room, Israeli media reported.

Israeli retaliatory strikes razed highrises in several parts of Gaza. Black smoke and orange flames billowed into the evening sky even as crowds of mourners carried the bodies of freshly killed militants through the streets, wrapped in green Hamas flags. Streets were deserted apart from ambulances racing to the scenes of air strikes. Israel cut the power, plunging the city into darkness.

By early evening, the Israeli military said fighting continued in at least five places in southern Israel. Quoting Israeli media, *Reuters* said around 200 Israelis had been killed. The Gazan health ministry said at least 232 Palestinians were killed in eithergun battles or airstrikes that only intensified at nightfall.

Army spokesman Daniel Hagari said militants were holding hostages in standoffs in two towns, Beeri and Ofakim, which is 24km from the Gaza border.

Hamas deputy chief Saleh al-Arouri told Al Jazeera that the group had enough captives to make Israel free all Palestinians in its jails.

AP & AFP

WHEN HORROR UNFOLDED: Armed Palestinian militants move an Israeli hostage (centre) to the Gaza Strip on Saturday; a woman grieves her nephew who was shot dead by the militants in the southern city of Sderot

Hamas leader warns Arab nations against ties with Israel

Ismail **Haniyeh**, the leader of the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, told fellow Arab countries on Saturday that Israel cannot provide them with any protection despite recent diplomatic rapprochments. In a televised speech, Haniyeh addressed the Arab countries that have normalised ties with Israel in recent years. "We say to all countries, including our Arab brothers, that this entity, which cannot protect itself in the face of resistors, cannot provide you with any protection," he said. "All the normalization agreements that you signed with that entity cannot resolve this (Palestinian) conflict."

In 2020, Israel reached normalisation with the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, and upgraded ties with Morocco and Sudan, despite talks with the Palestinians being frozen for years. Regional powerhouse Saudi Arabia and Israel are also engaged in US-mediated talks to normalise relations, a prospect that drew condemnation from some Palestinian factions.

Haniyeh claimed the group was on the "verge of a great victory". "Enough is enough, the cycle of intifadas (uprisings) and revolutions in the battle to liberate our (Palestinian) land and our prisoners languishing in occupation (Israeli) prisons must be completed," he said.

The leader of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, said the assault was in response to the 16-year blockade of Gaza by Israel and neighbouring Egypt, Israeli raids inside West Bank cities over the past year, violence at Al Aqsa — the disputed Jerusalem holy site sacred to Jews as the Temple Mount — increasing attacks by settlers on Palestinians and growth of settlements. He said the attack was only the start of what he called "Operation Al-Aqsa Storm". REUTERS, NYT

US Prez condemns the 'appalling assault' by Hamas as Israel's allies express anger, shock

Washington: President Joe Biden on Saturday decried the "appalling assault" by Hamas militants and his administration pledged to ensure Israel has "what it needs to defend itself" after the surprise attack that drew worldwide condemnation and anger from Israel's allies.

Biden made clear in a call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that "we stand ready to offer all appropriate means of support," according to the White House. He also called Jordan's King Abdullah II. Secretary of state Antony Blinken rushed to the White House for meetings and was phoning foreign counterparts, while defense secretary Lloyd Austin spoke with Israel's defense minister.

"Terrorism is never justified. Israel has a right to defend itself and its people," Biden said in a statement that also warned "any other party hostile to Israel" against "seeking advantage in this situation." Washington's support for "Israel's security is rock solid and unwavering," the president said. His Pentagon chief said the US was committed to help Israel "protect civilians from indiscriminate violence and terrorism" and with its defense needs.

Like Biden, who said the US "unequivocally condemns this appalling assault," many world leaders stressed that Israel has a right to defend itself and they pledged solidarity. "We believe that order will be restored and the terrorists will be destroyed," Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, said in a post on his official Telegram channel.

European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen denounced the "senseless attack" by Hamas and said, "This violence is neither a political solution nor an act of bravery. It is purely terrorism."

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said his country stands beside Israel, a sentiment echoed by the Austrian chancellor, Karl Nehammer. British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak tweeted that he was shocked by the attacks and that "Israel has an absolute right to defend itself."

Mikhail Bogdanov, Russia's deputy foreign minister and a former ambassador to Israel and Egypt, told the state Tass agency that Moscow was in touch with "all parties (of the conflict), including Arab countries" and urged "an immediate ceasefire and peace" between Hamas and Israel. AP

A 6.3 earthquake & 8 aftershocks in west Af kill 'about 120'

Herat: The death toll from a magnitude 6.3 earthquake in western Afghanistan on Saturday has risen to "about 120", disaster relief authorities said, with more than 1,000 others being treated for injuries.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the epicentre was 40km northwest of the region's largest city Herat, and was followed by eight aftershocks with magnitudes between 4.3 and 6.3. Hundreds of fatalities were possible, according to a USGS preliminary estimate.

"So far, more than 1,000 injured women, children, and old citizens have been included in our records, and about 120 people have lost their lives," Herat province disaster management head Mosa Ashari said.

Crowds of residents fled buildings in Herat at around 11am as the quakes began. "We were in our offices and suddenly the building started shaking," 45-year-old resident Bashir Ahmad said.

AFP

Anxious residents gather on the streets in Herat on Saturday

"Wall plasters started to fall, some developed cracks and some other parts of the building just collapsed," he said. "I am not able to contact my family, network connections are down. I am worried and scared, it was horrifying."

Men, women and children stood out in the wide streets, away from tall buildings, in the moments after the first quake and remained wary of returning to their homes as aftershocks rumbled for hours. "The situation was very horrible," said 21-year-old student Idrees Arsala. AFP

AROUND THE WORLD

AFP

MUMMIFIED MAN GETS A FUNERAL: A visitor takes a photo of 'Stoneman Willie', a jailed thief who died in a Pennsylvania prison in 1895 and was accidentally mummified by undertakers. The local funeral home in Reading, Pennsylvania, has been his resting place for the past 128 years. The town and its people finally closed the casket on his macabre mystery with a burial on Saturday

115 decaying bodies found at 'green burial' home: A foul smell led investigators to find at least 115 decaying bodies at a funeral home in rural Colorado that had promised "green" burials, officials said Friday. It could take months to determine the identities of the deceased through fingerprints, dental records or DNA. According to a letter from state regulators suspending the funeral home's license, owner Jon Hallford "attempted to conceal the improper storage of human remains" on the property. He "acknowledged that he has a 'problem' at the property," and "claimed that he practices taxidermy" there. NYT

In a 1st, Amazon sends comms sats to space

In a space race between two businesses started by Jeff Bezos, his e-commerce company, Amazon, beat his rocket company, Blue Origin, to orbit. Two Amazon prototype satellites were launched on top of an Atlas V rocket at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida on Friday. They are part of Project Kuiper, a communications constellation that is to eventually consist of over 3,200 satellites. It will compete with SpaceX's Starlink and other space-based internet services.

United Launch Alliance, the company that provided the Atlas V rocket to space, said the launch was successful, indicating that the rocket delivered the two satellites to the desired 311-mile-high orbit. Amazon said in a statement that it had made contact with both satellites in orbit less than an hour after the launch.

After deployment of the solar panels and tests of the spacecraft's systems, the satellites are to beam internet connections from space to the company's flat, square antennas for consumers on the ground.

Amazon is building satellites while Blue Origin rockets, so why isn't one flying on the other? That is because Blue Origin is yet to launch anything into orbit. Although its suborbital space tourist rocket New Shepard has made many flights, the New Glenn rocket that it has been developing for more than a decade to take payloads to orbit is at least three years behind schedule. NYT

President Erdogan denounces Turkish LGBTQ community

Ankara: Turkiye President Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday he did not "recognise LGBT" and vowed to combat "perverse" trends, which he said aimed to destroy the institution of family in the country. Homosexuality is not a crime in Turkey, but hostility to it is widespread, and police crackdowns on Pride parades have become tougher over the years. Speaking at an AK Party congress in Ankara, Erdogan, who has frequently labelled members of the LGBTQ community as "deviants", said neither his party, nor their allies, recognised the community. REUTERS

Rajasthan Mission 2030

"**No** one should sleep hungry," Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot had said during Covid pandemic. And he strived to work towards that. Living with that sentiments, Gehlot launched Indira Rasois on 20 August 2020 with 358 canteens across 213 urban local bodies. Today there are more than 100 functional Indira Rasois, where a person can have food at Rs 8 per plate. Each plate has 100 grams of dal, 100 grams of seasonal vegetables and six chapatis along with a serving of pickle. It costs Rs 17, but the state government subsidises Rs 9 per plate.

The feeling of social welfare grew from there and the state government started thinking beyond providing subsidised food.

Gehlot, a staunch believer of Gandhian philosophy promulgated the concept of guaranteed services, social security, medical treatment and a fixed minimum income for every citizen of the state. It was nothing sort of a political gimmick. He wanted to make these as permanent feature of the state. So he thought of delivering these service guarantees through law.

NO 'SHOK' THIS TIME – GEHLOT GUARANTEES SOCIAL SECURITY FOR ALL, FIRST STATE TO GIVE GUARANTEED INCOME, EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE AND PENSION FOR POOR AND DISABLED

Rather than launching schemes, which could have been discontinued later, Gehlot introduced the guaranteed welfare services through the doors of assembly.

He brought the Right to Health Bill – much on the lines of Right to Education and Right to Information.

"Being healthy and medical treatment is the right of every citizen of the state. So the Gehlot government made it mandatory for hospitals, be it private or government to provide free treatment to every citizen. No hospital can refuse treatment for the want of fees," said a senior government official.

Minimum Guaranteed Income Scheme

Gehlot in the 2023-24 budget announced to implement the Mahatma Gandhi Minimum Guaranteed Income Scheme in the coming year with a view to provide the right of social security to the needy people and families by making a law covering urban and rural employment guarantee along with all pension schemes sponsored by the state government.

With the implementation of this law, all families in the state will get an employment guarantee of 125 days along with elderly people, specially-abled, widows or single women will get a minimum pension of Rs 1000 per month. Besides this, in rural areas, the families on completing 100 days in MGNREGS will now get 25 days of additional employment in the Mukhyamantri Grameen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana (Chief Minister Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme). While in urban areas, employment of 125 days per family will be given in the Indira Gandhi Shehari Rojgar Guarantee Yojana (Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme).

The schemes launched by Gehlot government is much better than the Central Government schemes, under which a social security pension of mere Rs 200 to Rs 300 per month is given.

In Rajasthan, all the beneficiaries of social security pension that is elderly people, specially-abled, widows and single women will be given a minimum pension of Rs 1000 per month by the state government.

There used to be no increase in the social security pension for the last many years, but

Gehlot in 2019 after 6 years increased the pension amount. With this law, the base rate of the social security pension of Rs 1000 will automatically increase by 15% every year. This increase will be 5% in the month of July and 10% in the month of January.

AGRICULTURE AND RELATED SECTORS

>> A separate agricultural budget has been initiated from the year 2022-23 to take agriculture development on a mission mode.

>> Under Mukhyamantri Nishulk Bijli Yojana, farmers are being provided free agricultural electricity up to 2,000 units per month.

>> The state ranks first in the production of wheat, pearl millet (bajra), barley, moong (green gram), rapeseed-mustard, guar (cluster bean), milk, and wool in the country.

>> To address the issues of farmers trapped in the web of debt, the Rajasthan State Assembly has passed the "Rajasthan State Farmers' Debt Relief Commission Bill 2023."

>> A "Farmers Welfare Fund" has been established with a corpus of 7,500 crores.

>> Under the Mukhyamantri Kamdenu Pashu Bima Yojana, a premium-free insurance of 40,000 per animal is provided for two milk cows or buffaloes.

>> Under the "Mukhyamantri Dugdh Utpadak Sambal Yojana," dairy producers are given a subsidy of 5 per litre.

EDUCATION

>> Establishment of 400 new schools and elevation of 2,065 primary schools to higher primary / midle level and 5,916 to senior secondary level.

>> 3,713 Mahatma Gandhi Government Schools (English medium) have been opened.

>> The state government is providing free education to students from class 9 to 12 under the RTE Act.

>> The "Mukhyamantri Bal Gopal Yojana" provides milk to 68.56 lakh students from pre-primary to class 8 on all days of the week.

>> In the past five years, 132 Girl Colleges and 309 degree colleges of the government have been established and 81 government colleges have been upgraded to postgraduate colleges. 92 new courses have been introduced in government colleges at the graduate and postgraduate levels.

>> In the government sector, 3,830 MBBS seats have been increased, adding 1,480 additional seats since 2018, which is a 76% increase.

>> The establishment of 19 new nursing colleges has brought the total number of government nursing colleges in the state to 36, with a total of 2,390 B.Sc. nursing seats.

>> A new Marwar Medical University has been established in Jodhpur.

>> The Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship for Academic Excellence scheme has been launched to provide meritorious students with an opportunity to study in 150 foreign educational institutions. The number of students has increased to 500 this year, and the scheme prioritizes families with an annual income of less than 8 lakh.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

While the people and government wait for the Bill to pass the necessary process before becoming law, there are many other measures that the Gehlot government has already taken for the benefit of the common man. Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Durghatana Bima Yojana implemented in 2022 provides accident insurance cover up to Rs 5 lakh. The scheme also will be available free of cost to families insured under the Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana.

>> Under the Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana, every family in Rajasthan is provided with a health insurance of 25 lakh per year, along with an additional accidental insurance of 10 lakh per year, which is the highest in the country.

>> A world-class IPD tower with 1,200 beds is under construction at Sawai Man Singh Medical College. The Rajasthan Cancer Institute has been established in Jaipur.

>> The number of ICU beds in government medical colleges and hospitals has increased from 1,092 to 2,868, and the total capacity of ICU beds for children has increased from 645 to 2,110. A Youth De-Addiction Center has been started in Ajmer Medical College.

>> Rajasthan implemented its Silicosis Policy in October 2019, which includes prevention, identification, control of the disease and rehabilitation of the patients.

>> Under the Mukhyamantri Nishulak Dava Yojana, a total of 1,451 medicines/ consumables (including special medicines for cancer treatment) are provided free of cost, which is more than double the number in the National Essential Drug List (NEDL).

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Industries in Rajasthan are on the up and up as the global investment summit of 2022 injected the much-needed enthusiasm and zest into this sector. The state government signed MoUs worth Rs 11 trillion with investors. Of the 4,192 MoUs and LoIs signed during the summit, 2,035 MoUs have already reached the implementation stage while the others are in an advanced stage. With the Rajasthan government going full throttle on industrial development, more than 900,000 people are expected to get jobs in the state.

The government plans to spend Rs 400 crore on developing industrial areas and strengthening industrial infrastructure in the state.

>> Rajasthan is the first state in India to classify tourism as an industry. The Rajasthan Rural Tourism Scheme has been implemented to promote tourism in rural areas.

>> India's most progressive Investment Policy, Rajasthan investment promotion scheme (RIPS) 2022, has been enacted.

>> The MSME sector has provided employment to 2.4 million people in the state.

>> To strengthen and enhance research and development, the Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust (RSMEIT) has been established.

>> A mining university has been established in Baran district.

>> Rajasthan ranks first in India in crude oil production and second in natural gas production.

>> The Abhinav M-Sand Policy has been formulated to meet the demand for river sand alternatives for construction.

>> Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Rajasthan Dalit Adivasi Udhyam Protsahan Yojana 2022, Mukhyamantri Laghu Vanjiyak Vahan Swarojgar Yojana 2022, and Mukhyamantri Yuva Udhyam Prothasan Yojana 2023 have been implemented.

ENERGY

>> Rajasthan is one of the four states that have achieved the designated goal of establishing renewable energy capacity.

>> In December 2019, a new solar, wind, and hybrid energy policy was released.

>> In September 2023, a Green Hydrogen and Biomass Waste Management Policy was issued.

>> There has been an increase in the total conventional electricity production capacity by 3,574 megawatts, solar capacity (including solar rooftops) by 14,001 megawatts, wind capacity by 894 megawatts, and biomass capacity by 8 megawatts.

>> 17.19 Lakh rural and 5.74 Lakh urban household connections have been provided. Additionally, 2.14 lakh BPL (Below Poverty Line) connections and 5 Lakh smart meters have been installed.

>> Under the Mukhyamantri Nishulk Bijli Yojana, free electricity has been provided to all 124 Lakh domestic consumers for up to 100 units of consumption, and farmers are receiving free electricity up to 2,000 units per month.

INITIATIVE BY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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SOCIAL SECURITY

>> Under the Indira Gandhi Gas Cylinder Subsidy Scheme, eligible families are provided with gas cylinders for only Rs. 500.

>> Rajasthan is the first state in the country to provide legal guarantees of minimum income to its citizens.

>> Under Mahatma Gandhi Rojgar Guarantee Yojana (MGNREGA), families completing 100 days of work are being provided an additional 25 days of employment by the state.

>> Rajasthan has also provided income and 125 days of employment guarantees to urban residents under the Indira Gandhi Sahari Rojgar Yojana.

>> The "Indira Mahila (IM) Shakti Udaan Yojana" provides free sanitary napkins to women and girls aged 10 to 45 years. More than 1500 Lakh women and girls are being provided with free sanitary napkins under this scheme.

In the first phase of the Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme, approximately 4 million women beneficiaries are being distributed smartphones with internet connectivity.

>> To provide employment opportunities to women at their doorstep, the government has initiated the Chief Minister Work From Home/Job Work Scheme, creating job opportunities for 26,704 women so far.

>> The "Rajasthan Platform-based Gig Worker (Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2023" has been enacted, making Rajasthan the first state in India to guarantee social security for gig workers. Registration of more than 1310 Lakh workers has been done on the e-labor portal in the state.

>> Nearly 92 lakh individuals are benefiting from the minimum pension of Rs. 1,000 per month under the state's social security pension scheme. A provision for an annual 15% increase in the pension amount has been made.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ

>> 70 new Panchayat Samitis and 1459 new Gram Panchayats have been created, resulting in a total of 365 Panchayat Samitis and 11,236 Gram Panchayats in the state.

>> The state government has ensured the allocation and distribution of 14.25 lakh patta's through initiatives like special camps and campaigns, including free allocation to 38,472 people in the BPL category.

>> The Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana has been launched to promote water conservation, and in the first phase, 1,35,338 works have been completed at a cost of Rs. 1655 crores.

>> Women's Self-Help Groups have benefited over 44 lakh rural women and their families through savings and loan facilities via 3.64 lakh Self-Help Groups formed for livelihood creation.

>> 50,000 women have gained local employment opportunities as Sakhi's.

>> In rural areas, 1000 Indira Rasois (kitchens) are being established through women's Self-Help Groups, with over 400 Indira Rasois already set up so far.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

>> Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy 2022 provides a 50% discount on RTDC/Rajasthan State Hotels Corporation hotels, with grants of up to Rs. 2 crore.

>> A 25% increase in remuneration has been made to encourage and support local artists, and the Lok Kalakar Kalyan Kosh has been established with Rs. 100 crore.

REINSTATING THE OLD PENSION SCHEME

The Gehlot government has brought cheer among state government employees by fulfilling their demand of reinstating the old pension scheme and gifting them a sense of security about their future.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said at the swearing-in ceremony of the executive body of Rajasthan State Other Administrative Services Confederation (ROSCON): "Under the new pension scheme (NPS), the future of the employees depends on the stock market. Opposition to the old pension system by the central government and many economists is unjustified. The old pension system does not hinder the development of the country in any way."

Highlighting the key role played by government employees in good governance, he revealed the mantra – a sensitive, transparent, and accountable administration. The government employees, said Gehlot, are responsible for reaching the benefits of public welfare schemes to far reaches of the state, to the last person. To protect their interests, the Rajasthan government has announced that the Departmental Promotion Committee will meet twice a year so that employees can get a time-bound promotion.

The Chief Minister said it is the duty of the government to provide social security to economically weaker citizens. About one crore people, including widows, single women, old and disabled people are being given social security pension, he said. The state government has increased the minimum pension to Rs 1,000 and a provision of Rs 12,000 crore has been made for this. The BJP-led Central government is giving social security pension to only 10 lakh people at a cost of Rs 300 crore, the Rajasthan chief minister said. "The central government should enact a law to give citizens the right to social security and implement uniform pension in the country," Gehlot said.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY

>> The digitization of all files in the administrative secretariats and departmental subordinate offices is now possible through the e-file system. The Raj eRP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system is available for the management of all public undertakings in the state.

>> Over 600 services, including more than 6000 G2C (Government-to-Citizen) and 2000 G2B (Government-to-Business) services, are being provided to citizens through a strong 80,000+ network of Common Service Centers (CSCs) across the entire state.

>> A transfer of over Rs. 60,000 crores has been made through the DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode in 70 schemes, along with INR 141 crores of transactions in 115 departments using e-DBT (Electronic Direct Benefit Transfer).

>> Self-approval in 6 schemes and deemed approval in 12 schemes have been implemented.

>> Transparent property tax assessment and collection, as well as mapping solutions like Geographic Information Systems (GIS), have been used to ensure accurate property valuation and collection under various schemes, including the Raj Kisan Sahayata Yojana.

>> The establishment of a public information portal with active data on 329 government schemes from 115 departments in 26 districts and 7 divisional headquarters has been achieved.

>> Rajasthan's State Data Center is a leading Tier-4 standard data center in the country with over 800 racks hosting all state applications.

>> Network connectivity up to the gram panchayat level has been provided throughout the entire state through the RajNet program.

>> Law and order have been strengthened by upgrading 476 police posts to police stations, establishing 117 new police posts, setting up cybercrime units in all districts, and creating 35 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) offices and 10 additional SP offices, thus strengthening both the human and physical infrastructure.

>> Unified GPS and CCTV-based security solutions, Abhay Command and Control Centers, have been established in 7 divisional headquarters and 26 districts.

>> The average time for investigating cases of sexual harassment has been reduced from 274 days to 58 days in 2017-18, and the average time for handling POCSO cases has been reduced from 232 days to 59 days in 2018.

>> Reception centers have been set up in 846 police stations on a large scale to provide people with a welcoming and positive environment.

>> Special investigation units (SIUCAW and Nirbhaya Squad) have been established under the leadership of officers with the rank of Additional SP in all districts to investigate crimes against women.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CLEANLINESS

>> To ensure safe, pollution-free, efficient, and systematic urban transportation management in the state, the Rajasthan Transport Infrastructure Fund has been established.

>> Approximately 59 projects under the Rajasthan Transport Infrastructure Fund have been approved at a cost of around Rs. 1710 crore, out of which 42 projects have been completed.

>> The Jaipur Metro Rail network has been extended to Badi Chaupad. Phase 1C (Transport Nagar to Badi Chaupad) has been initiated, and approval has been granted for Phase 1D (from Mansarovar to Ajmer Road).

>> To facilitate effective public transportation, the decision to establish the Rajasthan Urban Transport Corporation has been made, which will merge the existing city transport companies.

>> Under the AMRUT scheme, 1223 kilometers of sewage lines have been laid in 31 cities of the state, and 35 sewage projects have been approved at a cost of Rs. 5342 crore under AMRUT 2.0.

>> Rajasthan International Center has been established in Jaipur to promote conference tourism and host mega events. A similar center has been approved for Jodhpur.

>> Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme provides interest-free loans of up to Rs. 50,000 to approximately 2.42 lakh street vendors, small entrepreneurs in informal sectors, and other applicants.

>> Under the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme, economically weaker urban families are provided with 125 days of guaranteed employment in a year. 5.67 lakh job cards have been issued, creating 150.03 lakh man-days of employment.

>> Development of Chambal Riverfront, Oxyzone City Park in Kota, Mansarovar City Park in Jaipur, Silvan Park on Agra Road in Jaipur, and Love Kush Vatika in all cities is in progress.

YOUTH SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

>> **Mukhyamantri Minister Yuva Sambal Yojana:** Under this scheme, from February 1, 2019, to August 2023, unemployment allowances totaling Rs. 2271.58 crore have been distributed to 6,31,841 beneficiaries.

>> Currently, 1,97,065 unemployed youths are receiving allowances, and 1,73,718 candidates are undergoing internships in various departments, receiving skill training through RSLDC.

>> Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC) has trained a total of 5.57 lakh youths in various training programs, connecting 2.51 lakh youths with employment opportunities.

>> **Skill, Employment, and Entrepreneurship Fairs:** From December 2018 to March 2023, 1120 skill, employment, and entrepreneurship fairs were organized, benefiting 121,615 candidates. Out of these, 99,277 candidates were selected for various enterprises.

>> **Mega Job Fairs:** So far, 21 mega job fairs have been organized. In these fairs, a total of 5,19,912 candidates registered online, out of which 1,80,780 candidates attended. 994 companies were involved in these fairs and a total of 70,190 youths were primarily selected.

YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

>> In 2022, the Rajasthan government organized the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics, with approximately 30 lakh players registering. Encouraged by people's participation and enthusiasm, the state government has announced the Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympics in 2023, with about 58 lakh players registering.

>> The award amount under the Maharana Pratap and Guru Vashishth Awards has been increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per player. The establishment of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award has been announced, with a fund of Rs. 7.50 lakh.

>> For winning gold medals in the Olympic Games, the state players are eligible to receive a prize money of Rs. 3 crore, an increase from Rs. 75 lakhs. Similarly, for silver medals, the prize money has been increased from Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 2 crore, and for bronze medals, it has been increased from Rs. 30 lakhs to Rs. 1 crore.

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'It took me years to find the courage to talk about losing a baby. It helped me heal'

*Actor and former Miss India **Celina Jaitly** is mommy to two sets of twin boys. While eleven-year-old Winston and Viraaj as well as six-year-old Arthur run around her home in Austria, Shamsher resides in her heart — he succumbed to a heart condition shortly after birth. Jaitly, who lost her parents around the same time, had to pull herself out of depression to fulfil her mother's last wish by returning to films. The 41-year-old, who is married to hotelier Peter Haag, spoke to **Neha Bhayana** about the double troubles of twin pregnancies and dealing with the loss of a child*

As a mommy of three, what's your typical day like?
It is extremely important for me to stick to routines and schedules to streamline my day-to-day life with the three boys.

Becoming parents to our first set of twins in 2011 was a blessing as well as an unknown space. It was two to feed, two to change and two to burp. But Peter and I decided to not involve a nanny as we wanted to be the primary caregivers and enjoy babyhood to its fullest. My parents stepped in whenever I was travelling for work. With children, any day can get chaotic so keeping calm, staying on a schedule, and having the right gear are all essential for success.

What's the best part of raising three boys, and what's the toughest?
It has added a whole new wonderful dimension to my womanhood. I feel complete, and stronger than ever before. I also find myself more patient and have a newfound respect for my own mother and every other mother in this world. The biggest surprise has actually been my 'mom voice' which I never knew I had. It's so loud that even the neighbours brush their teeth and get dressed. Having three boys running around the house has been more fun than I could have imagined.

> **All you mothers out there, ask yourself three questions: Do I love myself? Am I eating right? Am I doing justice to my body?**

It has also been trying at times. Our boys, specifically our half-Indian-half-Austrian mountain goats, are hardwired for a lot of physical activity so to keep up with them I also need me to keep my A-game on physically. We do a lot of outdoorsy stuff courtesy our lives in the Austrian alps. I am very happy with my boys because they are kind and caring and responsible young men. The most difficult thing will be letting them do their own thing at one point in time, I guess.

You took a break from acting after your first pregnancy. Was it difficult to be a stay-at-home mom?
Not at all. I took this break on purpose. I was fed up with being cast in roles which did not do justice to the actor within me. I have been enjoying the limelight since I was 15 years old, so I reached a point of complete exhaustion and felt creatively drained. I started my professional career when people enjoy their teens and have campus romances. When Peter came into my life, I knew that if I have to settle, then it has to be with him. I knew a cross-continental and cross-cultural marriage would take a lot of work to form a strong foundation for the future. So, I took a decision to enjoy the amazing new season of being a wife and mother without it being documented or judged by a daily or the paparazzi on a regular basis. I also wanted to grow in other aspects of my life including my activism for LGBT rights and my work with the United Nations (as UN Equality Champion) to be able to achieve my maximum potential as a human being. As per my mother's wish, I started singing again and my music video on gay rights for UN featuring my first single received over two million views online, becoming the organisation's most watched video ever.

You returned to the screen with the film 'Season's Greetings'. Is it easier to work now that your kids are older?
Yes, the twins are now 11 and very responsible and accountable young gentlemen like their father. They also dote on baby Arthur and he is a plus one in all their adventures and sport activities. We have a wonderful governess from the Philippines who is just like family and such a blessing especially when Peter and I have to travel for work. It was my mother's dying wish for me to return to cinema and that's how I ended up winning my first Filmfare (for 'best actor in a short film'). It was a bittersweet sign that my mother is still parenting me from above and that moms are always right.

Is your husband an equal parent?
Believe me, equal division of parenting is never possible, but Peter and I are a team. We share duties whenever his schedule permits and that's the key to keeping the boys contained. Arthur was in the neonatal intensive care unit for a few months following his birth and, at the same time, my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I left Arthur in the NICU and the twins to be with my mom in hospice care. Peter single-handedly managed the situation for many months despite his hectic work schedule. This not only proved the fact that he is a doting father but also instilled great faith in our relationship. That's where teamwork comes in.

How did you manage to stay fit during and after your pregnancies?
Fitness is a lifestyle and not something that one does after pregnancy to look good. Sports were a compulsory aspect of my life from the time I was five. I learned to golf with my dad and remember my mother making me cycle every evening in the army grounds and timing it on her watch so I could get relief from endometriosis-induced dysmenorrhea. My military parents had inculcated a sense of responsibility towards our bodies at a very young age, so fitness became a way of life and I remained committed to these values even during pregnancy. I worked out through my pregnancies — 30 minutes of cardio and 30 minutes of lifting weights — because I wanted to stay fit not only for myself, but because I owed it to my growing babies. By keeping up this routine, my muscles stayed intact and as soon as I delivered, muscle memory took over and my body remembered exactly how it used to look.

This wasn't without challenges though. Due to my petite frame, I suffered from multiple hernias and in my second pregnancy, I had GTPS (greater trochanteric pain syndrome) which left me restricted to a wheelchair along with severe breathing difficulties. In both my pregnancies, I also developed dilapidating cholestasis — a liver disease that can develop late in pregnancy. I want all mothers reading this interview to know that commitment to health and wellbeing should be consistent despite challenges. If you push through the hard days, you can push through anything. However, it is important for moms to not be tough on themselves and give into body shaming or external pressure. All you mothers out there, ask yourself three questions: "Do I love myself? Am I eating right? Am I doing justice to my body?" If you haven't ticked any of those boxes, then just work on it. The outcome will always be positive. Don't work on it because somebody else tells you to, do it because 'you' want to.

You had gestational diabetes during your pregnancies. Did you miss being able to give in to cravings?
Twin pregnancies means literally double of all experiences associated with singleton pregnancies. Double the nausea, double the baby bump and, definitely, double the mood swings…ask my husband (laughs). The risk of developing gestational diabetes is generally higher in people carrying twins or multiples because this places additional stress on the body and increases the demand for insulin. The risk may also be higher due to increased placental hormones while carrying twins. Both my pregnancies were of fraternal twins and owing to the double hormone surge, I was diagnosed with gestational diabetes both times. My obstetrician encouraged me to reduce my sugar intake to zero. My diet was focused on low glycemic index foods. I was doing blood tests an hour after every meal and meditated to keep cravings at bay because the health of my babies was more important than anything else. It was actually fun to be able to manage with healthy food rather than medication. However, during my second pregnancy, I had to be put on medication because despite nutrition management, the blood sugar was not under control. I especially hated saying goodbye to bananas and makki ki roti which I really craved during my second pregnancy.

Very few women talk about miscarriage or loss of a baby. How did you muster the courage?
In dealing with Shamsher's loss, Peter and I felt pretty isolated in the face of tragedy. We were dealing with one baby's passing and his twin in the NICU at the same time. We also realised that there is a lot of stigma associated with the passing of a baby. People would not even congratulate us for Arthur's birth because they didn't know what to say about Shamsher. As varied as the experience of losing a baby may be, around the world, stigma, shame and guilt emerge as common themes. It took me five years but I summoned the courage to talk about our ordeal openly and honestly in order to empower families as it can be incredibly helpful to talk to others who are currently going through, or have gone through, similar losses. Somehow, talking about my own pain helped me heal in certain ways.

You lost your son and your parents within a year. How do you teach your kids to deal with life's challenges?
I strongly believe that we should start preparing our children early enough so that they can handle the challenges that life has to offer. I talk to them, in an age-appropriate way, about my challenges and how I faced those adversities successfully. It is important to be a supportive role model and lead by example. While you can't shield your children from life's difficulties, you can provide them the tools to navigate them successfully. When they encounter a difficult problem, they try to solve it instead of giving up. Peter and I are working on teaching our boys resilience, perseverance, problem-solving and an awareness of what's going on around them.

Helicopter or free range, tiger or panda —which parenting style do you identify with?
Haha. That's a difficult one. Before I married, I had theories about raising children but no children. Now, I have three children and no theories. I believe parenting is a journey of learning and growing so don't be too hard on yourself because as your kids grow, they may forget what you said, but won't forget how you made them feel. Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.

Your parents served in the Indian army. Has your army background influenced your parenting style?
Though I am a fourth-generation army kid, I did not have a strict upbringing. I would define it as being supremely disciplined, adventurous and open-minded. My husband Peter also served in the Austrian armed forces before becoming a hotelier so both of us wholeheartedly embrace the sense of duty, discipline, gentlemanly character and a spirit of adventure that comes from a forces background. We also believe in combining our own Indo-European upbringing with positive parenting, which is about showing our sons love, warmth and kindness. We guide our boys to act the way we want them to by encouraging and teaching them. It's about helping the boys thrive by sending the powerful message: "You are loved, you are good, you matter."

> **Having faced sexual harassment during my career, I realised I can't change men I worked with. But I can focus on raising my three boys so that they become kind, caring and responsible men**

What are the principles you follow when it comes to parenting?
Peter and I have very different upbringings but when it came to our sons, we decided to combine the best of both worlds. We hear them out, set limits, give consequences and try to combine positive discipline strategies from both our childhoods that effectively teach children to manage their behaviour and keep them from harm while promoting healthy development. Peter and I firmly believe we should 'model in every detail', including how we interact with each other. We have also instilled a belief that people of both genders have the same value and that roles and responsibility have no gender. As parents of boys, we are determined not to ever bring in any conversations that include gender stereotypes in ways big and small. Absolutely no gendered behavioural expectations are made of the children. To begin with, the first thing they learnt about women was the menstrual cycle. It's wonderful to hear the twins discuss that mummy's tummy ache is because of her period. Having faced sexual harassment during my career, I realised I can't change men I worked with, but I have three sons and I can focus on influencing them to become the best men a woman can work with.

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FAM JAM: Actor Celina Jaitly with her husband Peter Haag and sons Winston, Viraaj and Arthur

Rage in screen age: How to raise (h)appy kids in the digital era

*Parenting your adolescent may be your toughest job yet. **Dr Amit Sen** helps you adapt*

Rohit was a bright, boisterous and gregarious tween before Covid hit us. But things changed after the lockdowns. Once the initial euphoria about schools being closed and both parents being home at all times died down, boredom and frustration started gripping Rohit. He hated online classes but found ways to enter other spaces via his laptop, without his parents' knowledge, that would suck him into a range of unfettered pleasure and equally intense but disturbing stuff that was way beyond his age. He would pine for his friends, and the only way he could connect with them was through his parents' smartphones or sister's iPad, for which he found ingenious ways of smuggling one gadget or the other to his room at different times of the day and night. Soon his life was consumed by an array of multiplayer video games, group chats and video calls, forbidden videos on YouTube that kept popping up with every new search. By the time his parents realised what was happening, Rohit had been sucked into the bottomless pit of the internet and video gaming. Any attempt to take the gadgets away or even limit his time on them would trigger extreme emotional and anger outbursts that would scare his parents. When the multiple lockdowns ended and school finally reopened, Rohit, by this time a teenager, refused to go back to school.

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Gadget and screen addiction is a real thing, and there's been rising concern about it, both amongst children and adults. Baroness Susan Greenfield, neuroscientist at Oxford University, in her book, Mind Change, draws our attention to how the digital world is changing the wiring of our brains. Multiple research studies from South Korea and North America, where screen addiction is considered a major problem, also endorse the same. There is scientific evidence that in young people who are addicted to screens, there is atrophy/thinning of grey matter in the brain cortex, including the frontal lobe which is the seat of intelligence and higher cognitive functions. It also disrupts the connections between the frontal lobes and limbic system, the hub of all emotions and motivation, resulting in compromised emotional control and social skill difficulties. In the real world, it translates into a child who can be distracted easily, has difficulty learning and remembering, is unable to tolerate frustration and consequently has frequent emotional/anger outbursts, avoids social gatherings and is unable to make or sustain friendships. In addition, there is disturbing evidence that points towards a single neural pathway called the Dopamine Reward System being activated in not just drug addictions, but also behavioural addictions including those of gadgets and screens, gambling or shopping. It may be easier to understand Rohit's vehement reactions to any threat of his gadgets getting taken away in the context of this neurobiological paradigm.

What complicates matters further is the impact of social media on young minds who are striving to form a sense of self and belongingness. It's as if their life depends on the number of likes or followers on Instagram. As they grow older, they are willing to give an arm or a leg for any attention or validation from their peers. Despite the bullying, trolling, shaming and exploitation that goes on in this space, most teenagers are hooked to digital social spaces like never before.

Covid has certainly complicated matters, making it difficult to draw a line between what is legitimate and harmful in the digital world. After all, so much of their academic learning and research is dependent on it, as are their friendships, social connections and entertainment. As a parent it has become much harder to decide where the boundaries lie, especially when you know that your child is more savvy about the workings of this complex place than you can ever be. So, what are the options before us? Since they know so much about it, should we just leave them be to decide for themselves as to what is safe or unsafe, useful or damaging? That would be like giving them a bottle of vodka and saying, "use it responsibly my child!"

Working with kids like Rohit and their families over the last many years, here are some strategies that we find useful…

- **CONNECT:** Having a trusting relationship with your child becomes essential if you want to influence their life in any positive way, although they may not let you enter their world at first if gadgets and screens are already a bone of contention. Being patient, understanding, non-judgmental, and spending time together doing things of their interest goes a long way in building connections. Taking a genuine interest in the music they are listening to, the TV shows they're watching or the video games they are playing can help to rebuild trust and communication.

- **COLLABORATIVE APPROACH:** It is only when you have started listening and connecting to your children deeply that you can discuss the topic of gadget use. Try to categorise screen use into work/study related, social spaces and entertainment, and share your views — without getting into an argument — about what is inappropriate or excessive. Next, you could make decisions jointly about boundaries for every family member, which could be somewhat flexible and negotiable based on their changing needs.

- **CREATE OTHER ATTRACTIVE OPTIONS:** It is next to impossible to get away from the thrill and visuo-motor ecstasy of gadgets and screens unless there are other exciting choices available. Explore together and collaboratively, options such as sports, music classes, martial arts, theatre and dancing depending upon their interests and passions.

- **WALK THE TALK:** Children are unlikely to take us seriously if we ourselves are struggling to disengage from gadgets after work. Learning how to disconnect from pixels is a life skill that we, as adults, need to reflect on and master too, both for our own health and our kids.

- **PROFESSIONAL HELP:** I have seen that once the problem becomes severe, parents, in their own anxiety, resort to threats, punishments, shouting matches, locking up gadgets and switching off the internet; this usually makes it much worse. At this stage you might need to consult a professional for a comprehensive assessment to understand your child's complex needs and evolution of the problem. In our experience, timely and appropriate intervention almost always produces encouraging results.

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HOW TO HELP KIDS UNDERSTAND DEATH

*"Where did grandma go? Why do we hang flowers on her photo? When will she come back?" Parents know how curious kids can be when someone in the family passes away. While earlier generations may have been satisfied when told that the deceased had gone to God's home or become a star, today's kids don't buy these answers. **Dishaa Desai**, a Mumbai-based psychotherapist and psychologist, tells us why parents should be honest*

Many parents believe that delaying the topic of death or hiding the information altogether is the right thing to do as it protects their child from emotional pain. But this is not recommended. Being honest helps the child cope with grief and build resilience. It also helps increase trust in you as a parent to talk about difficult topics. Moreover, if we concoct stories around the death of a family member, it becomes complex to deal with follow up questions.

Researchers have identified that there are different parts of the concept of death that are understandable to children at every age. For instance, at the age of five kids may not understand the finality of death and are also likely to ask when the deceased might be 'coming back'. Children aged seven onwards slowly start to grasp the finality and may ask questions about what happened. Adolescents can understand the irreversibility and inevitability of death and seek to understand why it happens.

Carve out a time and find the right place to talk to your child. Encourage younger children to keep a comfort toy or blanket with them to feel secure. Break the news gently and pause, when appropriate, to give the child some time to process. Use direct language; don't be vague. For example, saying "this person has gone" might cause the child to ask about when they might come back. It does not help them understand the finality and confuses them a little bit while making it a bit harder for the adult talking to them. Instead, saying "Something quite sad has happened. This person has died and that means that their body does not work anymore and that's why they won't come back" is concrete and clear.

Assure your child that you are here to talk about it whenever they want. Your child may have some questions to ask immediately or they may come to you with some thoughts and doubts after a few days. It is important to convey that there is an open space to discuss anything that comes to mind. These questions are best handled with honesty and empathy. Saying "No, grandpa cannot come back like Jesus Christ" or "No, he won't be able to come back" helps the child form an accurate understanding of death and to process what it means. If your child asks about what happens after death or any other such difficult question, admit that you don't know all the answers to their questions. This helps your child see you as a human who is also grappling with this incident.

Also, you don't need to hide your grieving. Crying in front of your child, at any age, is natural and shows them that it is okay to be sad. They may feel alarmed at seeing you cry but you can be honest about what you are feeling and why. This will go a long way in helping them to express, experience a range of emotions and also internalise that it is human to feel sad. You can also cry together or talk about the person who died. Find a way to remember and celebrate the person's life together. This could be through creating something together like a painting, a poem or even planting a small sapling together in memory of the loved one. This helps them cope in a healthy way and move forward. It might also help to inform the teachers at school about the death so that they can support the child once he or she resumes school.

- As told to Neha Bhayana

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UNPACKING GRIEF: Find a way to remember and celebrate the deceased person's life. This could be through a poem or planting a sapling together

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TRICKY TOPICS

PRIVATE CLUBS BECOME NEW 'IT' SPOTS FOR THE WELL-HEELED

Traditional clubs are not only from an earlier era, they also have long waiting lists. Enter new member-only spaces that encourage conversation, culture and connections

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In the heart of Gurugram, there's a new space where people congregate to eat, drink, schmooze, and even seal a deal or two. No, it's not a coffee shop or a mall but a private, members-only club called The Quorum. In the dining area, young professionals type furiously into their laptops, entrepreneurs get together for 'cappuccino commerce', and friends gossip (I hear snatches of a conversation about a mutual friend: 'Look, don't get me wrong, I love him. He's a great guy…when he's sober').

The Quorum, founded by Vivek Narain and Sonya Jehan, is one of several new and emerging private clubs coming up in Indian metros. Offline, a club for elite tech founders in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru just raised $2 million in funding. The global brand Soho House already has an outpost in Mumbai, and even veterans in the space like The Taj are re-configuring their decades-old clubs.

Himanshu Lakhwani

CLUB CLASS: Dastangoi at The Quorum, which has a rich cultural calendar. (Right) Soho House

VIVEK NARAIN, FOUNDER, THE QUORUM CLUB

All my friends in Delhi would tell me that they never meet interesting people, so a gap was there fundamentally

The idea behind these members-only clubs seems to be to create exclusive spaces for India's new elite — techies, CEOs and creative leaders — with a more relaxed vibe as compared to the cigar-suit fustiness of the old establishment clubs. Plus, the gymkhanas and golf clubs have years-long waiting lists, and even paying an arm and a leg can't help you get a foot in. So, instead of having noses forever pressed against the glass, the young, hip and rich are heading to these newer spaces.

Offline, the techie-focused club, was founded by Utsav Somani and is currently in the process of onboarding its first group of members. Jinanda Sheth, COO, says, "The journey of a founder can be a tiresome and often a lonely one, where it isn't possible to make meaningful connections with those who are in the same boat merely through brief interactions. Offline was created to be the neutral community for handpicked startup founders who are looking for their tribe so they can upskill and navigate the problems challenging their growth together."

Not just any startup founder, though. Founders and CEOs must meet one of the following criteria: they've raised $5M+ in funding (in the previous 3 years), had an annual revenue of $5M+, had an exit of $10M+ or are currently valued at $50M+, in which case CXOs may apply as well. They plan to organise social events such as Michelin star dinners, private art exhibitions and other unique cultural experiences, quarterly speaker and workshop series and a monthly 'pod' meeting where founders are divided into pods of 6-8 people, whose conversations are facilitated by an executive coach. Be warned, though, no pitching is allowed during the sessions.

Unlike business-oriented clubs, Soho House is all about creating communities for creative people. Kelly Wardingham, head of operations, Asia, says the idea behind opening a Soho House in Mumbai was to embrace the diversity of the city. "Mumbai has a rich cultural heritage with diverse ethnicities, cultures, religions, and backgrounds. Our international members had been asking for a House in Mumbai," she says. "We have members from creative industries like music, design, art, film, fashion, tech, media and advertising." Besides privacy, it offers an opportunity to network.

Writer and ad professional Swapan Seth is a member of The Quorum and describes it as "a nice little haven from the stupid people you bump into in Delhi and Gurugram". He adds, "Plus, the smoking room is a hub of private equity and VCs — there's a deal being made there every second."

Narain differentiates between the kind of clubs coming up in India — while some are residential clubs open to only those who live in a condominium, others are more strictly business clubs. There are, of course, the country clubs that have been around for years. He sees The Quorum as being part of a new space — the urban lifestyle club. "All my friends in Delhi would tell me they never meet interesting people, so a gap was there fundamentally. But building a new category can be challenging — people would ask, 'What's the point of this?' 'Where's the swimming pool?'." What began as arm-twisting friends to join has now turned into a robust community of 2,500 members in Delhi and Mumbai who can enjoy its curated programming of everything from sufi music to book readings or quaff craft cocktails.

Writer Anuja Chauhan, whose novel 'Club You To Death' was set in a posh Delhi club, says, "Whether it's Enid Blyton's 'Secret Seven' or the gymkhana, it's all about exclusivity. Like how Susie from 'Secret Seven' is always trying to get in, it's the same thing."

Club memberships give you the tag of being an insider or 'khandaani'. "As our social structures get revamped, clubs change too."

The Taj has recently renovated its club in the capital. Satyajeet Krishnan, area director and general Manager, Taj Mahal New Delhi, says, "We've re-imagined the club, making it larger and adding propositions." The new Chambers in Delhi is meant to be a prototype for other renovations. It has five new meeting spaces, organises dinners by Michelin star chefs and adds benefits like members can use a pool in any Taj property in India.

These memberships are not cheap, but that's kind of the idea. Krishnan says membership at The Chambers costs around Rs 25-30 lakh as a one-time fee, along with an annual subscription of Rs 3 lakh. "We have over 2,000 members, with about 700 in Delhi. There is a need for people to have spaces to conduct business because the economy has grown and new industries have opened up. Plus, these are people who have arrived in life. They want spaces that are an extension of their personality where they meet like-minded people," he says.

A term that keeps popping up in interviews was 'like-minded people'. But given the costs of these clubs and the air of exclusivity, aren't the velvet ropes still in place? Narain says, "The one word I don't like is exclusivity, because we are inclusive in a sense. There's a base of financial criteria, but we're not very expensive. Other clubs are 10x our price," he says, adding that their membership is Rs 3-3.5 lakh as a one-time fee and then an annual fee of a lakh a year. "Putting aside the lens of that minimum threshold which takes out 95% of the country — that is the nature of the beast — we don't care about where you come from but where you're going."

The drought-fed running of Avinash Sable and Lalita Babar

***Sohini Chattopadhyay** writes about the culture of long-distance running that has come up in rural Maharashtra*

I first heard of Avinash Sable nearly three years ago at the Sagroli Samvardhan Mandal school in the village of Sagroli in Nanded district on a crisp January evening in 2021. I had travelled to meet the students and teachers of the Sagroli Sunrise Project, a long-distance running school that had been set up to train promising teenagers a year after the gleaming success of the Mumbai marathon in 2004. By 2009, the Project had hit the headlines — that year students Sunita Kanna and Savita Kamble had placed fourth and fifth in the Indian segment of the Mumbai marathon running barefoot. By the rules of the race, they were not eligible for the prize money because shoes are mandatory. But, then chief minister Ashok Chavan and others collected an equivalent sum and presented it to the girls. In 2010, another student of the Project, Jayashree Boragi, placed first among Indian women in the half marathon category in Mumbai.

HARD RUN: Sable, who won gold in 3000-m steeplechase at Asian Games, is from a village in drought-hit Beed

From the time I began writing my book on women athletes in India, *The Day I Became a Runner*, I knew I had to write about the Sunrise Project. It was a story about the marathon ecosystem that had grown in India around the stupendous success of Procam's Mumbai marathon. It was also a story of the culture of long-distance running that has come up in rural Maharashtra. Among its successes are Lalita Babar, the first Indian woman to qualify for an Olympics track-and-field final in 32 years, and Naib Subedar Avinash Mukund Sable, who just won the gold at the men's 3000-metre steeplechase at the Asian Games in Hangzhou. Babar placed tenth out of 15 finalists at the 3000-metre women's steeplechase in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

It was, also, a story of drought. Nanded falls in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra which, along with Vidarbha, is synonymous with debt and farmer suicide. The handsome cash prizes offered by marathons are a tremendous incentive in the impoverished households of these districts. This was the primary reason the Sunrise Project was established. Neither Sable nor Babar are products of the Sunrise Project, but they are both children of drought. Sable, whose parents are farmers who have worked as brick kiln workers and sugarcane cutters to make ends meet, comes from the village of Mandwa (familiar to Hindi film lovers as the home of the troubled Amitabh Bachchan in 'Agneepath') in drought-hit Beed. Babar is from Satara district, parts of which receive very heavy rainfall. But her village Mohi falls in a rain-shadow area, those patches of land that fall on the leeward side of mountains and are deprived of the bounty of rain-bearing clouds. In her interview with me, Babar told me that her athletics training truly began during the two-year official drought that began in 2002 in Maharashtra. When the government declared an official drought, families in affected villages were given regulated stocks of water. It freed up a chunk of time that she would have otherwise spent looking for water, allowing her to train in school.

Sable, Babar and the Sunrise Project are all children of Maharashtra's army culture. In 1961, the first Sainik school in the country was opened in Satara district of the state, due to an initiative taken by then Maharashtra chief minister Y B Chavan. These Sainik schools were set up around the country with the idea of orienting children to serve in the Indian Army, for which they receive government funding and appoint retired army officials as teachers. Babar's earliest champions were the army servicemen from her village. Indeed, her family likely took a relatively liberal attitude to her playing sport because of them. In a video conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2022, Sable said that he joined the army in 2012, and took up running while in army service only in 2015. The Sanskriti Samvardhan Mandal became a Sainiki Vidyalaya in the 1990s. When the Sunrise Project was established in 2005, they had two things already in place — vast sports facilities set up with Sainiki scheme funds, and teachers with army training.

Not least, there is the legacy of Shivaji Mahararaj, the outrageous, audacious guerilla warrior king who mastered the difficult mountain terrain of the Sahyadri hills to hold off empires and kingdoms mighti-

Lalita Babar's training truly began in 2002 when Maharashtra declared a drought. Families were given regulated stocks of water. So instead of looking for water, she could focus on running

er than his own. Indeed, the fabled hardiness of the Marathi is his legacy. In fact, if you look at the steeplechase — an obstacle race with 28 hurdles and seven insane water jumps of a 12-feet-wide pit (in the 3000-metre version) — you can't help but think that Shivaji would have loved this madcap race.

"We know Lalita ma'am," one of the students of the Sunrise Project volunteered, when I mentioned that I would be interviewing her for my book like I was interviewing them. They had been shy with me, but the mention of Babar had warmed them up. "We have met her at competitions. She has given us medals, and eaten with us. Do you know Avinash Sable?" another student said.

At the time, I didn't. It was before Sable won his Commonwealth Games silver in 2022.

"You shall," the student told me. "Village athletes are the best. City people cannot compete with us. They are greedy. But we have the hunger."

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No more fake Anil Kapoors after 'jhakkaas' order, but celebs still grapple with AI

A landmark judgment protecting the personality rights of the actor throws light on the promises and perils that AI holds for artistes today

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When Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor first said 'jhakkaas' in the 1985 film 'Yudh', even he wouldn't have imagined that one day, it would become his trademark style. Or, that he would have to go to court to prevent anyone from misusing not only the term 'jhakkaas', but also his name, voice, signature, dialogue, and image for commercial purposes.

In a landmark judgment, Delhi high court not only protected his 'personality rights' but also recognised misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to create deepfakes and pornographic videos. Lawyer Ameet Naik, who represented Kapoor, describes it as an important judgment. "A lot of my clients are celebrities and they have iconic attributes which are getting misused and monetised," says Naik, who had also represented Amitabh Bachchan when he sought legal protection against the misuse of his name, image, and voice, especially by mobile app developers, and people conducting lottery by illegally associating it with the popular game show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'.

From Bollywood to Hollywood, AI-generated voices, deepfake videos, and 3D generated 'life-like' figures are throwing up complicated questions about ownership. In some instances, technology is bringing back late artists to life, while in others, it's used to create digital clones of living actors from high-tech 3D body scans. Both have far-reaching implications, as Zelda Williams pointed out while calling out the "disturbing" technology that was used to recreate her late dad Robin Williams. "I've already heard AI used to get his 'voice' to say whatever people want and while I find it personally disturbing, the ramifications go far beyond my own feelings. Living actors deserve a chance to create characters with their choices, to voice cartoons, to put their HUMAN effort and time into the pursuit of performance", she wrote on Instagram. In fact, fear of being displaced by AI was one of the issues behind the strikes that disrupted Hollywood.

In India, while there are no statutory laws recognising 'personality rights', laws such as the right to privacy, trademark and copyright are being used by lawyers.

But there are limits to these rights. For instance, satirists and mimicry artists have used the dialogues and mannerisms of stars, such as Shah Rukh Khan's 'K K K… Kiran' or Sunny Deol's 'dhai kilo ka haath' for decades. In April, Delhi high court observed that the use of celebrity names or images for art, satire, news or music would be permissible as a facet of the right of freedom of speech and expression protected under the Constitution and would not infringe the celebrity's right of publicity.

The key difference between satire and use of AI-generated visuals or voice, veteran celebrity publicist Parull Gossain points out, is that the audience must be able to distinguish reality from impersonation. "When an RJ or a satirist copies a celebrity's body language or style, the audience knows it's a copy. With AI, the celeb could be seen promoting anything without their knowledge," she adds. Earlier this week, Tom Hanks warned fans that an ad for a dental plan used an AI image of his.

Medha Banta, a media and entertainment-focused lawyer at Khurana & Khurana, says the number of queries from celebrities about legal safeguards against AI are increasing every day. "There are all kinds of apps, software, and websites today where they claim to get celebrities to wish you, or sing a song for you and charge money for it. Then, there are more sinister ways of using their AI voices, often to scam people. Most of the time, the celebrities themselves have no idea about it," Banta points out.

There are also questions of where the buck stops: with the developer of the AI software, the commissioner of the image or sound clip, or who posted it on social media for commercial purposes?

Some suggest keeping an 'open mind'. Last year, US-based software engineer Amarjit Singh aka DJ MRA began posting AI-generated songs of the late Sidhu Moosewala and KK on social media platforms. "I wanted to use AI in a good way. The idea was to keep the voice of artists such as Moosewala alive for the next generation and pay my tributes," Singh says. He went on to clone KK's voice for a new song 'Tere Vaaste'. In another, he re-imagined Diljit Dosanjh's 'Parohna Banke' in the voice of Punjabi folk singer Amar Singh Chamkila, who was assassinated in 1988.

Singh does add disclaimers in his videos saying the voices are AI-generated and made for 'educational purposes'. However, he's aware that such AI renditions are fraught with ethical, legal, and moral issues. Once his Moosewala songs went viral, the late singer's family asked him to take the videos down. "They reached out to me and said that as his (murder) case was ongoing, it was painful for them to see his voice being used to make new music," Singh adds. Eventually, he removed the videos from all platforms.

Not everyone is running scared of AI. Some celebrities are looking at ways in which AI can be used positively, and as a revenue stream. Veteran publicist Dale Bhagwagar, who has handled celebrities such as Shilpa Shetty and Hrithik Roshan, says innovation is key. "If celebrities pass on celebrity rights to their families or production houses, they can live forever. Their families can get monetary support and newer fans will not be deprived of their art," he says.

SAYING YES TO DIGITAL DOUBLES

- Superstar footballer Lionel Messi allowed PepsiCo to use a deepfake version in an ad. Not only can users create personalised video messages from 'Lionel Messi', they can get him to say it in various languages

- In July, legendary musician Paul McCartney used AI to release a 'final' Beatles song. As per McCartney, the technology allowed him to "extricate" John Lennon's vocals from an old demo track and complete the song 40 years after his death

- An AI-generated 'digital clone' of American actor James Dean, who died in 1955 in a car accident after starring in only three films, has been cast in an upcoming movie called 'Back to Eden'

- Meta has turned more than a dozen celebrities and influencers including Snoop Dogg, MrBeast (Jimmy Donaldson), Kendall Jenner, and Paris Hilton into chatbots

Lend me your ears: How startuppers became podcasters

From successful founders like Nikhil Kamath to aspiring young VCs, they're all harnessing the power of storytelling

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When Siddhartha Ahluwalia and his wife Nansi Mishra started the '100x Entrepreneur podcast' (now called 'The Neon Show') in 2018, it was meant to help budding entrepreneurs understand tips and tricks of the startup ecosystem. Two years later in 2020, the couple launched their own investment fund called the Neon fund, named after the podcast.

Ahluwalia said that the connections with investors, startup founders and others who appeared as guests on his podcast helped him launch his own fund. "Guests often become interested in what you are doing and are ready to invest with you," says Ahluwalia.

HEAR, HEAR: Siddhartha Ahluwalia and his wife Nansi Mishra went from podcast to launching their own investment fund

Entrepreneurs running successful podcasts and leveraging them for brand building and growing their business is common outside of India. For instance, Tom Fairey, co-founder of gaming app Stakester which is headquartered in London, used 'The Back Yourself Show' to connect with investors.

Now, the trend is catching on with Indian entrepreneurs. Earlier this year, Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath launched a podcast called 'WTF is' in which he invites successful business personalities from various fields to discuss their journey. One of the episodes features Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, while another one stars actor and entrepreneur Suniel Shetty.

Podcasts by entrepreneurs don't just focus on business. Curefit founder Mukesh Bansal last month launched 'SparX' which offers everything from career to relationship advice. In one episode, he discusses business lessons from ancient mythology with author Devdutt Patnaik, while in another, he is in conversation with legendary cricketer Rahul Dravid about the science of focus.

Some use it to fast-track their careers. Jivraj Singh Sachar, who hosts 'Indian Silicon Valley', invites startup founders on his show and holds hour-long discussions about strategies and latest trends in the startup world. Sachar, 25, has already made investments in various startups using his connections through the podcast, and launching a fund is the next step. "It usually takes people years to become investors and be able to launch their fund but I believe it is because of the connections I made through my podcast that I am able to do this in a shorter span of time," he admits.

Sajith Pai, investment partner in Blume Ventures who has featured in multiple podcasts, says that as an investor, he also suggests that companies start their own podcasts to build their network. "Podcasts help founders build relationships with their customers, so I recommend all my B2B companies to have a podcast. This helps them grow and raise funds," he says.

But what do listeners get from these shows? Vedant Mishra, who is straight out of college and working with a VC fund, says that he listens to the more technical podcasts because they help him understand a subject better. "If there is a podcast about why edtech has gone bust, it's easier to understand because entrepreneurs explain the technicalities in a simpler way," he says.

Others enjoy the life lessons from experts. "I love what Nikhil Kamath is doing on his podcast. It's interesting to hear experts from different walks of life talk about their journey," says Divyansh Mehta, a postgrad student at Delhi University.

One reason for this uptick is the growing popularity of podcasts in India. According to PwC's global entertainment and media outlook report 2020-2024, India with 57.6 million monthly listeners is already the third-largest podcast market in the world, after China and the US.

Another reason, Ahluwalia points out, is that Indian entrepreneurs are now realising the value of controlling their own narrative.

So, not only are entrepreneurs helping you get the cab or auto you take to work, they are in your ears on your commute as well.

US curbs on visas: India should stand by Sheikh Hasina

RIGHT & WRONG

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One of the big challenges that India faces in the subcontinent is asymmetry. Its size and growing economic clout have exacerbated fears in the smaller countries. The concerns over India's political hegemonism may well appear misplaced to Indians, but they seem all too real to neighbouring countries. More important, the onset of the election season leads to exaggerated and imaginary fears of Indian interference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations.

Judging by the past, the approaching general elections in Bangladesh should have generated colourful stories of how Indian intelligence agencies are conspiring to ensure the continuing dominance of PM Sheikh Hasina and the Awami League. Ever since India helped in the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan in 1971, the Awami League has often been accused by its detractors of being a puppet of India. This is unfair because from its inception Bangladesh has experienced two very divergent perceptions of nationhood—a secular Bengali nationalism articulated by Sheikh Hasina and a Muslim Bangladeshi nationalism championed by Bangladesh National Party, now in alliance with the Jamaat-e-Islami. Despite clear evidence that Sheikh Hasina is clearly her own boss, the charge that India is the Awami League's load-bearing pillar has served as an expedient talking point for the opposition.

As the election approaches, there is legitimate speculation in Bangladesh over two interlinked questions. Will the elections be conducted under the supervision of a non-partisan, caretaker government? If Sheikh Hasina rejects this proposal, will the opposition, particularly the BNP-Jamaat, participate? In the past fortnight, however, the speculation over the conduct of the elections has been relegated to the background by a curious and intriguing development. The United States and the European Union have both wallowed in their self-image as resolute upholders of democracy and human rights. In the case of the EU, this show of self-righteousness has often been accompanied by stern resolutions and little else. For the moment, the EU has its hands full of problems created by assertions of national sovereignty by Hungary and Poland to worry about too many other things.

The US, however, seems strangely obsessed with the quality of democracy in Bangladesh. On May 24 this year, Washington announced a new visa policy "to support Bangladesh's goal of holding free, fair, and peaceful national elections." It stated that US visas would be denied to targeted officials, politicians, military personnel, and judges of Bangladesh who stood in the way of free elections and a conducive democratic environment. On September 22, the US announced that the new policy would come into force. It was also accompanied by the US Ambassador to Bangladesh adding that media too would feature in the blacklist.

MEDDLE MUDDLE: Punitive action by the US encourages opponents of Sheikh Hasina and constitutes interference

Although the US embassy has refrained from naming individuals who would have their visa applications turned down or existing visas cancelled, a hyperactive Dhaka grapevine has come up with its own lists. In a TV studio discussion, a businessman now linked with the BNP said that the blacklist would also cover private citizens and businessmen supportive of the present regime. It was also suggested the EU would soon replicate the US decision. To use travel visas to influence political decision-making in a distant, sovereign country is novel. Washington has made absolutely no secret of its lack of confidence in Sheikh Hasina's commitment to free and fair elections. Judging by the enthusiastic response to the new US visa policy by BNP supporters, committed leftists and hardened Islamists that seek to upturn Bangladesh's secular tilt, there seems little doubt that Washington is also looking for a regime change in Dhaka. Whether this stems from its disapproval of Sheikh Hasina's policy of harsh punishment of those convicted of 'war crimes' and those responsible for the murder of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman and his family in August 1975 is a matter of conjecture. In December 2013, then Secretary of State John Kerry had telephoned Sheikh Hasina pleading for the commutation of the death sentence of a prominent Islamist leader, convicted of conducting massacres during the liberation war of 1971. Alternatively, there are suggestions that the US action has been triggered by the Bangladesh government's mild persecution of Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus.

Judged by normal standards, the US action targeting supporters of the present regime in Bangladesh constitutes a direct interference in the internal affairs of a country. In a tangential sort of way, it is an unfriendly act against a friend of India and, it is also tacitly an encouragement of those forces whose existential basis is anti-Indianism. It is also a game of brinkmanship. The US hopes Hasina will blink first. My assessment is that US pressure has hardened her resolve to go ahead and conduct the election on her own terms. This is an internal matter of Bangladesh, but India should resolutely stand with a loyal friend. The US should be discreetly told to avoid being unfriendly to India. ■

Canada's allegations on Nijjar are simply not supported by historical evidence

Indian intelligence agencies have gone from the shadows into the global spotlight after Canada alleged an Indian link to the killing of Khalistani terrorist HS Nijjar. ***Dheeraj Paramesha Chaya****, a criminology professor at the University of Hull who has done extensive research for his book, 'India's Intelligence Culture and Strategic Surprises: Spying for South Block', talks to* ***Himanshi Dhawan*** *about the controversy*

FOR THE RECORD

■ As someone who has studied the overseas footprint of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), what is your view on Canada's allegations?

Canadian PM Trudeau's allegations are fantastic for two reasons. Firstly, the choice of the Nijjar case itself. Among the series of terrorist deaths in the recent past which has given rise to speculations that India has suddenly begun targeted killings, the Nijjar case can be plausibly concluded as a case of a gang war. There are also possibilities of either political rivalries leading to the murder or state intelligence operations (here, I am not referring to India alone). In such a scenario, when Trudeau made an allegation, and further acted on it by expelling an Indian diplomat, he would have needed high-quality evidence to justify his actions, which is something that is unachievable. It is just in the nature of intelligence operations, especially when some parts of the allegations are based on intelligence shared by a foreign partner. The other reason I found this unbelievable was simply because my studies of Indian intelligence operations have not revealed a single operation beyond the immediate neighbourhood that involved bloodshed.

■ What about Canadian intelligence turning a blind eye to Khalistanis?

Canada's reluctance to act against the Khalistanis has a long history. As I was perusing the archives, I found that back in October 1981, The Globe and Mail newspaper had carried a detailed report indicating that the Khalistanis had established a 'consulate' in Vancouver and were using the city as the base of Khalistan movement in Canada. The report went on to highlight a proposal to offer military training to young Sikhs in British Columbia. It is no coincidence that in 2016, apprehended Khalistani terrorist Mandeep Singh confessed to Indian authorities that Nijjar had organised a weapons training camp in British Columbia. Therefore, Canadian intelligence officials have long been aware of the threat posed by the Khalistanis, even keeping aside the Kanishka bombing. This is why we see retired Canadian intelligence chiefs like Richard Fadden comment that the Canadian harbouring of unruly elements needs to be considered with seriousness and Indian concerns be shown greater interest. But the Canadian political leadership has been enthusiastic in pandering to the domestic vote banks with the confidence that traditional allies will stand by it against India. As of writing this, it does not appear that the other Anglo-Saxon countries have been particularly enthusiastic about antagonising India.

■ Your book discusses the evolution of Indian intelligence from Kautilyan times. Has it influenced contemporary intelligence?

The motivations for espionage — which is to improve decision-making — have remained uniform throughout history. However, where the Kautilyan state would differ significantly from the contemporary Indian state is in its spirit of conducting intelligence. In the Kautilyan state, it was considered an essential state activity for fulfilling growth aspirations and duties of the king (rajadharma). This spirit took a hit when the colonists came. Britain did not want to be seen at home as mirroring Tsarist Russia that was operating a large secret police state. On the other hand, the pressing need to monitor and control the colonial population's revolutionary, and subversive activities meant that an intelligence apparatus was inevitable. Under such contrasting pressures emerged a setup in 1887, to which the present-day Intelligence Bureau traces its origins. This was the difference between the Kautilyan state that saw intelligence as a core function of statecraft, and the colonial state that saw intelligence as a distasteful, yet inevitable, tool to tackle emergent threats.

After Independence, western education and bitter colonial experiences had made Prime Minister Nehru rabidly averse to intelligence operations. Hence, instead of embracing the proactive character of the Kautilyan state, India's approach to intelligence began to emulate the colonial way of responding to emerging threats. The only instance where inspiration was drawn from the Arthashastra was in the 1950s when drafting a counter-insurgency framework. But even here, the adoption of Kautilyan upayas — sama, dana, bheda, danda — was largely attributable to the colonial experience of the IB in monitoring subversive movements, and the oral tradition in India that kept the upayas alive. As far as I know, until about a decade ago, the text had remained non-existent in any of the intelligence training curriculums in India. Even operationally speaking, there appears very little influence of Kautilyan thought on Indian espionage.

■ R&AW has had some success in the neighbourhood, but are dark ops in the West, the kind Canada is alleging, even possible?

It is extremely difficult for scholars to make claims about current capabilities of an intelligence agency. No agency in the world would remain so exposed to the public. However, given India's historical success in employing its divide-and-rule tactic, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Indian intelligence will continue to emphasise on non-bloody options of conflict resolution. Even in the neighbourhood, instances of targeted killing have mostly occurred as a last resort aimed at disrupting terror infrastructure, especially when the respective governments have been incapable of decisive action.

Calling the Constitution colonial isn't an attempt to belittle it, or its framers

BY INVITATION

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A majority of Indian and global views on the Constitution of India have glossed over the fact that it is a colonial document. This was not always the case. Somnath Lahiri, the only card-carrying member of the Communist Party in the Constituent Assembly, had described it as a document "framed from the point of view of a police constable". This was prompted by the vast powers given to the police to ensure law and order, severely limiting freedoms of citizens. This leftist critique of the Constitution was continued by many, including most recently by Sandipto Dasgupta who found the Constitution to have been drafted from the perspective of an "anxious administrator".

Critiques from the nationalist right had been equally strident. MS Golwalkar in 'Bunch of Thoughts' found the Constitution to be a "cumbersome and heterogeneous piecing together of various articles from various constitutions of Western countries". It had very little indigenous in it.

Yet despite these criticisms, the standard thesis of the Constitution as the foundation of a modern democratic republic has held. Much of its longevity is due to the fact that India is a rare example of a post-war democracy that has successfully embraced a liberal Anglo-American governance model. Amidst several other misadventures in Africa and Asia where democratic governments were overthrown by military dictators, India has remained an outlier with peaceful transfers of power, free and fair elections and a fractious, yet functioning democracy. This has been made possible by the Constitution, a ringing charter of India's founding values.

Judged against this standard, the Constitution has certainly been a stable foundation for governance. But a stable document can also be a colonial one. Today, with governments giving indigenous names to roads, cities and the country itself and repealing a raft of colonial laws, it appears that India is hurtling to decolonise itself. So that decolonisation of the Constitution does not become a superficial exercise on the one hand, or radically destabilising on the other, it is critical to understand three key features that make it colonial in the first place.

First, the basic framework of the Constitution is derived from the Government of India Act, 1935, an act drafted by the British to preserve the Raj. Over 1/3rd of the final constitutional text is directly derived from that Act.

Second, the spirit of the Constitution, like that of the Act, is of a gargantuan state towering over the humble citizen. This is enabled by perpetuating colonial institutions. Take the Imperial Police Service, responsible for much of the brutality of the Raj. Not only did the Constitution continue the service, but enshrined it in Article 312. While doing this, the framers neither passed a law changing incentive structures or service conditions of police personnel, nor did much in terms of their retraining and reorientation. It was almost as if the framers thought that with the new-found freedom of the country, the police too would become responsible overnight.

But a tiger can scarcely change its stripes. The horrific cases of police brutality in Hashimpura, Vachathi, Kodiyankulam and the Mathura rape case (to name just a painful few) bear silent testimony to the effects of colonial institutions, sheltered by the Constitution.

Third, the Constitution is based on the philosophy that law enforcement agencies need to be invested with wide powers to ensure law and order. The chapter on fundamental rights of citizens has the dubious distinction of being one which legalises preventive detention, i.e. the ability of policemen to throw citizens into lock-up without a formal legal process.

One might have imagined that the framers of the Constitution, many of whom had been detained under the infamous Rowlatt Act, might have grasped the first opportunity possible to outlaw preventive detention entirely. Instead, they chose the pragmatic course of continuing preventive detention with some safeguards. Law and order was important to them during Partition, seemingly even more than the freedom that they had strived so hard to win.

India may be largely peaceful today, but shockingly 86.6 lakh Indians were detained by the police in 2021 mostly on superficial grounds. One man had predicted this when the Constituent Assembly was discussing the First Amendment to the Constitution widening the powers of the police — Shyama Prasad Mookherjee. In the first year of post-Constitutional India, he was witness to hungry villagers in Cooch Behar who, when begging for rice, were riddled with bullets instead. A country cannot be administered by force and coercion, he believed. The Constitution sanctioned precisely that.

To recognise this is not to belittle the Constitution or its framers. During the bloody horrors of Partition, they felt that continuing the institutions of a colonial state and administering them empathetically would be best for India. Today, 75 years later, we can ask the fundamental question — do we need those colonial institutions at all? This is not a provocation to draft a new Constitution overnight — it is a call to rid ourselves of the colonisation of our minds. ■

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To the millions with chronic pain, lessons from a reformed junkie

SWAMINOMICS

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Most columns are on political or economic issues. This is on myself. I am a recently reformed drug junkie. My story carries lessons for millions who suffer from chronic back pain.

I have had back and neck problems since the 1980s. Doctors prescribed painkillers, exercises, and yoga. I wore cervical collars and elastic belts for my back, to no avail.

I tried homoeopathy, ayurveda and Tibetan medicine. I tried acupuncture with an expert who had written a book on the subject. Despite three visits, I did not improve. Later, the acupuncturist visited my office seeking a review of his book. I said I was too busy to see him, and in too much pain too.

I tried traction for my neck, acupressure and physiotherapy for my back (including electric stimulation, ultrasound and hot packs). This gave only temporary relief. In the 1990s, MRIs of my back showed degeneration of the spine due to age, but nothing warranted surgery. In those days, surgery carried a high risk of paralysis. So, I just carried on with painkillers, exercises and fortitude.

After 1998, I moved partially to Washington DC to help my youngest son who had a learning problem. I spent part of the year in the US and part in India.

My American doctors were no better than Indian ones. Eventually, my American physician suggested OxyContin, a strong painkiller. This opioid (derived from opium) is now infamous for creating addicts and overdose deaths. But in the mid-2000s it was widely prescribed. It was a blessing for me, easing my pain. Careful about possible addiction, I never took more than three or four tablets per day.

Meanwhile, Indian friends and surgeons told me that spinal surgery had greatly improved. Some friends had benefited hugely. So, in 2017 I underwent lower back surgery. That helped for a couple of years. Encouraged, I went for neck surgery too. That made little difference. My back pain worsened greatly.

Eventually, I underwent a third surgery. It provided very limited relief. By now, I had had enough of surgeons.

In 2021, I moved to New York. My new pain management doctor was dead against OxyContin. Instead he prescribed Buprenorphine, also an opioid, used to wean addicts off heroin or OxyContin. The new drug came in patches providing slow release of the painkiller round the clock. This led to addiction.

The drug worked initially but soon the pain returned. The doctor increased the dosage. When I frequently complained of continuing pain, he repeatedly raised the dosage. In one and a half years, the dosage rose from 50 micrograms to 900. I still suffered from pain, but the doctor declared I had reached the maximum dose. There was nothing more.

For some months, I somehow managed. Then in August 2022, when I was in India, I suffered from such crippling pain that my opioids proved useless. I had to be hospitalised.

I was given a patch of Fentanyl, a very powerful drug responsible for many overdose deaths in the US. Not even this eased my pain. The doctor added morphine every four hours. But I remained in such pain that I could not lie down and was reeling around my hospital room when the doctors visited.

Then a neurologist, Dr Rajashekar Reddi, prescribed a nerve-blocker called pregabalin. Doctors had prescribed this drug earlier but it knocked me out for almost 24 hours, so I had avoided it. But in my pain, being knocked out was a blessing. I slept through the night for the first time in days.

HOOKED: Painkiller, an OTT show, traces the key moments that led to the opioid epidemic — and how they could have been stopped

Dr Reddi declared that I had been misdiagnosed for years, that my real problem was fibromyalgia, a nerve disorder. He thought all my surgeries may have been errors.

Why had I been in pain despite taking opioids? Dr Reddi said that was a symptom of addiction — the pain represented my body asking for more and more. His solution: just stop taking opioids altogether, take only nerve blockers, and ride out the addiction pain, which would gradually decrease. This meant suffering constant pain for two weeks. That was hell. I was tempted to go back to opioids, but gritted my teeth and bore the pain. After two weeks, as Dr Reddi had predicted, the pain eased. I was off opioids for the first time in 15 years. I was a reformed junkie.

I write this to help millions suffering from back pain. Do not rush to surgeons, who tend to automatically prescribe surgery. Do not rush to pain managers who prescribe opioids — these will ease your pain but are addictive. Slow-release drugs, loved by doctors for providing 24/7 relief, can be a recipe for addiction. Consult neurologists, not just surgeons — your problem may be fibromyalgia. Above all, learn to live with some pain. What cannot be cured must be endured. ■

INBOX

Gandhi's teachings on unity crucial today

With reference to the column "Mahatma still rocks!...", (ATM, Oct 2), Gandhi's model of protest and way of living are a constant source of inspiration. He was a living symbol of truth, non-violence and love for fellow human beings. While he fought against the British, he did not despise them. Likewise, we must bear no malice towards our compatriots for their religious faith and differing political views. Adoption of Gandhian path will help India to be a 'vishwaguru' in the true sense.

— S H Quadri, Bikaner

Out of bounds for public

With reference to the column "Race on to..." (ATM, Oct 1), mega convention centres serve only limited purposes for mostly government and private organisations, and are out of bounds for the general public. Instead, it is better to have community halls which are affordable and have essential amenities which would economise on space and resources, keeping ecological concerns in mind.

— Pramod Pande, Chennai

AI can't replace art

With reference to Vivek Shanbhag's interview "Will AI kill..." (ATM, Oct 1), the fear of AI dominating human beings in every field is overhyped. This is especially true in the creative domain. A pre-programmed system has its limitations. A novelist is likely to bring an unpredictable human element in his or her work, extracting a gamut of emotions from readers, which AI can never match.

— Vipul Pande, Nainital

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Cricket should not overshadow achievements in other sports

THE UNDERAGE OPTIMIST

CHETAN BHAGAT

Given that we are at the start of another World Cup, we expect the excitement to peak in the coming weeks. Social media, office water coolers, public transport, parks, and any other gathering will have cricket discussions. Will India reach the semi-finals? What about the finals? Can we win?

It's all great. But while cricket shines brightest, there seems to be another amazing trend emerging as well. That is, the rise of Indian excitement in other sports, particularly those which Indians historically have cared little about. This has happened mainly because of recent Indian achievements in these sports. Suddenly, a medal win for India in the Olympics or Asian Games brings a surge of interest and attention. After all, were we ever interested in javelin throw before Neeraj Chopra won that Olympic Gold? There is a whole new list of sports where Indians are achieving like never before. Shooting, wrestling, weightlifting, badminton and athletics have all had new Indian stars in the last decade or so. In the current Asian Games, Indians have won medals in equestrian, roller skating, rowing, squash, golf, sailing and wushu (martial arts). Can you believe this? Indians becoming champions in all these sports other than cricket? Sure, Asian Games aren't the Olympics, but they are a stepping stone. The trend suggests India will win medals in these sports even at global-level competitions in the coming years. Asian Games medals also involve real intense competition, with plenty of developed and far wealthier nations taking part in the competition (Japan, Korea, and China, for instance). These aren't small achievements. They are as hard to achieve as winning the ICC Cricket World Cup, if not harder.

Cricket in India today is backed by an organisation like the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), whose net worth runs into billions (around $2.25bn, according to reports). To put it in perspective, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the West Indies and New Zealand cricket boards have net worth of around $55m, $50m, $20m, $15m and $9m respectively. BCCI's net worth is more than that of all the other cricket boards around the world put together. Even Australia and England, the next richest boards after India, are less than a sixth of BCCI's net worth. When we say we are playing international cricket, are we even fighting worthy opponents? Does the World Cup truly have global participation? Not really. Around a dozen countries play cricket to some serious level. A dozen isn't the world. Also, we have a cricket board that is way richer than the others. Is it still as much fun to defeat other teams when you put all this in perspective? There was a time when it was fun for us brown guys to defeat the white guys at the latter's own game. It is still fun, but those days of defeating the 'lagaan' collectors are long gone. This is not to take away from the hard work of Indian cricket players who give their life, blood and sweat for the game. This is more about us, the Indian sports fan, looking at other awesome things that are happening in Indian sport apart from cricket.

HISTORIC HAUL: Asian Games performance shows how far we have come. (Above) Ace archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam who struck gold

The competition is intense at the Olympics and the Asian Games. India is often at a disadvantage unlike in Indian cricket where we have a huge resource advantage against the competition. And yet, our new budding stars have shined. Hats off to them, and to the huge efforts of private organisations, government bodies, coaches and staff that have worked relentlessly to make this magic happen.

It is, however, time now for us, Indian sports fans, to do our bit. We should post about these other sports and their athletes on our social media feeds. We must read up or watch interviews of these players, and discuss them in our office breaks with other colleagues. We need to attend non-cricket sporting events or watch them on TV whenever we can. That, in turn, will translate into more advertiser and sponsorship money for non-cricket sports, which will further improve performance. This positive loop is only possible if Indian viewers give these new sports some real attention and love.

Sporting victories are more than just moments of national pride. When we see an Indian with a humble background achieve something on a global stage, it gives us hope. A handful of medals can inspire a billion-plus people. India's time in other sports has come; it's time we give it a further push. ■

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Golden 'sixer' for India on day of doubles

Record Medal Haul For Country, Finishes Games With 107 Medals

TIMES IN HANGZHOU

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Hangzhou: October 7, 2023. This date will be remembered for long. India reached a century of medals, which was anyway a certainty, early on Saturday but the big deal came when the men's badminton team of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy took gold out of the lion's den, China. They did it with the full support of local fans, because they were playing a South Korean pair which had defeated China's world No. 2 duo of Liang Weikeng and Wang Cheng in the Round of 16.

India won six gold medals on Friday – besides the badminton gold, one each came in men's and women's kabaddi, a historic first in men's cricket and two in archery's compound competitions. The women's kabaddi gold will taste the sweetest as it took India's tally to 100.

India's record-breaking campaign in Hangzhou finished with a historic 107 medals – 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze, surpassing their previous best set at 2018 Jakarta, by a massive 37 medals. This is an increase of 52.8 percent over 70 medals won in Jakarta and 75 percent increase over 16 gold secured in the previous edition.

Out of 107, female athletes contributed towards 54 medals, i.e., 50.40 percent, as India sent its largest-ever contingent with 651 athletes (329 men and 322 women). Indian athletes participated in 36 sports and won medals in 22 disciplines. Hangzhou brought several highs for India – highest-ever medals in athletics (29) on foreign soil; highest-ever medals in shooting (22) with seven gold in this edition alone as compared to nine gold won across all editions till 2018; highest-ever medals in archery (9); highest-ever medals in squash (5); highest-ever medals in rowing (5) and highest-ever medals for Indian female boxers (4).

Then there were first-ever medals in men's and women's cricket (both gold), women's skeet team silver, women's 50m rifle 3 positions team silver, women's 50m rifle 3 position individual gold (Sift Kaur Samra); men's skeet team bronze, badminton men's team silver, women's individual golf silver (Aditi Ashok), dressage individual bronze (Anush Agarwalla), women's table tennis doubles bronze (Ayhika and Sutirtha Mukherjee), 25m rapid fire pistol men team bronze, sailing bronze in ILCA 7 (Vishnu Saravanan), sailing bronze in RS X (Eabad Ali), men's speed skating 3000m relay team bronze, squash mixed doubles gold (Deepika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Sandhu) and men's doubles badminton gold (Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy).

India also secured medals in some disciplines after waiting for ages – equestrian (dressage team bronze) after a gap of 41 years; women's shot put, Kiran Baliyan (bronze) after 72 years; men's-only decathlon, Tejaswin Shankar (silver) after 49 years; men's 4x400m relay (gold) after 61 years; men's singles badminton, HS Prannoy (bronze) after 41 years and first-ever gold in women's javelin throw, Annu Rani.

In Hangzhou, a total of 23 national records were created by Indian athletes, including 11 in shooting, four each in archery and athletics, three in swimming and one in cycling; eleven Asiad records were broken in archery (4), athletics (1) and shooting (6) while three world records were achieved in shooting.

It's notable that currently there are 285 TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) athletes supported by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) as against 75 in 2014. It is also notable that the government hired 49 foreign experts for the Asiad cycle post Tokyo Olympics. This surely gave a huge boost to Indian athletes' performance.

"Today is a red letter day in the history of Indian sport. Winning over 100 medals in a single Asian Games is a breakthrough performance that is bound to inspire a fresh wave of interest for sport in the country. The all-round performance highlights the country's excellence in a wide variety of sports disciplines. At the heart of this success are the sportspersons and support staff who have worked extremely hard over many years to bring laurels to the country. 'Ab ki baar sau paar' is now a mission accomplished. The nation is proud of Team India's achievements at the Asiad," India's chef-de-mission (CDM), Bhupender Singh Bajwa, said in a statement.

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ALL SMILES: The victorious Indian men's cricket team members show off their gold medals in Hangzhou

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> **India has done it for the first time, more than 100 medals we have won in Asian Games. Every Indian is so proud of their athletes. My heartfelt congratulations to each athlete. 1.4 billion Indians are sending their best wishes and congratulations to the athletes. Our athletes broke many records this time and made many Asian records."**
> **—Anurag Thakur,** UNION SPORTS MINISTER

Gold for men's cricket team via 'rain rule'

Being Higher-Ranked, Ruturaj's Team Wins After Final Vs Afghanistan Is Abandoned

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Hangzhou: In an anticlimactic end to the men's cricket final here, Ruturaj Gaikwad-led Indian team was awarded the gold medal by virtue of having a higher T20 ranking after the final against a spirited Afghanistan was called off due to heavy rains.

At 112 for five in 18.2 overs, with Afghanistan batting first, the match was stopped due to rain and eventually abandoned soon after 5pm local time (2:30pm India time) at the Pingfeng Campus Cricket Field.

Afghanistan settled for silver. India are ranked World No. 1 in the ICC's T20 rankings, while Afghanistan are No. 10. India thus made a clean sweep in cricket competitions at the Asiad after its women's team, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, secured gold following a 19-run victory over Sri Lanka in the final last week.

Sent in to bat, Afghanistan's top order crumbled in the wake of some good bowling by Shivam Dube and Arshdeep Singh, who picked wickets in consecutive overs to reduce their opponents to 12 for 3 in the fourth over. Shahidullah Kamal (49 not out) held one end together as wickets tumbled around him.

Right-arm leg-break bowler Ravi Bishnoi came up with a sensational spell of 12 runs in four overs, while picking the crucial wicket of Afsar Zazai, to choke the run flow. As Afghanistan looked to provide some semblance to their scorecard, heavens opened up, leading to the final being abandoned.

India had beaten Nepal by 23 runs in the quarterfinals and defeated Bangladesh by nine wickets in the semis. Earlier in the day, Bangladesh edged out Pakistan in a last-ball thriller to win bronze.

"It was pretty disappointing. We would have loved to have a full game and get a proper result, but it's a thing we can't control. The match officials came and told us around 5pm. I think we knew by then because the rain was getting heavier. It is something we are not used to, winning a medal. The feeling is slightly different, more emotional for everyone," Gaikwad later said.

Asked what would have been an acceptable victory target for his team to chase, the skipper said, "I think 140 or 150 is a pretty gettable target batting second because it's a small ground and the kind of batting we have, we were pretty confident that even 150 was gettable."

Afghanistan skipper Gulbadin Naib expressed happiness with his team's performance. "I am very proud of winning the silver. It's the first silver medal for Afghanistan, so I am very proud of my team, my boys. We worked hard for these Games and we deserved to win the final. We beat Pakistan in the semifinal and also won the first game against Sri Lanka."

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Satwik-Chirag, the twin kings of badminton

Achieve A Feat Which Eluded Indian Badminton Since The Sport's Introduction At Asiad in 1962

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OWNING THE FLOOR: Indian shuttlers Satwik Rankireddy (left) and Chirag Shetty celebrate after winning gold in the men's doubles final against South Korea's Choi Solgyu and Kim Wonho

TIMES IN HANGZHOU

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For the first time ever in the history of Asian Games, the Indian national anthem was played at a medal ceremony in badminton. There were goosebumps and tears of joy – pure outpouring of emotions as Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy climbed atop the podium and saluted the tricolour as it was raised at the Binjiang Gymnasium.

Both had just done the unthinkable and achieved a feat which eluded Indian badminton for 60 long years since the sport's introduction at the Asiad in 1962. Chirag and Satwik, who will be officially crowned the World No. 1 men's doubles pair next week, battled bad form, viral fever and cold to give the nation perhaps its biggest medal in Hangzhou – a maiden badminton gold at the Asiad.

The duo defeated South Korean pair of Choi Solgyu and Kim Wonho 21-18, 21-16 in 57 minutes. It was India's first medal in men's doubles in 41 years since Leroy D'Sa and Pradeep Gandhe secured a bronze in the 1982 edition.

The two celebrated the occasion in style – Chirag taking his shirt off to flex his muscles and Satwik breaking into a bhangra dance before throwing their racquets into the crowd to ring in the biggest achievement of their careers.

"We are simply speechless. It's been a tough journey coming into this tournament. We weren't playing to the best of our abilities. We lost in the quarters of the World Championships and in the first round of the China Open. We could say that was probably the lowest phase for us. When we went back home, we trained even on Sundays. There was just one goal in our mind that we had to push ourselves as hard as possible during training and let God decide what he wanted from us at the Asian Games. I think it's because of the hard work put in by both of us and our team and coaches over the years that we managed to create history for India," said Chirag.

This was Chirag-Satwik's fifth title of the year after succeeding at the Swiss Open, Asia Championships, Indonesia Open and Korea Open.

The Koreans, ranked World No. 15, dominated the early phase of the match and maintained their lead over the Indians, going into the break at 11-9 in the opening game. It was a high-quality summit clash where down-the-line smashes, crosscourt defensive backhands, short lifts and long rallies were the order of the day.

At 13-11 with Koreans leading, the match witnessed one of its finest rallies when both pairs engaged in a 22-shot rally to keep the shuttle in. The Indians won the duel after Chirag hit the winner. With Chirag and Satwik trailing at 15-18, the duo shifted gears after receiving instructions from the Indian team's doubles coach, Mathias Boe, and went for clever crosscourt returns and brilliant angled and jump smashes from the back to draw parity at 18-18. They pocketed the game at 21-18 after reeling off six straight points.

In the second game, the two teams initially went neck-and-neck before the Indians opened a four-point lead of 11-7 at the break. But the Koreans weren't done yet and reeled off three straight points to threaten a comeback. The Indians started to break away, first at 16-12 and later at 19-15 to come within touching distance of title glory.

At 20-16, they enjoyed a lead of five gold medal points and sealed the issue when Wonho's return went wide. "We had a late semifinal match yesterday and couldn't sleep the whole night. By the time we were back and done with our treatments and all, it was 1 am. We couldn't sleep for the first two-three hours. When I saw the clock, it was 5 am and I could hear the bathroom sounds from Chirag's room. When Chirag met me in the morning and asked, 'Did you manage to sleep?', I replied, 'No, I couldn't'. Well, we are happy to have won," said Satwik.

"I was wide awake the whole night. My eyes were shut but I couldn't sleep... I kept walking in my room, kept asking myself, 'Why am I not sleeping?' It went on till the alarm rang at 9:15 am. It was purely because of the excitement of playing the final. That we were able to win with the amount of pressure on us, it was commendable," added Chirag.

India's chief national coach, Pullela Gopichand, later revealed that Chirag was suffering from viral fever three days ago and wasn't in the condition to take the court.

"He had a fever and wasn't fit. But he still managed to play, which shows the character of these boys. I would personally say, the Asian Games, in some sense, is tougher than the Olympics and these two have the capability to win medals on both these stages. If you look at the competition, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan and Indonesia send two teams. In all, there were nine nations that sent two teams, whereas in the Olympics, you have the top 13 nations and you may not have so many rounds of tough matches. We don't have an option because unlike in some of the other sports where an Asian Games win gives you a direct Olympics quota, we still depend on rankings at the end of April. We have to continue playing. Many of our players will travel to Finland, Denmark and France. So, it is tough, they have to hold their rankings," Gopichand explained.

A bronze finish for Savita's hockey girls

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A gold lost on Thursday but a bronze won on Saturday. The gloom in the Indian women's hockey camp made way for cheers as Savita Punia and her team eked out a hard-fought 2-1 win over Japan to win the bronze. Incidentally, the two teams had met in the final of the previous edition and Japan had edged India by a similar scoreline.

WINNING FEELING: Savita Punia's team shrugged off the semifinal loss to China to take bronze against Japan

While India return with a medal, they will need to wait until January next year for the only other opportunity to qualify for the Paris Olympics. Also, chief coach Janneke Schopman has her hands full. First, she will have to answer the tough questions Hockey India is expected to pose to her. The Olympian from the Netherlands will then have to go back to the drawing board to iron out some basic flaws in the squad.

In the third-place playoff, India struck in the fifth minute with Deepika converting a penalty stroke. They could have had a cushion of at least a couple of more goals in the first half, if Vaishnavi Phalke, Vandana Katariya and Sangita Kumari had applied themselves better and made quick decisions inside the circle. Japan's dominance in the second quarter resulted in skipper Nagai Yuri deflecting in a penalty corner.

The third quarter was patchy with the teams trying to attack without meaningful structure. In the final quarter, Vaishnavi was guilty of shooting wide when in front of an open goal, but three minutes later, Sushila Chanu scored what turned out to be the matchwinner in the 50th minute.

India then turned defensive and ensured they kept the lead.

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Jyothi, Ojas' rare treble adds to India's archery glory

India Claims Top Spot In Archery Medal Table With Five Gold, Pushing South Korea To Second Position For First Time Since 1978

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Hangzhou: One started her sporting journey as a swimmer and the other as a roller-skater. But both found their true calling in archery.

On a breezy Saturday morning in Hangzhou, the two superstars of Indian archery, Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Pravin Deotale, proved they made the right career choice after achieving a 'rare treble' of gold medals in their respective compound events at the Asian Games here.

Jyothi and Ojas claimed the top spot in the women's and men's individual compound events to ensure the country's best-ever showing in archery at the Asiad. In the process, India also made a clean sweep in compound events by grabbing all five gold medals on offer in the category. The country finished its archery campaign at the Asiad with a whopping nine medals, six better than its previous best haul of three at the Incheon Games 2014. India also confirmed top spot in the archery medal table with five gold, pushing South Korea with four gold to second position for the first time since 1978.

Veteran Abhishek Verma claimed a silver in the men's individual compound while the 17-year-old Aditi Swami settled for bronze in the women's event.

In the compound individual finals on Saturday, Jyothi defeated South Korea's Chaewon So 149-145 to bag her third gold. Taking deep breaths before every shot, Jyothi – competing in her third Asiad – had four perfect scores, missing only the very first arrow, a nine, to beat the Korean. The girl from Vijayawada was also part of the gold-winning women's and mixed teams earlier this week.

Ojas also completed his hat-trick of gold after edging out senior pro Abhishek 149-147 in an all-Indian men's compound individual final. Ojas had partnered Jyothi for the compound mixed team gold and was part of the men's team comprising Abhishek and Prathamesh Jawkar that finished on top of the podium.

"It still feels like a dream. Three gold medals at the Asian Games is really big. I am thankful to all the members who have been with me on this journey, who have supported me in all my good and bad times, my family, my coaches, everyone," said Jyothi, a winner of four silver and two bronze medals at the World Archery Championships. She also has in her bag three gold, two silver and six bronze medals from the World Cups and four gold, four silver and two bronze medals from the Asian Championships.

On her string of perfect scores, except the first arrow on which she got a nine, Jyothi said: "The first shot was not good but I composed myself. I said to myself, 'It's OK, it's OK, focus on the rest of the arrows.' And I did one after the other, one arrow at a time."

Ojas, 21, who became the first Indian archer to win gold in the men's individual compound event at the World Championships in Berlin, said he felt like living a dream after securing the top spot in all compound events he participated in.

"This was my first Asian Games and I have won gold medals in all three events. What more do I need? It's surreal. It's everyone's hard work, not just ours. Going into the final against Abhishek bhaiya, I had told myself that this is going to be a friendly match between us. But there was still some pressure. No matter how many times we say it's a friendly match, there is always a little pressure. It is a gold after all, but we knew that whatever happens, it will be for India,"

Talking about the mental aspect of archery, Ojas credited foreign coach Sergio Pagni from Italy for the turnaround. "He had already started our mind preparation when we were in India, and because of that, we have benefited here. Our personal mind training has also been beneficial. it has helped us stay calm. Mind training means we have a lot of sessions, like a 'kill-out'. We were put under pressure situations where we had to shoot 10s. If you don't shoot a 10, you have six arrows. Out of the six arrows, the number of 9s will be removed. If I shoot anywhere from 1-9, one arrow will be removed, so you now have five arrows. This helps maintain the pressure so that we are ready while competing," he explained.

Earlier in the day, Aditi beat Indonesia's Ratih Zilizati Fadhly 146-140 in the bronze playoff match.

THAT MOMENT: Pawan Sehrawat is pinned down by Iranian players in the 'lobby', a move which caused confusion over points and delayed India's march to gold

Gold at stake, India-Iran kabaddi tie spills into chaos

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Hangzhou: Controversy marred India vs Iran men's kabaddi final after a contentious do-or-die raid in the dying minutes of the title clash, which resulted in the competition being suspended for over an hour.

With one minute and five seconds left on the clock and the tie locked at 28-28, India captain Pawan Sehrawat went in for a raid against the five Iranian players. He went into the lobby (a one-metre wide strip along the inside area of the court, considered active only when contact has been made between the raider and a defender) without a touch, with three Iranian players entering the danger zone looking to tackle him down.

As Pawan indicated to the referees that he hadn't touched any defender before heading into the lobby, three points should be awarded to India for the rule breach by Iranians, who wrongly entered the lobby.

What followed was absolute chaos and confusion. The referees, umpires and judges, went into a huddle and decided that a point-each should be awarded to two teams. It led to protest by Indian coaching staff and players, who sat on the mat disputing the referees' decision and refusing to play.

The Indians asked for a video review, following which the original decision was overturned and three points were awarded to India and one point to Iran. This time, the Iranians turned on the heat on competition officials for what they called "cheating" and launched a protest for awarding three points to Indians.

Their captain, Fazel Atrachali, came off the bench to lead his players out of the playing arena. As the protest continued, the referees and judges again went for more replays of Sehrawat's raid and the subsequent infringement of the lobby line by the three Iranians. In a flip-flop, they again restored their original decision and awarded one point-each.

The Indians, clearly not amused by the turn of events, again started their protest with coach Edicherry Bhaskaran asking his players to sit on the mat. Later, the Indian team circled around the referees demanding that three points be awarded to them, threatening to stage a walkout. With the situation getting ugly, the Asian Amateur Kabaddi Federation (AAKF) officials were summoned and they decided that one point should be given to each team. The Indians refused to relent and continued with their protest.

After another round of discussion, the referees and judges again did a volte-face and awarded three points to India. This led to more drama as the Iranians cried foul. However, after hectic parlays between the officials and coaches involving the teams, the Iranians reluctantly agreed to resume proceedings.

Indian women fight hard to get the better of Chinese Taipei, win gold

In a nail-biting contest, Indian women's team prevailed over Chinese Taipei 26-25 to claim its third gold in Games history. The Indians trailed their opponents by two points in the second half but came back strongly to win the nerve-wrecking final.

Pooja Hathwala and Pushpa Rana were the star performers for India. India led 14-9 at half-time and scored six quick points at the start of the second half. However, Taipei mounted a strong comeback and cut the deficit to two points. But India remained on course and managed a narrow win after successful raids from Rana.

INDIAN WRESTLERS RETURN WITH SIX MEDALS

Hangzhou: Hasan Yazdani expectedly proved too good for Deepak Punia, who settled for a silver after losing by technical superiority to the Iranian legend in the men's 86kg category as India's wrestling campaign concluded with six medals but without a gold.

It was the second time that Deepak was up against his childhood idol Yazdani, the two-time Olympic and eight-time World Championship medallist.

The 24-year-old Deepak was perhaps overwhelmed as he could not find a single scoring move against Yazdani, who had more or less settled the final by taking a commanding 8-0 lead in the first period. Yazdani finished the bout early in the second period to defend his title.

Meanwhile, Yash Tunir (74kg), Vicky (97kg) and Sumit Malik (125kg) crashed out of the Games without reaching the medal round. Overall, India won six medals and the embarrassing defeat of Bajrang Punia on Friday was the biggest disappointment. PTI

'We're now a javelin powerhouse like Germany, Finland and Czech'

Neeraj Says He Is Yet To Reach Full Potential

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New Delhi: Among his several qualities, Neeraj Chopra's self-restraint is one worth admiring the most. This virtue serves him well when the media bombards him with all kinds of queries including the ever-persistent one: "When will you cross the 90m mark?" Neeraj always fields the questions with remarkable calm. On Saturday, after he returned to India from Hangzhou, having defended his Asiad javelin title, Neeraj answered the said question yet again: "I had said earlier in the season that I want to finish off the 90m question. So sorry I couldn't do it. Now, I guess I have given you the chance to ask me again about it in the next year."

"Since 2018, it was a possibility to cross 90m. At the Asian Games (in 2018), I threw 88.06m, then I had an injury in 2019, then Covid happened but I managed to qualify for the Olympics. In 2021 also, I had good preparation. In 2022 and 2023 also I threw close with 88s and 89s. So I don't know, I am also waiting for that. The 90m is not impossible because if I am getting close, I can go beyond 90m, may be 92m or 93m. Now I am consistent at one score, so my main focus will be to first cross the 90-mark and then stay consistent in that score," he added.

Neeraj may have won all the titles that the sport has to offer at a relatively young age of 25, but feels there is more to him. "I am happy that I pushed myself (at the Asian Games) and ended with a season-best effort. But it also made me wonder if I were fit and 100 percent in my technique then how far could I have thrown. So I have to find how I can achieve my full potential, because I feel I am still a lot away from that," he said.

The Asian Games javelin final also saw another Indian sharing the spotlight with Neeraj. Kishore Jena broke his personal best twice to finish second. Jena's performance was another proof of India's growing stature in javelin. A month back, Neeraj, Jena and DP Manu had finished in the top 6 in the World Athletics in Budapest.

"I always dreamt that like how the Germans, Czech or Finnish javelin throwers have dominated the sport, we (Indians) should also have three-four world class throwers who can win medals for the country at any big competition. It feels good that we are now dominating the sport," Neeraj said.

STRAIGHT TALK: The javelin officiating fiasco has reflected poorly on China, feels Neeraj

"I am usually the only Indian on the podium and it was so good to have Kishore alongside at the Asian Games. Hopefully, one day we will have three Indians on the podium. *Uska alag hi maza hoga*."

On the officiating fiasco that happened during the javelin final, Chopra didn't mince words and said it reflected badly on China. "There were many things which happened to us (during the event). China has hosted some big events like Olympics, World Championships and Asian Games and I think it will have some negative effect on them because World Athletics must have taken notice of it," Neeraj said. "At least 15 to 20 minutes were lost while talking to the officials. I had warmed up, so my body had gone cold. When you are in a zone and such things happen, it can take away your focus."

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4	**IND**	**28**	**38**	**41**	**107**
5	UZB	22	18	31	71
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8	THA	12	14	32	58
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WORLD CUP

"ASHWIN IS AN AGGRESSIVE BOWLER. BUT HOPEFULLY, HE WILL NOT GET TOO TECHNICAL WITH HIS BOWLING AND OVER-ANALYSE."
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ROAD TO PROMISED LAND BEGINS HERE!

Rohit Sharma Says World Cup Is 'Unfinished Business' As India Start Campaign Against Mighty Aussies

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Chennai: The last decade will be remembered as the era of Indian cricket, when the team became an absolute superpower across formats. But every great generation in sport, at the end of the day, gets judged by that one piece of silverware — the World Cup.

Sachin Tendulkar had to wait 22 years to reach the promised land in 2011. So did Leo Messi's Argentina, as a decade of final failures was forgotten in a moment on that magical night in Qatar last December. These two geniuses will always be remembered as players who departed with no "unfinished business".

It is precisely this sense of "unfinished business" that drives Rohit Sharma's golden generation. The failures at the business ends of T20 World Cups and ICC World Test Championship Finals have added to the sense of disappointment, but the ODI World Cup is still probably the 'Kohinoor' that every powerhouse wants in its cabinet.

"The ODI World Cup is hugely important to me. And yes, it is unfinished business, even the great man, you know who he is, will tell you," Rohit said, referring to Tendulkar, on the eve of their opener against a mighty Australia on Saturday.

Thirty-six years ago, when India played their first World Cup match at home at the same Chepauk, it was Australia who beat them by one run to start their winning run, which ended with the trophy. Since then, the Aussies have always been dominant at Chepauk, winning five of the six matches they have played at the venue. It includes two wins out of three against India, the most recent coming in March earlier this year, which gave Australia the series.

"We remember that game well and know exactly where we went wrong. We will try to address those issues," Rohit said before a batting stint at the practice nets under the blazing Chennai sun.

It's not that the team doesn't have a few things to be worried about. While the pressure of winning a home World Cup plays like a broken record all the time, dynamic opener Shubman Gill's likely unavailability due to fever is a huge blow. "He is not 100 % ruled out, but we want to give him the time to get fit," Rohit said, all but conceding that the Punjab stylist won't be there on Sunday.

It means left-hander Ishan Kishan will take Gill's place while the middle order will be manned by Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja. While Pandya doubles up as the third pacer with Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, Rohit said he sees the allrounder as more than just a back-up option.

"As far as I am concerned, he is a proper pace bowler. With him being there, it allows us to play three spinners (R Ashwin, Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav)," said Rohit. It is this magnificent spin attack which has all the variety in the world that gives India a slight edge at Chepauk, where 280 tends to be a winning score.

Australia, on the other hand, interpret the same conditions in a completely different vein—playing with three pacers in Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc, leggie Adam Zampa being the lone specialist spinner. Glenn Maxwell, though, is considered by the Australians as a "proper spinner" who can come good both with bat and ball.

But the five-time world champions will miss allrounder Marcus Stoinis, who is ruled out with a hamstring injury. Cameron Green, a hard-hitting allrounder with enough experience of playing in India, is likely to be his replacement.

Taking everything into consideration, it's probably the first match of this World Cup where the two teams are absolutely evenly matched. Their journey starts here, but these are sides which will aspire to play each other one more time during the course of the tournament. Sunday will offer fair indication of whether they indeed will.

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA IN WORLD CUP

	Played	Aus won	Ind won
Overall	12	8	4
In Australia	2	2	0
In India	4	2	2
Neutral venue	6	4	2

L R Shankar

WAITING FOR THE BIG CATCH: India skipper Rohit Sharma during training on the eve of their World Cup opener against Australia in Chennai

22 runs needed by Rohit Sharma to become the fourth Indian batter after Sachin Tendulkar (2278), Virat Kohli (1030) and Sourav Ganguly (1006) to complete 1000 runs or more in the World Cup. Currently, he has scored 978 runs at an average of 65.20 with the help of six hundreds and three fifties in 17 innings.

INDIA | AUSTRALIA
ICC ODI RANKINGS
1 | 3

VENUE
M A Chidambaram Stadium

PITCH
It's a win-the-toss-and-bat-first pitch. Spinners are expected to run the show as the match progresses.

WEATHER
It will be a typical hot Chennai weather with humidity around 80%. Chance of rain is around 15%.

ODDS: INDIA 7/10, AUSTRALIA 11/10

NUMBERS GAME

1 wicket needed by Mitchell Starc to become the second Australian bowler to complete 50-plus wickets in the World Cup. Glenn McGrath had captured 71 wickets at 18.19 runs apiece in 39 matches—a World Cup record. Right now, the left-arm pacer has 49 wickets at 14.81 in 18 matches.

8 runs needed by David Warner to complete 1000 runs in the World Cup. Previously, three Australians have accomplished the feat—Ricky Ponting (1743), Adam Gilchrist (1085) and Mark Waugh (1004). Warner has scored 992 runs at an average of 62.00 runs apiece in 18 World Cup matches.

74.73
Australia's winning % (69 wins, 23 defeats, one tied game and one no-result) in 94 games is the best by any team in the World Cup. India's success % of 64.45 is the next best—53 wins, 29 losses, one tied game and one no-result game out of 84 played.

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

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Cummins banks on 'India knowledge'

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Chennai: Over the years, the MA Chidambaram Stadium has been Australia's happy hunting ground. It is in fact their most successful ODI venue in India, with five victories from six matches. Australia skipper Pat Cummins is looking to bank on the team's experience of touring India to begin the quest for a sixth ODI World Cup trophy.

Cummins said he has played more white-ball cricket in India than in his own country over the last 10 years. "We have played a lot of One-Day and T20 games here and Chepauk is a ground we visit quite often. We like playing here. And a few guys have played for CSK and a fair bit of IPL. We won our last match here in March. Hopefully, we keep that going," the captain said.

CUMMINS

"The IPL has been very helpful. The home crowd is going to be noisy and very one-sided, which is nothing new. I think the positive thing is we've played some good ODI cricket against India at their home ground over the last few years. So we can draw on that.

"You get some (wickets) that spin or bounce and 250 might be a good score. And then there are other wickets where you feel like you need more than 350 because it's flat. Over the course of 50 overs, it does feel like the wicket and the ball changes a bit. It goes through different phases. But in Australia it can be pretty flat in the whole 50 overs," he added.

Cummins also believes he is blessed to have star allrounders at his disposal.

Can Rohit make it a happy WC swansong?

IN DESPERATION, YOU CAN DO SO MANY THINGS THAT CAN LEAD INTO SO MANY OTHER THINGS, SO, IT'S GOOD TO BE DESPERATE AND HUNGRY."
—Rohit Sharma | INDIA SKIPPER

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Rahul Dravid (L) chats with Rohit Sharma

Snubbed In 2011, Skipper Will Be Keen To Get The Best Out Of His Players In Pressure Situations This Time Around

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Chennai: Rohit Sharma is 36. He could easily have been a part of the 2011 World Cup winning side, but Piyush Chawla's inclusion as the spin cover scuttled the then 24-year old's hopes.

Twelve years down the line, the medal of a world champion keeps eluding him across formats, even though the fringe player of that era is now one of the most well-liked Indian captains. Rohit knows, in all probability, this will be his last chance to win some ICC silverware. He is well aware that the tag of the most successful IPL captain will sound hollow if it is not backed by a World Cup trophy. And the Mumbai cricketer concedes that desperation is bound to creep in for players who are at this late stage of their careers.

"In desperation, you can do so many things that can lead into so many other things, so, it's good to be desperate and hungry. But you've got to find that balance to stay desperate for scoring runs, lifting the trophy, winning games...it's that balance I am looking for," Rohit said during the course of a half-hour interaction with the media, where he sounded confident but not arrogant about India's chances. "The seniors have so much experience, they know how to stay under the radar and keep doing things they are supposed to do."

The format of this World Cup, where teams play each other once before a one-off semis, can be a bit cruel, as India found out the hard way in 2019. A rampaging Indian side in the league stages might just have peaked a little too early before they crashed to a soul-crushing semi-final loss.

Rohit and his boys have tried to learn from the experience and not repeat the same mistakes they did in 2019. The skipper insisted that it's important to go match by match. "You have to think about tomorrow's match, deal with it and move forward. There's no point looking too far ahead," Rohit added.

But after playing 16 years of international cricket, the right-hander knows that there will be situations when players will feel the pressure. And in such situations he wants his players to show character.

"In difficult times, I want them to come up and say 'Okay, pressure is not leaving us, but I'm better off focusing on what I need to do for the team'. We are supposed to handle pressure, it is part and parcel of playing cricket in India," Rohit said.

It's about his teammates taking a cue from their skipper and going ahead in this mission of making it a happy swansong for a fantastic generation.

Saud is the next star from Pak: Rizwan

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Hyderabad: It was a workmanlike 81-run win for Pakistan in the opener against the Netherlands but Mohammad Rizwan was pleased with the performance.

"Indian pitches are good for batting but there is some help for spinners and seamers. Haris Rauf (3/43) got some movement today (Friday)," Rizwan said.

That Rauf had something to bowl at was mainly due to Rizwan's 120-run partnership with Saud Shakeel, who he said is the next big thing from Pakistan. Both chipped in with contrasting 68s.

"Saud is gifted and if he continues the good work, he'll be the next superstar for Pakistan. Usually, when I bat with Babar (Azam), we plan our innings. Today I didn't tell Saud anything because given the way he plays, we'll get runs anyway," Rizwan gushed.

To think of it, Shakeel was not even in the reckoning for World Cup. The left-hander made his ODI debut in England in 2021 but was considered more a Test specialist after his double century against Sri Lanka in July.

After players, Pak fans & media face visa delay
New Delhi: The organisers of the World Cup are working to secure visas for fans and media from Pakistan, the governing International Cricket Council (ICC) said after complaints from the Pakistan board. Visas for the Pakistan team were granted barely 48 hours before they left for India. REUTERS

Af coach Trott slams Dharamsala outfield

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New Delhi: The outfield at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala has come under criticism post the World Cup tie between Bangladesh and Afghanistan on Saturday. **TOI** had reported on September 16 that the International Cricket Council (ICC) had raised concerns over the outfield which was then heavily infested by fungus.

Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott came down heavily on the quality of the outfield after his team suffered a disappointing loss to Bangladesh in their opening match. Batting first, the minnows were bowled out for a mere 156 runs. Bangladesh successfully chased down the target in 34.4 overs, losing four wickets in the process.

Trott, a former England Test cricketer, claimed that his players were lucky to escape injury. The grass on the outfield was patchy and mossy, and several players on both sides lost their footing in the deep.

Mujeeb Ur Rahman appeared to have jarred his knee while diving and Azmat Omarzai tumbled over when attempting to save a boundary. "If you've got players unsure of whether they can dive... we see the product of cricket all around the world where players are encouraged to improve their fielding," Trott said after the match. "And when you've got players worried about getting injured... I mean, we are lucky Mujeeb hasn't got a serious knee injury towards the end."

Bangladesh's Mehidy Hasan Miraz, whose exceptional all-around performance played a crucial role in Bangladesh's six-wicket victory, also stated that the outfield was heavy and slow.

TOI understands that the HPCA and BCCI have been living on a prayer after ICC gave adverse feedback about the condition of the outfield.

"The groundstaff in Dharamsala have been praying that there is no rain during the course of the World Cup. A spell of heavy rain could make it beyond repair. The outfield isn't even 10 per cent of what it looked like during the IPL earlier in the year. BCCI didn't change the venue because there has already been many changes in the schedule of the tournament," a BCCI source said.

Brief Scores: Afghanistan 156 all out in 37.2 overs (R Gurbaz 47; Shoriful 2-34; Shakib 3-30; Mehidy 3-25) lost to Bangladesh 158-4 in 34.4 overs (M H Miraz 57, N H Shanto 59*) by 6 wickets.

SA BATTERS FEAST ON SRI LANKA IN RUN FEST

Markram Logs Fastest WC Century After De Kock, Dussen Tons In Massive Win

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New Delhi: In March 2018, Virat Kohli had expressed his admiration for Aiden Markram's batting on social media. Markram was in majestic form in a hard-fought Test series against Australia. Cut to South Africa's opening match against Sri Lanka, Markram breezed to the fastest hundred in World Cup history as South Africa posted a mammoth 428/5 and set up a 102-run win.

South Africa's total was also the highest put up by a team ever in the World Cup. That it would come at a ground infamous for having a slow and low pitch is an irony in itself. This is a new-look Arun Jaitley stadium surface with true pace and lively carry. Yet, the ease with which Quinton de Kock and Rassie van der Dussen brought up their centuries to set up Markram's onslaught is a warning sign for other teams in the competition.

Markram's 54-ball 106, coming in after a 204-run second-wicket partnership between de Kock and Dussen, started with a flurry of impeccable straight drives off the medium pacers and continued in the same vogue as he tore into the Sri Lankan bowling. He brought up his hundred off 49 balls to break Ireland's Kevin O'Brien's longstanding record by one ball.

Bat coming down in beautiful straight lines minus exaggerated bat swing, Markram followed De Kock's method right through. The pitch had pace and bounce while aiding some seam movement upfront, but De Kock relied on the straight bat punches to take the Lankans down in front of a sizeable crowd that chanted away his name. The conditions negated Lanka's strongest suit—spin bowling and South Africa were all about feasting on it.

The fancy ramps were a rarity albeit Dussen resorted to a few reverse sweeps. Most of the big hits came in front of the wicket. Even the death-overs sensation Matheesha Pathirana was ruthlessly savaged down the ground as South Africa hammered him for 95.

For a while, at the top of Sri Lanka's chase, Kusal Mendis brought back memories of Sanath Jayasuriya taking down India at this venue during the 1996 World Cup. But the improbable pursuit fizzled out after he was dismissed for 76 off 42 balls which had eight sixes in it.

All charged-up Proteas

For all the calm in their onslaught, the South African team turned up visibly fired up for the opening game. De Kock, particularly, has been under immense scrutiny since announcing his retirement from the format after the World Cup campaign. On Saturday, he wore a Zen look. As he disdainfully pulled Pathirana to bring up his hundred, the punch in the air and the war cry seemed to release the steam that was bottled inside him. Even Markram broke character upon reaching his hundred with a hard pull off Dilshan Madhushanka for a flat six.

Brief Scores: South Africa 428-5 in 50 overs (Q de Kock 100, R van der Dussen 108, A Markram 106, H Klaasen 32, D Miller 39*; D Madushanka 2-86) bt Sri Lanka 326 all out in 44.5 ovewrs (K Mendis 76, C Asalanka 79, D Shanaka 68, K Rajitha 33; G Coetzee 3-68) by 102 runs.

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THREE CHEERS: Aiden Markram (top), Rassie van der Dussen (left), and Quinton de Kock celebrate their centuries at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Saturday

Highest totals in the World Cup

Runs	For	Vs	Venue	Date	Won by
428-5	SA	SL	Delhi	7.10.2023	SA
417-6	Aus	Af	Perth	4.3.2015	Aus
413-5	Ind	Ber	Port of Spain	19.3.2007	Ind
411-4	SA	Ire	Canberra	3.3.2015	SA
408-5	SA	WI	Sydney	27.2.2015	SA

Fastest World Cup hundreds

Balls	Player	Final score	For	Vs	Venue	Date
49	Aiden Markram	(106, 54b)	SA	SL	Delhi	7.10.2023
50	Kevin O'Brien	(113, 63b)	Ire	Eng	Bangalore	2.3.2011
51	Glenn Maxwell	(102, 53b)	Aus	SL	Sydney	8.3.2015
52	AB de Villiers	(162*, 66b)	SA	WI	Sydney	27.2.2015
57	Eoin Morgan	(148, 71b)	Eng	Af	Manchester	18.6.2019

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Across
1 Unbendingly they press home the charge (7)
5 Bow tie for an artist (7)
9 News put out and the dust allowed to settle (7)
10 Time is pressing (7)
11 Aside given to an actor to speak? (5)
12 Outstanding piece of cinematic apparatus? (9)
13 Star collapsed in Calcutta prison (5,4)
15 They should be given to a sacked worker or hand perhaps (5)
16 It may hold together broken china (5)
18 Faults of flimsy neckwear (9)
21 Broken bone as ice shows sign of giving way (9)
24 It's a decorative edging one gathers (5)
25 Anger with a disease (7)
26 Tract of grassland left untidy (7)
27 The last form of secrecy (7)
28 For these locks make places hard to enter (7)

Down
1 Fruit of theatrical conversation (7)
2 Mother hides a mark with cosmetic (7)
3 Caught and bowled? (9)
4 Take notice but don't retire (3,2)
5 Oil lamp he trimmed for Nightingale (9)
6 Son of Susie? (5)
7 Health-giving cooking device? (7)
8 Answers which may be dispensed with (7)
14 A composer frequently we hear supported by another (9)
15 Camelford redesignated as protected area for shooting (4,5)
16 Selections of numberless choc ices (7)
17 Holding soldiers up in a unit is a bloomer (7)
19 They are suspended in cold weather (7)
20 Shows rank subservience (7)
22 A puffed-up VIP (5)
23 Excited Celt describing a conspicuous success (5)

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Fundamental (7) 5 Endeavour (7) 9 Dash to pieces (7) 10 Canadian city (7) 11 i.e. (2,3) 12 Pretentious (9) 13 Damage (9) 15 Practise swordplay (5) 16 Pursuit (5) 18 Retrace one's steps (9) 21 Right through (2,3,4) 24 One of the Great Lakes (5) 25 Flavouring used in liqueurs (7) 26 Mythical half man, half horse (7) 27 Protect (7) 28 Clad (7)

Down
1 Cancel (7) 2 Local form of language (7) 3 Leave barest margin (3,2,4) 4 In a slow dignified tempo (5) 5 Genuine (9) 6 Beat rhythmically (5) 7 Seasonal Indian Ocean wind (7) 8 Defeat heavily (7) 14 Decorate with needlework (9) 15 Little or no prospect (3,6) 16 Short naval sword (7) 17 Straddling (7) 19 Debts still unpaid (7) 20 Similar in character (7) 22 Occurrence (5) 23 Spanish soldier-hero (2,3)

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MAX MAKES IT THREE

Verstappen Clinches His Third Successive Formula One Title

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HERE I GO AGAIN: Max Verstappen prepares for the Sprint in Lusail City, Qatar

Doha: Max Verstappen secured the Formula One title for the third straight year on Saturday in a season of near-total domination for the Red Bull driver.

Verstappen finished second in the sprint race in Qatar and his teammate Sergio Perez, the only driver who could catch him in the standings, crashed out after being struck by Esteban Ocon's Alpine.

Rookie Oscar Piastri won the sprint for McLaren.

The title race was all but over long before Verstappen made sure of it Saturday. His run of 10 straight wins, an all-time F1 record, from May to September left him far ahead in the standings.

The 26-year-old Dutch driver will start on pole position for Sunday's race, chasing his 14th win in 17 grands prix.

Mexican Perez needed to finish in the top three places to keep the title officially open for another day, but started eighth and dropped to 11th before tangling with Alpine's Esteban Ocon on lap 11. The Red Bull was then stuck in the gravel, with Perez stepping out.

The race is a standalone point-scoring event. "Unbelievable. Guys, I don't know what to say," Verstappen told his team. "It's been a pleasure so far this year."

Verstappen parked up in the pit lane and stood atop his car with three fingers raised on his right hand before going to celebrate with his team. Verstappen started third Saturday but was slow off the line and was in fifth after the first lap before fighting his way through the field. Perez was in a three-way fight with Ocon and the Haas of Nico Hulkenberg midway through the sprint. AP

Biles claims 21st World gold, denied in vault

Antwerp: US superstar Simone Biles continued her spectacular return from a two-year break by claiming her 21st world title with all-around gold at the world gymnastics championships.

Rebeca Andrade of Brazil denied Simone Biles a 22nd by winning the women's vault competition ahead of the American superstar

Earlier, the American produced a dominant display to score 58.399 points and secure the all-around title ahead of defending champion Rebeca Andrade of Brazil (56.766), with American teammate Shilese Jones taking bronze (56.332).

The 26-year-old gymnast was teary-eyed as she stood on the podium with her sixth all-around world crown. The podium was entirely composed of black gymnasts for the first time. "We had a black podium of girls, so I thought that's amazing: 'Black girl magic!'," she smiled.

Biles' 35 world and Olympic medals make her the most decorated gymnast in history. AFP

Scott is Man United's hero; Spurs go on top

Spurs celebrate their goal

McTominay

London: Scott McTominay's two stoppage-time goals gave Manchester United a dramatic 2-1 win at home against Brentford, while 10-man Tottenham climbed to the top of the Premier League after a 1-0 victory at Luton.

Troubled United were just moments away from a third defeat in the space of seven days at Old Trafford before McTominay came to the rescue.

McTominay came off the bench to level three minutes into stoppage-time. And the Scotland midfielder won it in the 97th minute.

At Kenilworth Road, Tottenham midfielder Yves Bissouma was sent off just before half-time. But Mickey van de Ven's first goal for the club soon after the interval. Ange Postecoglou's side sit two points clear of second placed Manchester City, who travel to Arsenal on Sunday. Raheem Sterling proved a point by inspiring Chelsea's 4-1 rout of Burnley. AFP

BELLINGHAM STRIKES TWICE AS REAL MADRID THUMP OSASUNA

Madrid: Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham scored twice and produced another masterful display in a 4-0 LaLiga home win over Osasuna on Saturday, with the England midfielder reaching an astonishing 10 goals in his first 10 starts for his new team.

Bellingham opened the scoring in the ninth minute with an unstoppable close-range strike and extended the lead in the 54th minute.

Vinicius Jr. scored the third and assisted Joselu who stroke home the fourth in the 70th minute. Real moved on to 24 points from nine games, two ahead of Girona.

Inter draw 2-2 against Bologna: Leaders Inter Milan let slip a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 against Bologna in Serie A. AGENCIES

GALLERY

Ayush secures a medal at Badminton World Junior C'ships

New Delhi: Ayush Shetty assured India of a medal at the World Junior Championships after sailing into the men's singles semifinals in Spokane, USA. Ayush defeated Japan's Yudai Okimoto 21-16 21-17 in the quarterfinals. Ayush will face fourth seed Alwi Farhan of Indonesia next. In girls' singles, Tara Shah went down 17-21 6-21 to 8th seed Xu Wen Jing of China in the quarters.

Siddharth, Rashmikaa emerge winners: Uttar Pradesh's Siddharth Vishwakarma and Telangana's Rashmikaa S Bhamidipaty won the men's and women's singles titles at the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship. Siddharth won 4-6 6-3 6-4 against Haryana's Karan Singh, while Rashmikaa registered a 6-4 4-6 7-6 win over Vaidehi Chaudhari of Gujarat. UP's Rushil Khosla defeated Samarth Sahita of Maharashtra 6-3 6-3 to clinch the boys' U-18 singles title.

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: ICC World Cup: India vs Australia, 2 pm (Star); Aus Women vs West Indies, 1st ODI, 4.30 am (Star); New Zealand Women vs South Africa, 2nd T20I, 5.30 pm (Fancode)
FOOTBALL: EPL: Brighton vs Liverpool, 5.30 pm; West Ham vs Newcastle; Arsenal vs Man City, 6.30 pm (Star); ISL, Mumbai City FC vs Kerala Blasters, 8 pm (Sports18, Jio) La Liga, 10 pm (Jio); Bundesliga, 7 pm (Sony)
GOLF: PGA Tour, 1.30 am Monday (Eurosport)
ASIAN GAMES: 5.30 am (Sony)
RUGBY: WC, 4.30 pm & 9.15 pm (Fancode, Sony)

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- HP Ryzen 7 5700U 16 GB | 512 GB SSD — ~~₹64,255~~ ₹44,990*
- Raymond Premium Bedsheets — ~~From ₹2199~~ ₹499*
- Haus & Kinder Premium Bedsheets — ~~At ₹1,999~~ ₹849*
- Cello Dinner Sets Amitabh Bachchan Specials! Pack of 18 pc — ~~₹3,499~~ ₹1,299*
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- Just Herbs Makeup Kit — ~~Min 50% Off~~ Flat 70% Off
- CMF by Nothing Buds Pro 45dB ANC | Ultra Bass — ~~₹4499~~ ₹2,999*
- CMF by Nothing Watch Pro — ~~Earn ₹6,999~~ From ₹3,999*

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- Mixer Grinder Bajaj, Butterfly, Havells & More 8th Oct | 6:00 pm — ~~₹2999~~ From ₹899*
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Lenovo Core i3 12th Gen 8 GB | 256 GB SSD	HP Core i5 12th Gen 8 GB | 512 GB SSD	Lenovo LOQ Gaming Core i7 13th Gen RTX 4050	Acer Aspire 7 Gaming i5 12th Gen RTX 2050	HP Victus Core i5 12th Gen GTX 1650 | 144 Hz
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