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Rishi Sunak, who topped the first & second rounds of voting in the race to be Britain's next PM, maintains his lead in the latest round with 115 votes. Earlier in the day, he praised the achievements of his Indian parents-in-law, saying **'I'm incredibly proud of what my parents-in-law built'**, P 13

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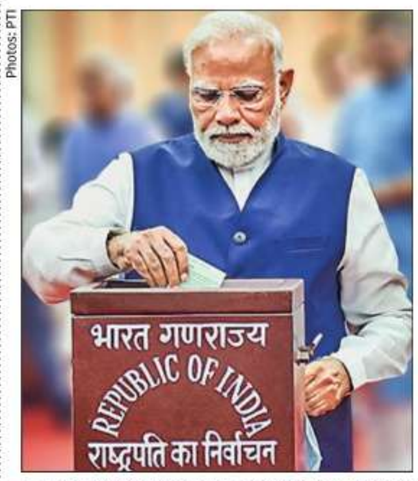
99% turnout in Prez poll



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) and former PM Manmohan Singh (centre), who came in a wheelchair, were among the early voters in the polls held on Monday to elect India's 15th President. There was a 99% turnout in the election that pitted NDA's Droupadi Murmu against the opposition's joint candidate, Yashwant Sinha. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman (right) arrived in Parliament in a PPE suit, as did her ministerial colleague, R K Singh, who is recovering from Covid. In all, 4,796 MPs and MLAs across the country cast their vote, with as many as 11 states and one UT reporting 100% turnout, the EC said. The result will be declared on Thursday (July 21). Cross-voting in favour of the NDA nominee in several states and absenteeism by MLAs in some others created a sideshow of dissidence in the opposition ranks. There were reports of cross-voting from UP (by some SP members), Gujarat (by the lone NCP MLA) and Odisha (by a Congress member). In Bengal, BJP declared its MLA count as 70 instead of 75, anticipating cross-voting by those who had unofficially defected, amid cross-vote allegations by both the TMC and BJP. A Congress MLA in Telangana said she had 'mistakenly' voted for Murmu. Across the country, several MLAs abstained, including at least eight from the northeast and an SAD member in Punjab who said he was boycotting the polls in protest. Voting for the presidential election also marked the start of Parliament's monsoon session, with PM Modi saying this was a particularly important period. "It is the period of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. There is a special significance of August 15 and the coming 25 years, when the nation would celebrate 100 years of independence," he said, urging lawmakers to hold discussions on various issues with an open mind | P 2 & 9

SC: Linguistic, religious minorities state-specific

Petition Sought Tag For Hindus In Some States

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday said it was a settled position that religious and linguistic minority status of a community is to be decided state-wise on the basis of state population and it would be a travesty of justice if, say, Christians who are in a majority in Mizoram and Nagaland are given minority status or Sikhs treated as a minority community in Punjab.

Hearing a PIL seeking directions to declare Hindus as minority community in states where it is outnumbered by other communities, a bench of Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia said any community which is in minority in a state could be a religious or linguistic minority. It said Marathi-speaking people would be a minority outside Maharashtra; Kannada-speaking persons in Maharashtra are a minority.

The petitioner said Hindus are minorities in J&K, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal, Lakshadweep, Manipur and Punjab but the Centre has so far declared only Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains as minorities in the country.

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Kerala-Dubai flyer 2nd case of monkeypox

A second case of monkeypox was reported in India, with a 31-year-old man who travelled from Dubai to Kannur (Kerala) on July 13 testing positive. Reviewing measures, the Centre has asked authorities to ensure strict health screening of international travellers arriving at airports and ports. P 12

Govt sets up panel on MSP

The Centre has formed a committee to suggest measures to make MSP available to farmers across the country even though the agri ministry remained silent on the demand of granting "legal guarantee" to MSP. P 11

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SC slams 'vicious cycle', protects Zubair from arrest in 5 UP FIRs

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday dealt with a petition filed by arrested Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair and protected him from further arrests in the five FIRs lodged by Uttar Pradesh Police for his alleged blasphemous tweets.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna said, "Since the petition is not on board today, we direct the registry to list it on July 20. In the meantime, we direct that no precipitate steps shall be taken against the petitioner in connection with any of the five FIRs (two at Hathras, one each at Lakhimpur Kheri, Ghaziabad and Muzaffarnagar) without the leave of this court." Counsel Vrinda Grover mentioned Zubair's petition at 10.45am seeking quashing of the six FIRs for urgent hearing before a bench headed by CJI N V Ramana, who said that he would list the plea before a bench headed by Justice Chandrachud on Tuesday and gave liberty to Grover to mention it before that bench.

▶Took it up in hours, P 11

> Contents of all FIRs seem to be similar. What seems to be happening is, as he gets bail in one case, he is remanded in another. This vicious cycle is continuing
> —Justice D Y Chandrachud

Where is the occasion for UP Police to lodge several FIRs on the same tweets for which he (Zubair) had been booked by Delhi Police? This is to keep him in police custody forever... Zubair needs to be protected as he faces serious threats to his life
—**Vrinda Grover,** Zubair's counsel

I don't think that your lordships will consider passing an order preventing a competent court from passing an order. It can always be set aside, interfered with or modified once it is passed
—**SG Tushar Mehta,** who had appeared for UP govt in Sitapur FIR case

Nupur seeks protection from arrest in 9 FIRs

The SC will on Tuesday hear ex-BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma seeking to revive her earlier petition, which she had withdrawn in the face of caustic comments from judges, seeking protection from arrest in nine FIRs and clubbing them. P 9

Maha-bound bus falls into Narmada, 12 die

A Maharashtra-bound bus broke through the barrier of Khalghat bridge in MP's Dhar and plunged into the Narmada from a height of 100 feet on Monday. Twelve passengers were killed, and at least two are missing and feared dead, **reports Ashok Kumar.** Eyewitnesses say the driver lost control while trying to overtake another vehicle. The bus crashed through concrete railings, flipped in the air and slammed into the base of the centre pillar upside down before getting submerged. P 12

Cop kills 3 colleagues over 'remarks on wife'

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New Delhi: Three Sikkim Police personnel were allegedly shot dead by a colleague at DJB's water treatment plant at Haiderpur in Rohini district Monday afternoon. The accused later walked to the Samaypur Badli police station and surrendered, claiming the three men had passed objectionable comments about his wife, but didn't give details. The cops are probing if his own family problems provoked the attack.

The accused, Lance Naik Prabin Rai (32), who is a resident of Sikkim, had joined as a sentry at the plant 10 days ago. He told the police he had fired six to seven rounds from his INSAS rifle. When he walked into the police station with the rifle in hand, the cops were taken aback.

▶'Objectionable', P 4

ONE SURVIVOR

- The Lance Naik dialled his wife. When she didn't take his call, he started firing & killed his three colleagues
- He surrendered, told cops they passed objectionable comments about his wife and used to tease him
- A policeman who was among the five present at the spot managed to escape

CBI busts NEET racket, arrests 8 from city, Hry

The CBI arrested eight suspects and busted a racket that tried to rig the NEET-UG test held on Sunday by placing dummy candidates in several exam centres across Delhi-NCR, **reports Rajshekhar Jha.**

▶During NEET screening, many girls in Kerala made to remove innerwear, P 12

Several 'solvers' were nabbed from centres in places such as Faridabad, Ballabhgarh, Patparganj, Gol Market and Shakurpur.

Sushil Ranjan, kingpin of the racket who was in close touch with all 'solvers', middlemen and candidates, was also arrested. P 3

2 held for looting people in cabs

Two men, Mehraj and Gulzar, who used to rob cab passengers in Delhi were arrested on Monday. One of their victims was a Canadian pilot. Mehraj, involved in 11 criminal cases, was a driver with a cab aggregator. P 3

12 of 19 Sena MPs back CM

With 12 of 19 Shiv Sena Lok Sabha MPs attending a virtual meeting with CM Eknath Shinde on Monday, sources in the latter's camp said the members were set to form a separate group in the House. P 12

2 Dalits stripped to lend uniforms

The UP state education department on Monday set up a probe in a case pertaining to two Dalit schoolgirls being made to strip in Hapur and their uniforms being lent to upper-caste girls for a class photo. P 12

DU leads univs in faculty vacancies

Over 6,500 faculty positions are vacant in central universities across the country with majority of them being in DU followed by Allahabad University, BHU and AMU, as per education ministry statistics. P 8

Somwari puja: 5 dead in Bihar

Two 50-year-old women died at a Siwan temple in a crush while three men in their 20s drowned in Muzaffarpur's Budhi Gandak river where they had gone to offer prayers on the first Monday of the Shrawan month. TNN

Wrong diagnosis, lack of manpower for testing key reasons for snags: DGCA

Safety First, Scindia Tells Airline Bosses

New Delhi: Incorrect diagnosis of defects and lack of manpower to certify aircraft as fit are among the key causes identified by the DGCA for the spurt in snags being reported by desi carriers in recent weeks, **reports Saurabh Sinha.**

Also, an increasing trend of financially-strained airlines releasing aircraft under "minimum equipment list" — where a plane is allowed to fly subject to the condition that a non-critical component that is either malfunctioning or is not working, will be repaired or replaced in a certain time frame — has been found to be the other major contributory factor in mid-air scares. The DGCA on Monday directed airlines to tackle these issues by July 28 or face action. Aviation minister J M Scindia held a one-on-one with airline bosses and told them that safety comes first.

▶Delhi HC nixes PIL to stop SpiceJet operations, P11

▶'Tackle issue', P 11

IndiGo puts LDF neta, 2 others on no-fly list

IndiGo announced Monday it was putting LDF convener E P Jayarajan on its no-fly list for three weeks and two Youth Congress workers for two weeks based on a probe into a scuffle onboard an aircraft carrying CM Pinarayi Vijayan on June 13. This is the first known instance of a desi airline putting a politician on a no-fly list. P 9

Captain, JCO die in J&K accidental grenade blast

Jammu: An Army captain and a JCO were killed and five soldiers injured in an accidental grenade blast while they were on duty at a forward location along the LoC in Mendhar sector of J&K's Poonch district late Sunday, **reports Sanjay Khajuria.** The two deceased were Captain Anand from Champanagar in Bihar's Bhagalpur district and Naib Subedar Bhagwan Singh from UP's Ambedkar Nagar district.

Batra quits as FIH, IOA prez as CBI files FIR

Veteran sports administrator Narinder Batra quit as IOA and FIH president as well as a member of IOC Monday. He cited "personal reasons" for his surprising decision that came on a day CBI filed an FIR against him and other top Hockey India officials in an alleged corruption case. Searches at HI and IOA offices and residences of the accused led to the recovery of "incriminating documents". P 16

Karoge yaad... Soulful singer Bhupinder dead

Avijit Ghosh & Bella Jaisinghani

Singer-composer Bhupinder Singh, whose moody and melancholic voice gave depth and soul to some of the finest ghazals and nazms in the Hindi films of 1970s and 1980s, passed away in a Mumbai hospital on Monday evening. He was 82.

"He was suffering from colon cancer and diagnosed with Covid just a week ago," his wife and fellow ghazal singer Mitali Mukherjee (Singh) told PTI.

The Amritsar-born singer's deep and distinctive renditions were the perfect fit for Gulzar's sensitive poetry: 'Dil dhoondta hai phir wohi' (Mausam), 'Ek akela iss sheher mein' (Gharaonda), to name just two tracks.

Also a guitarist of repute, Bhupinder was part of RD Burman's ensemble. He played the instrument in 'Dum maro dum' (Hare Rama Hare Krishna) and 'Chura liya hai' (Yaadon Ki Baraat.)

▶Grew up in Delhi, P 12

'Tribal' status for HP's Trans-Giri region on cards

In a major political move ahead of the Himachal polls, the Centre is mulling the granting of 'tribal' status to the Trans-Giri region in Sirmaur. The proposal, if it is cleared, will bestow the ST status on all communities living in this designated area, **reports Subodh Ghildiyal.** Sources said an inter-ministerial consultation is likely to take place on the proposal to be moved by the tribal affairs ministry. P 10

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I Am No Criminal, Why Block S'pore Visit: CM

Sees 'Political Reason' Behind Delay In Nod

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MAKING A POINT: Kejriwal said he rarely went on foreign visits

New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday that he failed to understand why the central government was 'indulging in dirty tactics' and 'blocking' his visit to Singapore. The CM said that he rarely went on foreign tours and when it came to talking about the development of the country, everyone needed to rise above party politics.

"I am not a criminal, but a chief minister elected by the people of Delhi. I am a free citizen of this country. I fail to understand why I am being stopped from going to Singapore for a conference," Kejriwal told reporters on Monday, wondering why his visit to Singapore, where he has been invited to participate in the World Cities Summit 2022, is being stalled.

"I'd be honoured to present the Delhi model in front of the whole world. It is this model through which we brought remarkable progress in all the sectors and made a significant change in the lives of people of Delhi," he said. Kejriwal has written a letter to PM Narendra Modi seeking clearance for the visit.

"Prominent global leaders will learn about the Delhi model at the summit and this will only enhance India's reputation at an international arena.

KEJRIWAL SAYS

I'd be honoured to present the Delhi model in front of the whole world. It is this model through which we brought remarkable progress in all the sectors

But when a common citizen can freely visit another country, why can't an elected chief minister go out?" he asked. "We should leave aside party politics and be united in talking about the progress of the country."

The CM claimed that US First Lady Melania Trump, during the US President Donald Trump's visit to India, went to some Delhi schools and was impressed. Prior to that, the former PM of Norway and former UN Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon had similarly visited Delhi's mohalla clinics. "The country should take pride in this and showcasing such achievement should be encouraged," Kejriwal said. "But it is clear they are indulging in dirty tactics. I haven't committed any crime and haven't been barred by law or court from giving a presentation at an international forum."

AAP Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh protested outside Parliament on Monday to demand that Kejriwal be permitted to visit Singapore and showcase the Delhi model.

Withdraw GST on labelled food, says Kejriwal

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New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday demanded an immediate rollback of the 5% GST imposed on food items by the central government.

"On one hand, the whole country is struggling with back-breaking inflation, and on the other hand, the central government has imposed GST on daily commodities and made them more expensive. I demand the central government to withdraw the GST imposed on food items," the CM said on Monday after casting his vote in the President's election at the assembly. The measure came into effect on Monday.

"It is very regrettable that on one hand, inflation in the country is at an all-time high, and on the other, the central government has hiked the GST on basic commodities like pulses and rice. We demand the central government to revoke this hike," Kejriwal said.

"I want to say this to the central government that the move to hike GST on basic commodities is ill-thought and arbitrary. It should be taken back at the earliest," he said.

With a rate of 5% GST to be charged on pre-packed and labelled food items like atta, paneer and curd, Kejriwal took to social media on Sunday to say that if corruption was removed, there wouldn't be any need to increase taxes in the country.

15k EVERY FAMILY SAVES DUE TO DELHI GOVT SUBSIDY, SAYS CM

"If corruption is eradicated, we will need to reduce taxes, not increase taxes. If corruption is eradicated, then we will be able to give good and free education to all the children and good and free treatment to all the countrymen. Only then the country will progress," Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

On Monday, he also said that in the time of inflation, Delhi was the only state in the country where citizens were getting some relief. "Today, Delhi is the only state in the country that is working tirelessly to give some relief to the citizens from inflation and people themselves agree on this," he said.

Kejriwal said the Delhi government provided quality education, excellent treatment, 24x7 electricity, and water for free, apart from free travel in public buses for women. "If you add all this, every family makes a saving of Rs 10-15,000 every month," he claimed.

You've got mail: E-notices for PUCC violation begin

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Illustration: Arya Praharaj

New Delhi: Beginning Tuesday, Delhi government's transport department will start sending e-notices to the owners of the more than 15 lakh vehicles that are due for a pollution check. The recipients will get a week's time to get their vehicle checked for the Pollution Under Control certificate. Non-compliance will attract a fine of Rs 10,000.

A Delhi government official said on Monday that with more than 15 lakh vehicles with pending pollution checks, the transport department would send up to 1,500 e-notices every day to owners of these vehicles. "We have already sent SMSs on the registered mobile number of all such vehicle owners. It has now been officially approved that e-notices should be sent," the official said.

According to sources, it is likely that those vehicles with the longest pending pollution clearance will get the e-notices first and after that the vehicles that have become due for a check more recently. Of the vehicles that don't have a valid PUCC, the majority is two-wheelers.

Unlike older vehicles, which were required to get a fresh PUCC every three months, the BS-IV vehicles need to acquire the certificate only once a year. According to official data, pollution checks of 10,000-15,000 vehicles are carried out every day.

The department is going to send e-notices to the registered phone numbers of vehicle owners before challaning them. Under the Motor Vehicles Act, a challan can be issued immediately for any vehicle found plying without a valid PUCC. However, according to transport officials, there is a provision in the Act that if a notice is served and there is no response from the vehicle owners for seven days, it is deemed that they have nothing to contest and are liable to be booked. Therefore, to avoid a physical challan being contested, the department will first send an e-notice and then only an e-challan.

The e-notices and e-challans will be sent through a 'challan mobile application' that has been developed with the National Informatics Centre for the ongoing bus lane enforcement drive. The PUCC system has been included in the mobile application after making a few changes.

Earlier this month, the transport department had issued a public notice requesting all vehicle owners in Delhi to get valid PUCC for their vehicles. The department said that the failure to possess a PUCC could lead to imprisonment up to three months or a penalty of up to Rs 10,000 or both. Defaulting vehicle owners will also have their licences suspended for three months.

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68 MLAs cast vote, CM says hopeful of a 'prudent' prez

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MAKING A CHOICE: Deputy CM Manish Sisodia casts his vote

New Delhi: Out of the 70 Delhi MLAs, 68 cast their vote at the assembly on Monday to elect the 16th President of India. After casting his vote, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said he was optimistic that the country would get a strong and prudent President.

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel, leader of opposition Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, all cabinet ministers, and AAP and BJP legislators also cast their vote on the assembly premises. NDA candidate Droupadi Murmu is pitted against opposition pick Yashwant Sinha in the poll.

Kejriwal said he hoped for a brighter future of the country under the next President. "MPs and MLAs have cast their votes. I have also exercised my electoral power... I am optimistic that the country will get a strong and prudent President," the CM said.

The 68 MLAs cast their vote in the designated ballot box provided by the Election Commission of India, which was sent to the Rajya Sabha in the evening. Before entering the designated area for voting, the members were thermally scanned, ECI stated. Minister Satyendar Jain and AAP MLA Haji Yunus did not vote. While Jain is in judicial custody in an alleged money laundering case, Yunus is in Saudi Arabia for Haj.

Shashi Ranjan Kumar (IAS), the additional secretary of the ministry of textiles and financial adviser, was the observer of the election held at the Delhi assembly. The ballot box was brought to the committee room of the assembly from a protected room, where it was kept in a previously sanitised and properly sealed strong box under strict videography monitoring. The commission said the polling exercise was conducted smoothly, ECI stated.

The polling saw over 99% of the total of 4,796 electors in the electoral college for the election cast their votes across India. In fact, 100% voting was reported from 11 states and the Union territory of Puducherry, ECI stated.

PWD to begin greening work on roads, flyovers

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New Delhi: As part of the Delhi government's green action plan, the public works department has started working on increasing the greenery on roads. A variety of shrubs, vines and ornamental plants will be used to spruce up the city's roads and flyovers.

Some of the locations that are going to be beautified in the first phase include Indraprastha flyover, Chirag Delhi flyover and IIT flyover. The horticulture wing of the department is conducting a survey to identify more places where greenery needs to be developed.

Monsoon is considered to be the best time for such plantation drives. The main objectives are to beautify the locations and cut down dust pollution due to open spaces and dry patches on the roads, said an official.

"There are some flyovers and roads where the greenery is less, which results in dust. These streets are being identified and will be beautified soon," the official added.

The government had earlier directed the officials concerned to further improve the greenery on the city roads to reduce dust pollution. By March 2023, it plans to have 3,50,550 bushes and 5,000 saplings more on the roads and flyovers falling under the jurisdiction of the PWD.

Women aspiring to become cab drivers to get Delhi govt aid

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New Delhi: To encourage women who are willing to become professional taxi drivers, the Delhi government on Monday launched a scheme under which it will bear 50% of the cost of the driving training.

"In the past couple of months, we have implemented multiple initiatives to increase participation of women in the transportation workforce. The objective is that women come forward and become an important anchor of Delhi's public transportation," transport minister Kailash Gahlot said.

The government said that 50% of the cost, around Rs 4,800 for each candidate, would be borne by the transport department. The training will be conducted at the government driving training centres at Burari, Loni and Sarai Kale Khan.

The government will also invite fleet owners and aggregators to sponsor the remaining 50% of the cost for the women seeking driving employment in these companies. The government said it would work with them to set up a mechanism so that women trained through the initiative received guaranteed jobs in these companies. The department will soon issue a notice seeking expression of interest from these companies.

"We have inducted women as bus drivers at Delhi Transport Corporation. With the implementation of this initiative, the day is not far when a large number of women would be visible as drivers for various public modes of transportation on Delhi's roads," Gahlot said.

The government is also facilitating end-to-end training to 180 women candidates for obtaining a driving licence of heavy motor vehicles (HMV) in collaboration with Ashok Leyland Limited. While 76 women have already completed the training, 35 have earned their HMV licence, out of which five are being trained at a DTC training centre.

The government also said it was in the process of adopting Delhi Motor Vehicle Aggregator Scheme, which would mandate increase in share of electric vehicles within the fleet of cab aggregators. It will "enhance opportunities for women as, due to fewer mechanical parts and automatic steering wheel, electric vehicles are much easier to drive and less strenuous in operation", it stated.

CBI Busts Scam To Rig NEET-UG Exam, 8 Held

Gang Placed Dummy Candidates At Offline Centres

DECODING THE RACKET

HOW THE GANG OPERATED

- CBI arrested eight people, including the mastermind and solvers, in a case related to **mass rigging in the NEET UG-2022 examination conducted on July 17**
- Exam conducted by NTA under ministry of education for admission in MBBS/BDS/BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS and other undergraduate medical courses
- The gang was involved in **arranging solvers to impersonate real candidates** in the examination at several centres of Delhi and Haryana
- The **user IDs and passwords of certain candidates appearing** for the examination were collected and modifications made for getting the desired exam centres
- The gang **mixed/morphed photographs to facilitate use of proxy candidates** for appearing in the examination

Arrests across Delhi

Sushil Ranjan | Mastermind, Apprehended outside Havelock Square exam centre

Krishna Shankar Yogi & Sunny Ranjan | Both caught from an exam centre in Sector-8, Faridabad

Nidhi | Caught from an examination centre at Havelock Square

Jeepu Lal | Caught from an examination centre in Kundan Colony, Ballabhgarh, Haryana

Raghunandan | Caught from an examination centre in a senior secondary school, Patparganj

Bharat Singh | Apprehended from Safdarjung Hospital hostel

Saurabh | Caught from examination centre in Government Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Shakurpur

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New Delhi: The CBI has arrested eight people who allegedly tried to rig the NEET-UG examination for medical courses that was held Sunday by placing dummy candidates through fraudulent means. The alleged mastermind is among those held.

The NEET-UG examination, which had received 18 lakhs applications this year, was conducted at more than 3,500 centres.

According to sources, the agency got a tip-off about a huge amount of money exchanged between the suspects and candidates for impersonation. The solvers and middlemen had gathered in the city on July 16-17 and were provided with accommodation in various hotels and other places near Gautam Nagar in south Delhi.

Using surveillance to gather leads, CBI laid a trap at offline centres where exams were to be held between 2pm and 5.20pm. The mastermind, Sushil Ranjan, was in close touch with all of the accused, the probe revealed. A swoop across Delhi was planned and executed by the agency's anti-corruption branch.

Ranjan, a resident of Gautam Nagar, and a solver, identified as Nidhi, were held from Havelock Square exam centre near Gol Market. The other solvers were identified as Krishna Shankar Yogi and Sunny Ranjan, who were caught from a centre at Sector 8, Faridabad; Jeepu Lal, held from Ballabhgarh, Haryana; Raghunandan, arrested from a centre in Patparganj; Bharat Singh, held from Safdarjung hospital hostel; and Saurabh, who was nabbed from a centre in Shakurpur.

Singh and Saurabh did not appear for the exam but forged the Aadhaar of the candidate. Other documents were also recovered from them. The two men were produced in court and taken in remand.

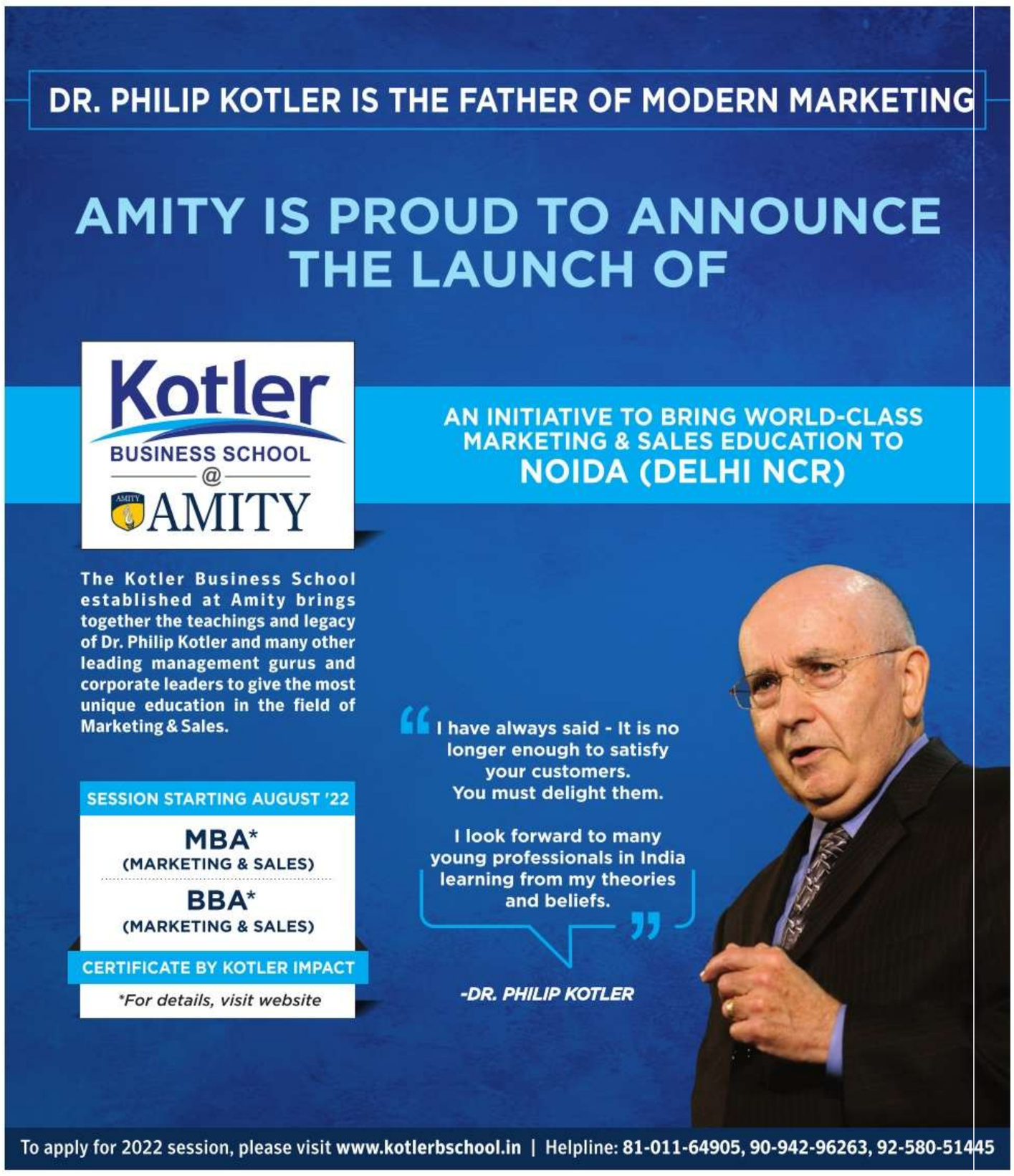
CBI filed an FIR after getting information that Ranjan had conspired with a group of people to arrange "solvers" to impersonate candidates in the NEET examination at multiple centres in Delhi and Haryana.

"It was alleged that user IDs and passwords of certain candidates had been collected by the accused and their associates and necessary modifications were made for getting the desired exam centres as planned by them," CBI spokesperson R C Joshi said.

Probe revealed the accused had morphed aspirants' photographs so that proxy candidates could appear for the exam with forged documents, said an official.

"During investigation, the mastermind and solvers were caught from different examination centres and other places in Delhi and Haryana while appearing for or impersonating other candidates," the spokesperson added.

The agency is now looking for other suspects and examining their roles. They have been identified as Brij Mohan Gupta, Pappu, Uma Shankar Gupta and Hemendra, officials said. More arrests are likely in the coming days.



On Yamuna bank, a rich ensemble of wellness, tourism

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New Delhi: The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) plans to develop a green riverfront at Kalindi Kunj that can attract tourists. The mission hopes to implement the innovative concept of Ghat Mein Haat on that section of the Yamuna that is stigmatised by images of white froth caused by pollution.

"As the Yamuna is the tributary of the Ganga, we are taking several initiatives as part of an outreach programme to keep the river free from pollutants," said G Asok Kumar, director general, NMCG. "Based on some of the projects executed by NMCG on the banks of Ganga in Badrinath and Patna, we are planning this green riverfront at Kalindi Kunj ghat. We have received the approval in principle for the project."

Ghat Mein Haat idea involves combining cultural heritage, tourism and livelihood opportunities on a riverbank. The intervention will promote livelihood opportunities where local products, such as ayurveda items and medicinal plants, will be considered, to start with. The concept also envisages boat tourism, yoga and wellness and medical tourism opportunities available to the public on the riverbank.

Under the project, as a zero-budget measure, natural farming, orchards and parks with medicinal plants will be created along the length of the bank. This will also provide a source of livelihood for farmers while helping to keep the bank clean.

A green belt, with slopes and walkways for people, and seating areas will be created. A sculpture park with shaded spaces will be developed, keeping in mind the fauna in the river and the river ecology. The sculptures will be made from recycled materials. A selfie point for visitors is also planned.

Yoga classes on the riverbank is another concept that will be introduced at Kalindi Kunj. A start was made on Yoga Day this year when officials of NMCG did yoga routines near the Signature Bridge.

At the latest executive committee meeting, NMCG gave the green light to the proposal, but it has to be approved by two authorities. "This intervention may help prevent the froth that forms at Kalindi Kunj. We are in talks with Uttar Pradesh government's irrigation department for this," said Kumar.

He added, "Also, by December-end, the biggest wastewater treatment plant in the country at Okhla, with a capacity of 564 million litres per day, will be ready. This is an important project under the Yamuna Action Plan for which the entire funding has come from the central government. No permanent structure will be erected at Kalindi Kunj."

NMCG has been holding public awareness programmes on the Yamuna's health. Every month, for example, it gets students from colleges and schools, not only from Delhi but also neighbouring cities, to take part in the riverbank cleaning activities along the Yamuna.

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File photo

Two held for abducting, robbing cab passengers

Times News Network

New Delhi: Two men were arrested by Crime Branch of Delhi Police on Monday for allegedly abducting and robbing passengers in a moving taxi. Investigators claimed that one of the accused had also robbed a Canadian pilot in 2019.

The accused, Mehraj (32) and Gulzar (39), are natives of Uttar Pradesh. "Mehraj was involved in 11 criminal cases and was working as a driver with a cab aggregator," said an officer.

On July 14, an Uttarakhand-based businessman reported a robbery in Patparganj Industrial Area. "He was travelling to Gurgaon from his native place by a private bus. He was dropped near Anand Vihar ISBT around 4.30am. He then boarded a taxi. There were three passengers in the taxi. He was overpowered by them and robbed of Rs 8,000 in cash. They also took his ATM card and forced him to reveal its PIN. He was made to call his family members to deposit money in his account. Later, the robbers withdrew Rs 8,500 using the ATM and dumped him in Greater Noida," deputy commissioner of police (crime) Rohit Meena said.

Both the accused were nabbed from Ghaziabad. Mehraj told police that his associates and he used to rob commuters in the early hours. He also used a forged numberplate for the taxi. They committed three robberies in one month, including two in UP and one in Delhi.

"Mehraj was lodged in Tihar Jail in 2019 after getting caught for the robbery of the Canadian pilot from IGI Airport. He was released in June 2022. He again started committing crimes," said the officer.

A probe is on to find out how he was working as a driver for a company. The officer said, "We have written to the aggregator and sought details, including whether they had conducted Mehraj's background check. Gulzar is a plumber and was earlier involved in a robbery case."

Hot & humid: Max temp rises by 3°C, showers unlikely today

New Delhi: The maximum temperature soared by three degrees Celsius on Monday, making the city warm and humid and increasing the discomfort.

Weather analysts see very low possibility of shower even on Tuesday, with the Met department expecting rain from Wednesday. The maximum temperature is then likely to fall remarkably and stay low till Saturday.

The base station Safdarjung recorded the maximum temperature at 38.2 degrees Celsius, three notches above the season's average. The minimum temperature was 27.8 degrees, three notches below the season's average. The humidity oscillated between 89% and 66%. The maximum temperature on Tuesday is likely to hover around 36 degrees Celsius.

According to the weather department, the maximum temperature may drop to 33 degrees Celsius by Wednesday and fall further for two more days due to high-intensity rain. "Light to moderate showers are likely from July 20, and it will increase from July 22 and may continue for a few days," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman of meteorology and climate change, Skymet.

Delhi's air quality kept oscillating within the "satisfactory" level, with the air quality index at 92 as against Sunday's 61. It is likely to stay "satisfactory" for the next three days. TNN

HC pulls up cops for inaction on tree damage

Times News Network

New Delhi: Holding police responsible, Delhi High Court has sought an explanation from them for not acting against Public Works Department (PWD) officials for damaging several trees near Lodhi Colony while carrying out infrastructure work.

According to the order, while building a concrete storm water drain, PWD damaged at least 30 trees on Meera Marg. The construction work started in August 2020, but stopped during the pandemic. After work restarted in February 2021, it was found that the trees were damaged.

Though the issue was flagged by the forest department, citizen and green organisations, the complaints were ignored, the order by Justice Najmi Waziri stated. Later, New Delhi Nature Society, a city-based organisation, and local residents approached police seeking their intervention. However, the cops didn't take the matter seriously, leading to the trees getting further damaged.

The order stated that a short reply was given by Delhi Police, which didn't explain any steps taken by them to stop or prevent damage to the trees. "The reply does not allude to any steps taken by police to stop or prevent damage to the trees. Albeit work was subsequently stopped for the day, the project for RCC storm water drain was subsequently completed by PWD despite a restraining order from the tree officer," it added.

Under Section 20 of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, every tree officer or his subordinate or any forest, revenue or police officer can prevent or interfere to avoid damage to trees.

COURT ORDER SAYS

Police wilfully did not assist the tree officer and chose to side with PWD officials, who were in clear contravention of all judicial orders as well as the order of the tree officer

The reply by police stated that cops from Lodhi Colony police station visited the site and asked PWD to stop the work near the trees. But the team found that PWD had legal permission to conduct the work. After that, police did not take any further action against PWD personnel "as they assumed that, being an authorised government agency and consequently bound by the law, their actions were legal".

However, the court pointed out that the "inaction, rather restraint" from police was not as mandated under Section 22 of DPTA. Section 22 asks forest officers, along with police and officials from other departments, to take all preventive measures to protect trees if there is reason to believe that damage is about or likely to be committed.

"Police wilfully did not assist the tree officer and chose to side with PWD officials, who were in clear contravention of all judicial orders as well as the order of the tree officer. Police is silent on the allegations apropos the statements made by the additional SHO of Lodhi Colony police station. Let the DCP concerned look into the matter and an appropriate response be filed with his approval," stated the order, seeking a reply by July 21.

Nine girls rescued from illegal placement agency

New Delhi: Nine girls have been rescued from an illegal placement agency, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights claimed on Monday. In a tweet, NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo accused the child protection department of Delhi government of failing to provide safe shelter to children. "Delhi government is neither regularising nor closing the illegal agency," he said. PTI

More trees found damaged in HK, says forest dept

Times News Network

New Delhi: After the forest department recently imposed a penalty of around Rs 2 lakh on the public works department for allegedly damaging nearly 20 trees in Hauz Khas during construction of a drain, it has been claimed that the agency has again damaged over 10 trees on the opposite side of the road. A restraining order will be issued to the agency to ensure no further damage to trees, said forest officials.

A forest official said, "On receiving a fresh complaint, an inspection was conducted and trees were found damaged. We have stopped the work at the site and a hearing will be conducted in the matter soon."

Verhaen Khanna, founder, New Delhi Nature Society, had first lodged a complaint in the matter with the forest department in June. He had claimed that due to the ongoing drain work of the PWD, trees have been damaged in violation of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, and also the orders of high court and National Green Tribunal. After his complaint, the forest department inspected the site and found trees were damaged. A fine of around Rs 2 lakh was imposed on the agency.

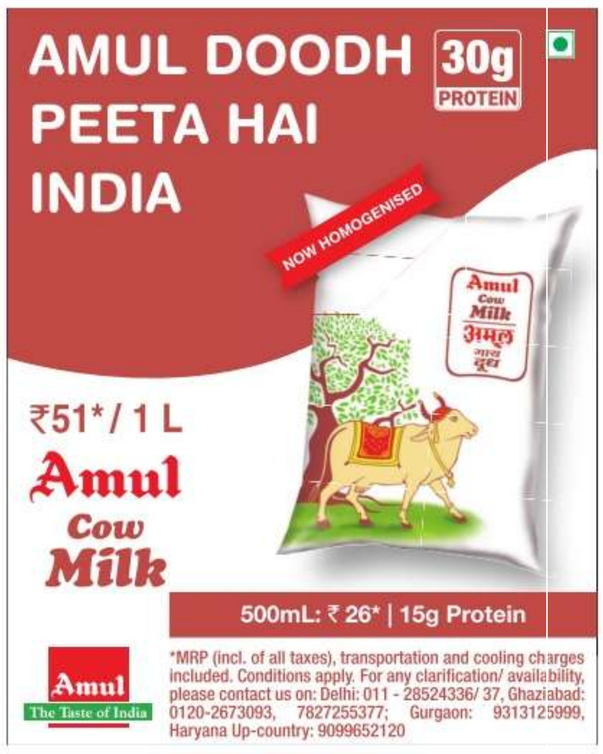
However, Khanna again filed a complaint with the forest department in July for damage to more trees in the same area during construction of the same drain. He said, "On July 16, I observed that 15 trees were severely damaged as their roots were cut within one metre of the trunk due to trenching work on Hauz Khas Market Road, between A Block and D Block, near August Kranti Marg. In a month, two written complaints have already been submitted by me regarding trees felled or damaged on the same road due to the trenching work, and several complaints have also been made on the green helpline."

However, PWD officials were unavailable for comments in the matter.

The green tribunal had directed all public authorities in 2013 to deconcretise areas around trees. It also stated that no construction activity would be allowed to take place within one metre radius of the trunk of trees.

ATTACK ON GREEN LUNGS

15 TREES DAMAGED AGAIN, SAYS COMPLAINT



Court upholds Ansal brothers' conviction for evidence tampering

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New Delhi: A city court on Monday upheld the conviction of real estate barons Gopal and Sushil Ansal in an evidence tampering case related to the 1997 Uphaar cinema hall fire tragedy, saying there was no merit in their appeals.

District judge Dharmesh Sharma also upheld the conviction of two other accused, PP Batra and Dinesh Chand Sharma. The court, however, set aside the conviction of accused Anoop Singh. The court has put the matter for hearing arguments on the petition filed by the convicts challenging their quantum of sentencing.

On October 8, 2021, a magistrate court had convicted the Ansal brothers saying they had attacked the very purity and sanctity of the justice system, making it the "victim". The court had further said the "high-handedness" of the accused for securing benefit in the trial sans documents by any means demonstrated the scant regard they had for the justice delivery system, which was the bedrock of democracy.

The Ansal brothers were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on November 8, 2021 and a fine of Rs 2.25 crore was imposed on each of them. The court also awarded Batra and Anoop Singh and former court staff Dinesh Chand Sharma seven years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 3 lakh on each of them.

A session's court, before which the Ansals had challenged their conviction order, on December 3, 2021 refused to suspend their sentence. They moved Delhi High Court against the order, but the sentencing was upheld.

During the trial in the main case related to the tragedy that claimed 59 lives, the Ansals and five others, including the then court staff, had torn, defaced and obliterated crucial documents of the prosecution evidence to secure acquittal. The Ansals were convicted in the matter.

COURT SAYS

The 'high-handedness' of the accused for securing benefit in the trial sans documents demonstrated the scant regard they had for the justice delivery system

The court observed that the accused did their best to sabotage the trial, but, unfortunately for them and fortunately for the judicial system, the legal process was "robust and strong" and "immune from such nefarious attacks" and could "respond to such situations with resilience".

Additional Public Prosecutor AT Ansari argued that this case had not only brought a bad name to the well tested criminal justice delivery system, but also eroded the confidence and trust of a common man in it.

Senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for the complainant, Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy, had argued that the accused had destroyed the most vital piece of evidence.

Workers At Risk As Safety Norms, Caution Thrown To The Wind At Construction Sites

However, Construction Company Claims Safety Drills Being Conducted At Regular Intervals

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New Delhi: As per the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2002, all construction sites need to adhere to a mandatory set of safety rules. In reality, however, these rules are not being followed by the constructors, putting the lives of workers at risk.

A check by **TOI** of the Ashram flyover extension project exposed this disregard for safety rules. The workers there did not have safety harnesses to prevent them from falling. They also did not have dust glasses, construction boots and gloves, among the many regulations not being followed.

"We wear special boots only when we work with concrete," said Rama Singh, a worker from Bihar at the flyover project. Singh was busy with a few other labourers excavating the roadside to build the pedestrian subway on Ring Road.

In the name of safety, all that the other workers had were a green light vest and a hard hat. One was on the top of a pillar barefoot and using his hard hat to fill water in a bucket for spraying on the newly cast cement pillar.

"Around 15 days ago, a safety drill was conducted among the workers. It is a regular exercise. However, if you are saying that workers are not using proper safety guidelines, we will have a check. Beyond that, I am not authorised to say anything," said an engineer of the construction company which has been given the contract to carry out the construction.

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay, Sanjeev Rastogi

On the high pillars on which the elevated road will be created, none of the workers had safety harnesses to prevent them falling. The building rules make it mandatory also to have dust glasses for workers in a dusty environment, but these too were missing at the flyover extension site.

Amjad Hasan, general secretary, Delhi Asangathit Nirman Mazdoor Union, reiterated, "The construction worker safety norms are not followed at most of the sites in Delhi. The labourers put their lives at risk to build important infrastructure for the residents but little is done for their safety and health."

Being built at an estimated cost of Rs 128 crore by the Public Works Department, the flyover extension will be integrated with the existing flyover on Ring Road at Ashram. An arterial road, it connects west, south and east Delhi with Noida and sees a high volume of traffic. PWD is hopeful that the work will be completed by September this year.

However, **TOI** also noticed some contrasts. A small distance away from Ashram, the RRTS interchange station is being constructed near the Sarai Kale Khan interstate bus terminal. There, workers who were working at a height were indeed protected by safety harnesses.

LG sanction to CBI, ACB for probe against 2 officials in separate cases

Times News Network

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxenahas granted sanction to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an investigation against a former sub-registrar and an inquiry by the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) against a Public Works Department (PWD) junior engineer, in two separate cases, sources said on Monday.

Sources said Saxena has approved investigation by the CBI against a former Sub-Registrar (SR-VA), Hauz Khas, under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988. The former sub-registrar had allegedly registered a sale deed in respect of notified government land worth many crores measuring eight bighas and 14 biswas in Saidul Ajaib, in south Delhi on December 23, 2019 in connivance with private individuals, they said.

The official registered the sale deed in a prima facie case of illegality for financial benefits from the private individuals concerned, without proper verification and obtaining 'NOC' from the office of land acquisition collector, South and caused huge loss to state exchequer, sources said. The notified government Gram Sabha land in question was in possession of the Delhi government's forest department.

In another instance, the LG granted permission for ACB inquiry against a PWD JE, under section 17 Act of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, for demanding and accepting illegal gratification for clearing bills. Sources said that facts on file in the matter provided prima facie evidence that the JE demanded Rs 2 lakh from a contractor for passing of a running bill for the work of construction of pavements of E-Type quarters in campus of GTB Hospital, Delhi. The contractor, sources said, also transferred Rs 1.2 lakh in the bank account of the brother of the accused.

On Friday, the LG had granted approval to the ACB to investigate a complaint against a Delhi government officer, who, during his posting as deputy secretary in chief minister's office in 2017, allegedly demanded a bribe from a civil defence volunteer.

The LG, in the past few weeks, has taken action in several complaints of corruption either recommending suspension of officials or ordering a probe by investigating agencies.

'Cop shot colleagues after they passed objectionable comments about his wife'

Times News Network

New Delhi: Three Sikkim Police personnel — Pinto Bhutia (35), Dhanhang Subba (40) and Indra Chhetri (33) — were gunned down by their colleague, Lance Naik Prabin Rai. here on Monday.

Delhi Police said they received a PCR call around 3 pm about firing inside a DJB plant which the four were guarding. "When a team reached the spot, they found that three people were lying in a pool of blood. Two of them were lying on the floor of the barracks and the third one was found inside a bathroom," said DCP (Rohini) Pranav Tayal.

The accused told the cops that he had shot his colleagues around 3 pm. Bhutia and Chhetri died on the spot while Subba was rushed to the hospital where he was declared brought dead.

AN OFFICER SAYS

He (an eyewitness) said he had no idea about the reason behind the incident. Rai used to tell them that he didn't have a good relationship with his wife

Just before the incident, there were five people, including Rai, inside the barracks. He asked his colleague for a phone and reportedly called up his wife. She didn't pick up. He started firing soon after that.

"Rai told us that the victims had passed objectionable comments about his wife and that they used to tease him about his relationship with her and was mentally harassing him for the past few days," said the police. "When we asked what the comments were, he was not able to answer. We are probing his allegations." the officer said.

The police have found an eyewitness from Sikkim Police, who had managed to escape from the spot when the accused started firing. "He said he had no idea about the reason behind the incident. Rai used to tell them that he didn't have a good relationship with his wife," an officer added.

The five men were staying in the guardroom of the plant. They had three-hour shifts at the sentry post. The cops suspect that one of the men was shot while asleep.

158 dengue cases in Delhi this year

New Delhi: As many as 158 dengue cases have been reported in the national capital so far this year, including at least 15 cases in July, a civic body report said on Monday. According to the report by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the city recorded 23 dengue cases in January, 16 in February, 22 in March, 20 in April, 30 in May and 32 in June, it said.

It said that in July, 15 cases were reported till the 9th. Five fresh cases of dengue have been reported in last one week. The total count of dengue cases reported in the national capital this year stood at 158 till July 16 while it was 153 till July 9. No death due to the disease has been reported so far, the MCD report said. The count of dengue cases reported in Delhi between January 1 and July 16 last year was 40. PTI

GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI: TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION
5/9 UNDER HILL ROAD DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: VEHICLE OWNERS PLYING VEHICLES WITHOUT MANDATORY POLLUTION CONTROL CERTIFICATE.

The Transport Department, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi in its ongoing efforts to control pollution and improve Air Quality in Delhi requests all motor vehicle owners in Delhi to get valid Pollution under Control Certificate (PUCC) for their vehicles.

The department is going to issue challan of the vehicles whose PUC certificate has been expired. The challan will be issued under section 190 (2) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 as per which failure to possess PUCC may lead to imprisonment up to 03 months or fine up to Rs. 10,000/- or with both. They will also be disqualified to hold their license for 03 months.

All Registered vehicle owners whose vehicle are more than 01-year-old from the date of registration (except electric/ battery driven vehicles) are here by directed to get their vehicle checked and obtain the PUC certificate to avoid fine.

The list of authorized pollution checking centres is available at the website of this department **(www.https://transport.delhi.gov.in).**

Sd/-
Dy. Commissioner (PCD)
Transport Department

DIP/Shabdarth/0130/22-23

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
S.E., N.B.E.C., P.W.Directorate invite online e-tender for the work of - (1) S.I.T.C of Indoor Sub-station & DG sets including installation of LT Distribution at Himalayan Centre of Presidency University at Dowhill, Kurseong in the district of Darjeeling. e-NIT No: WBPWD/SENBEC/NIT-01/22-23. e-Tender ID No. 2022_WBPWD_390072_1. Pre Bid Meeting on 26.07.2022 at 2.00 p.m. Bid submission Start Date (online): 28.07.2022 at 6.45 p.m. Bid submission Closing Date (online): 10.08.2022 upto 02.00 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/- S.E., N.B.E.C., P.W.D, GOVT. OF W.B.
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited.
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 45/WBTDCL OF 2022-23
(Technical)
Tender ID- 2022_WBTDC_389116_1 WBTDCL invites e-Tender for the work: **"Balance service related Electrical Installation work with kitchen electrification at Baul Academy."** From the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies in similar works. **Last date & time limit of submission: 28.07.2022 Time Upto 17.00 Hrs. Details are available in website:- www.wbtdcl.com/wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited. ICA-T12934(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 07/SE(EC)/W&S/KMDA of 2022-2023
e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, East Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contactors, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Supplying and laying different dia M.S pipe conduit to be prepared from different mm thick M.S. plate by pipe jacking Technique including supplying and laying 1000 mm,750mm dia (ID) M.S Raw water rising main within the conduit to be prepared from 12 mm thick M.S plate at 3 Nos. location across and underneath the B.T. Road, Sealdah-Barrackpore Railway Line, Kalyani Road including temporary and permanent road restoration & ancillary work including shifting of existing utilities for the project "Augmentation of Water Supply scheme for North Dum Dum Municipality under AMRUT 2.0"., Rs.2,83,45,894/-, Rs.5,66,918/-, 120 days, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 13.08.2022 upto 18.45 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-366)** **www.kmda.wb.gov.in** **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
NIQ No. 01 of 2022-23 of the E.E., NH Division No-III
Executive Engineer, N.H. Division No.-III, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites Quotation for the work of "Preparation of Pavement Overlay Design for stage strengthening of NH-60 for 232.00 km. To 260.00 km. By Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) Testing in the district of Bankura, WB." NIQ No. 01 of 2022-23 of the EE, NH Division-III. Closing date for submission of quotation (offline): 22.07.2022 upto 2.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.Q. may be seen from PWD website as well as the notice board of the undersigned during office hours. Sd/- NK Singh, Executive Engineer, N.H. Division No.-III, P.W(Roads) Directorate.
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Directorate of Disaster Management
TRAN BHAVAN
87A, S. N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata-700014
No. 754-DDM/NIT/TESTING (2nd Call)
Date:- 15.07.2022
TENDER NOTICE
(Ref. No. WBDDM/DIRECTORATE/ NIT-10/2022-23)
For and on behalf of the Department of Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Government of West Bengal, Directorate of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal invites e-tenders (2nd Call) in two parts (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) from experienced and bonafide Testing Agencies/ Govt. Organisation/ Semi-Govt. Organisation/ Govt. Undertaking having valid NABL accreditation for "Selection of Third Party Organisation for Testing of LDPE/LLDPE Tarpaulin and HDPE Tarpaulin to Ascertain Their Conformity as per Specification as mentioned at Annexure B1 and Annexure B2" for next three Financial Years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26. 1. The tender process should be of two parts - Technical bid & Financial bid. 2. For tender details please visit website: **http://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Tender inviting authority, Director of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal. ICA-T12943(3)/2022

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No. - WBPHED/EE/RS/e32/2022-23
TENDER ID : 2022_PHED_390258_1
Supply, delivery & distribution of Data Reporting Book comprising 10 Data Reporting Sheets of each book covering 5 individual sources of each gram panchayat to all the ASHA workers who are already been trained for testing of drinking water sources through Field Test Kits for all Gram Panchayats throughout the State under Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Pre-qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission starting date (online) (15.07.2022 from 5.00 pm). Pre qualification, Technical & Financial bid Submission closing date (online) (29.07.2022 upto 2.00 pm). For detail Log on to : www.etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal.
ICA-T12904(3)/2022

উত্তরবঙ্গ ক্ষেত্রীয় গ্রামীণ ব্যাঙ্ক
উত্তরবঙ্গ क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक
UTTARBANGA KSHETRIYA GRAMIN BANK
A Govt. Owned Scheduled Bank Sponsored By Central Bank Of India
Supply, Installation and Maintenance of x86 Server Hardware RFP for RRBs (UBGB & UBKGB) sponsored by Central Bank of India. Last Date for Receipt of tender: 10-08-2022. For More details please visit: www.ubkgb.org

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notification
Sealed Tenders are invited for "EI works for 6 KVA online UPS at existing HWC at 99 HWC, Hooghly" vide NIT No. 05 of 2022-23(ES)(Sl No. 01 to 16) for detail information please visit the Website: **www.wbhealth.gov.in** & **www.hooghly.gov.in** Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FWS. ICA-T12944(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Abridged e-Tender)
N.I.T. No. WBTC/JMD/NIT-398(2022-23)
e-Tender in prescribed from in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works : Supply of Drivers and Conductors for operating Buses. Published on 19.07.2022 at 09.00 A.M. Please visit website : **www.wbtenders.gov.in** and **transport.wb.gov.in** Sd/- Jt. Managing Director, For WBTC Limited.
ICA-T12940(3)/2022

WBSETCL
WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)
Registered Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 091
CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in
NIT No.: CE (O&M)-I/Raiganj/2022-23/08 Date: 19.07.2022
The **Chief Engineer (O&M)-I** invites e-Tender for supplying & spreading of crushed stone over a layer of cement, sand & jhama khoa mix (1:5:10) base at 132 kV switchyard area of Raiganj 132 kV Substation, WBSETCL. Bid documents can be downloaded from **19.07.2022, 06:00 P.M.** and shall be submitted online up to **01:00 P.M., 16.08.2022.** Visit the following websites: - **https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://etender.wb.nic.in** and **http://www.wbsetcl.in** for details. ICA-T12938(2)/2022

378 new Covid cases, +ve rate over 6% on lower tests

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi on Monday reported 378 fresh Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 6.06%, while two more people died due to the viral disease, according to data shared by the health department.

With this, the capital's Covid-19 caseload climbed to 19,44,393 and the death toll 26,294. The fresh cases came out of 6,236 tests conducted the previous day, the health bulletin issued by the state government said.

Delhi had on Sunday recorded 498 Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 3.57%, while one person succumbed to the virus. It had on Saturday recorded 491 Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 3.48% and two fatalities. On Friday, the city logged 601 Covid-19 cases with a positivity rate of 3.64% and zero death.

Of the 9,488 beds for Covid-19 patients in Delhi hospitals, only 113 were occupied on Monday. Beds at Covid care centers and Covid health centers are lying vacant. The number of active Covid-19 cases in Delhi stands at 1,886, down from 1,974 the previous day. As many as 1,402 patients are under home isolation, it said.

There are 215 containment zones in the city.

Metro Flying Squads Keep A Hawk Eye On Covid Violators

Over 5,500 Passengers Fined In Just One And A Half Months

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New Delhi: With the number of passengers travelling by the Metro on a steady rise, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's flying squads are keeping a hawk eye on commuters violating Covid-19 safety protocols. Last month, DMRC penalised double the number of commuters compared with May this year.

In February this year, the average 'line utilisation' on the Delhi Metro network was 35 lakh, which increased to 39.5 lakh by May and nearly touched 42 lakh last month. The first 10 days of July saw an average line utilisation of 42.6 lakh per day. Unlike counting a passenger's single journey as one, line utilisation takes into account every corridor used by the passenger to complete a journey.

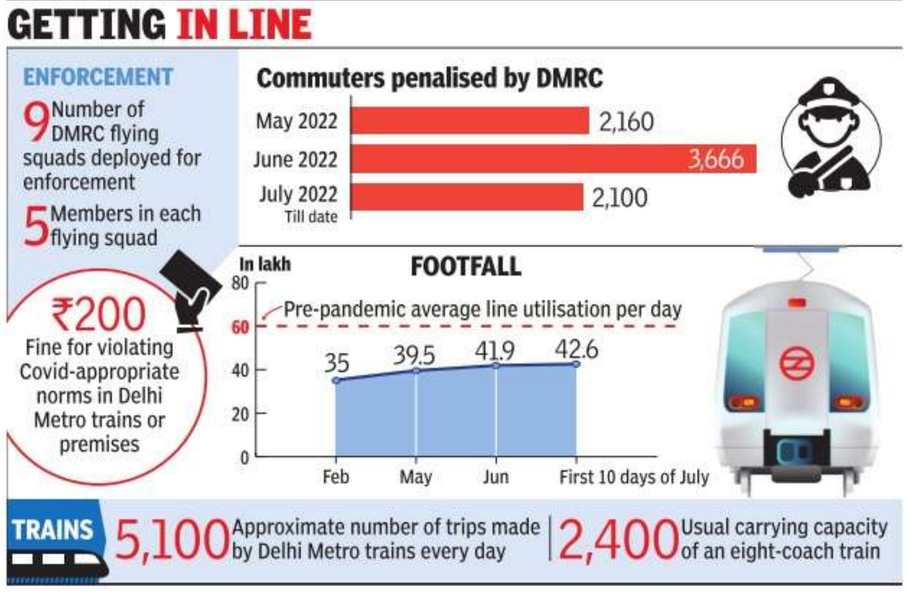
With cases of Covid-19 surging again the world over and Metro's footfall growing at the same time, DMRC said that it is taking all necessary measures to ensure that Covid-appropriate behaviour is strictly followed inside the trains and Metro premises.

"DMRC is adopting all necessary measures to ensure adherence to the Covid protocols. Flying squads are there to randomly check and ensure that people adhere to Covid-appropriate behaviour. Hand sanitisation is also being provided," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director (corporate communications), DMRC. "We are also requesting our passengers to cooperate with us in maintaining these protocols," he said.

Dayal said that in June, a total of 3,666 people were penalised for 'creating nuisance' under the Section 59 of DMRC's Operations and Maintenance Act, 2002. As there are no provisions in the Act for prosecution of those not wearing face masks or not maintaining social distancing, DMRC imposes a penalty of Rs 200 on such violators for 'creating nuisance in Metro premises.'

The number of fines issued by DMRC's flying squads last month is an increase of nearly 70% compared with the 2,160 fines issued in the month of May. "So far in July, over 2,100 passengers have been penalised under the same section," Dayal said.

When Delhi Metro restarted train operations from September 2020 after the Covid-19 outbreak, the corporation had deployed its flying squads to penalise commuters not wearing a face mask or not wearing one properly, apart from not following other Covid-appropriate behaviour like maintaining social distancing. In the initial months of 2021, when many restrictions on Metro travel were removed, footfall increased and the flying squads also used to issue 7,000 to 8,000 fines every month.



'Uninterrupted water supply for central govt complexes'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) will lay a 3,600-metre-long pipeline for nine under-construction buildings belonging to central government organisations in Maidangarhi and Rajpur Khurd in south Delhi, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia said on Monday. The tentative water requirement for these complexes is four million gallons per day. "DJB is exploring various methods to augment the water supply by generating local resources... This will help in meeting the water requirements of the people living in these complexes," said Sisodia.

According to government officials, the project will cost close to Rs 6.6 crore. The buildings are institutional and residential complexes of South Asian University; NIC, electronics and information technology department; Urban Institute of India; Central Armed Forces Institute of Medical Science; CBI, Delhi Police and CISF staff quarters, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, and National Investigation Agency's residential complexes.

"The Kejriwal government is determined to provide unhindered water supply to each and every resident of Delhi," said Sisodia.

The project includes laying and connecting peripheral water lines from SSN Marg Junction to Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Science Complex, Maidangarhi along Goshala Road.

Eatery owners in HC over curbs on service charge

New Delhi: An association of restaurant owners on Monday moved the Delhi high court challenging the Centre's recent guidelines prohibiting hotels and restaurants from levying service charges automatically on food bills. The HC asked the Centre to seek instructions but didn't issue any notice on the plea while listing the matter for further hearing on July 20.

The petition filed by National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) challenged a July 4 guideline by the government which barred hotels and restaurants from levying service charges automatically or by default on food bills. The guidelines also stated what steps consumers can take in case of violation of the guidelines.

Seeking setting aside of the guidelines, the petitioners claimed that it was "arbitrary, untenable and ought to be quashed" as they have been issued without an appreciation of the facts and circumstances. "Levy of service charge has been a standing practice in the hospitality industry for more than 80 years which is evident from the fact that the Supreme Court took notice of this concept way back in 1964...," the petition stated.

According to the petitioners, service charge is a common and accepted practice throughout the world. The new guidelines have created unnecessary confusion, NRAI stated recently. TNN

'No more order needed', HC disposes of pleas for Covid last-rite facilities

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New Delhi: Taking note of the steps taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to augment last-rite facilities, Delhi High Court has disposed of a batch of petitions filed during the peak of the second wave of Covid 19 last year.

A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad noted the stand of MCD that a "pandemic-like situation is not in existence. The infection rate has gone down and the Municipal Corporations of Delhi have not received any complaint... in respect of lack of facility" for any cremation or burial.

The court also examined a status report that disclosed MCD had 49 crematoriums, six burial grounds, five infant burial grounds, two cemeteries and three green cremation systems. The court recorded MCD's stand

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that it would take all possible steps, if required, and tenders were being floated for four CNG cremation grounds.

The bench said no further order was required and disposed of the petitions. It had earlier sought a status report from the local authorities on the status of electric and CNG crematoriums and the steps taken by them to increase their use in place of wood.

One of the petitioners, Pratyush Prasanna, approached the court last year, seeking to temporarily increase the number of cremation and burial sites in the city in view of the "overwhelming" number of people dying due to Covid-19.

The plea also sought directions to make alternative arrangements for converting parks, fields, open spaces, stadium or other similar places into cremation sites or burial grounds. Apart from seeking directions to ensure proper supply of wood and other necessary materials for last rites, the petitioner also urged that the facility of electric crematoriums be made available and their numbers increased.

Another plea by Sunil Kumar Aledia also prayed for more electric or CNG crematoriums and for uniform charges for the same, in view of the crippling shortage of last-rite facilities witnessed during the second wave.

A third PIL by Jaswinder Singh Jolly sought to allocate additional permanent or temporary places for cremation and form guidelines for the cremation of ones whose loved ones couldn't cremate them due to Covid-19.

Ggn School murder: Juvenile Justice Board to hear plea by victim's father on July 21

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Gurgaon: The father of the Class 2 student who was murdered at a private school in the city in 2017 on Monday filed an application before the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) for an early hearing to take forward proceedings that will decide if the accused should be treated as a juvenile or not.

The JJB has scheduled a hearing on July 21. The application follows the JJB's earlier decision to try the juvenile as an adult being set aside last week by the Supreme Court, which pointed to procedural lapses.

The court had in its ruling, however, left it to the JJB to decide if a fresh evaluation would be relevant, since the accused in now 21 years old. On September 8, 2017, the Class 2 student was found dead with his throat slit in the school's washroom. The accused, a Class XI student at the time, was apprehended by the CBI.

The father of the Class 2 student, meanwhile, filed an application on Monday before the JJB for an early hearing. "We are four and a half years behind in terms of legal proceedings. We are back to the position where we were in December 2017, when JJB has decided to treat the accused as an adult," said Sushil Tekriwal, the lawyer representing the victim's father.

For an assessment, the JJB has to constitute a panel comprising a psychologist, a psychiatrist, doctors and domain experts. The panel's job is to make an assessment of mental, physical and emotional maturity to determine if an accused was able to understand the consequence of the crime committed.

"During the SC hearing, we had raised the point that the juvenile has turned 21 years old, and how useful it would be to make an assessment now. The top court has left it to the JJB to take a call on it," Tekriwal added.

In December 2017, the JJB decided to treat the juvenile as an adult. In 2018, a sessions court upheld this order.

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NO:CWC/RO-LKO/EE/NIT/22-23/12 DATE: 15.07.2022

NOTICE INVITING E -TENDER

CWC Invites online tender from the contractors for the following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost in Rs.	Last date of online submission of tender
1.	RENOVATION / MODERNIZATION OF REGIONAL OFFICE, BUILDING AT CWC LUCKNOW (U.P.)	Rs. 1,14,16,626.53/- (Inclusive GST)	06.08.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.

Detailed Tender Notice along with conditions of contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and download from the CWC website www.cewacor.nic.in or e-tender website www.cwceprocure.com or CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website only. Press advertisement in newspaper shall not be issued for the same

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
Sikkim House, 12 Panchsheel Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021, Ph. No. 26115013, 26113747, 26883026, Fax No. 26110679, Email: sikkim.house@gmail.com

No.: SH/6(264)R.NSH/369 **Dated: 19.07.2022**

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender are invited from Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification holders having a good reputation and experience in catering services for a forty (40) room guest house run by the Government of Sikkim at New Sikkim House, 14 Panchsheel Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

Prescribed tender forms along with terms and conditions can be obtained from Sikkim House, 12 Panchsheel Marg, Chahakyapuri, New Delhi on any working day between 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. from 19.07.2022 upto 02.08.2022 on payment of Rs. 1,000 (Rupees One Thousand) only either in Cash or Bank Draft drawn in favour of the Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of Sikkim.

The Tender Form along with earnest money of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) only in the form of Bank Draft drawn in favour of the Principal Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Sikkim should be submitted by 02.08.2022.

(ASHWANI KUMAR CHAND)
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(Selection of Implementation Agency for "Vehicle Tracking System "for Monitoring of PMGSY Road Construction in the State of Himachal Pradesh)

The Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak development Agency, Nirman Bhawan , Nigam Vihar Shimla 171 002

Reference No. :- PWD-PMGSY-VTS/2022-23-647-49

Assignment Title : Services for providing and implementing "Vehicle Tracking System "for Monitoring of PMGSY Road Construction in the State of Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak development Agency, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla 171 002 intend to engage a firm which will provide following services for implementing "GPS enabled Vehicle Tracking System (VTS)" for Monitoring of PMGSY Road Construction in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The VTS shall be installed on the equipment which are used during road construction such as tippers, rollers, excavators, motor graders etc. This VTS shall be instrumental in enhancing productivity during construction and improving the quality of work.

The specific objectives of the services are to :

1. The firm will provide/install GPS devices (on hiring basis) on the construction equipment which are used by the contractors during road construction such as tippers, rollers, excavators, motor graders etc.
2. The firm will establish a control centre having dynamic reporting system for providing customised reports as under;
   - Live location of Vehicle
   - Working Hours /efficiency reports
   - Detailed activity reports
   - Vehicle summary
   - History report (showing the path taken by the vehicle)\
   - Trip wise report
   - Vehicle stoppage report
   - Monthly monitoring summary
3. All the supporting accessories and associated software, monitoring dashboard will be provided by the bidder

These services are expected to be delivered over a 36 months.

The Himachal Pradesh Gram Sadak development Agency, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla 171 002 now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are: Turnover figure of last three years, Net Profit Figure, Past Experience of work of similar nature, Overall Experience of Firm, Experience as Lead partner in similar services etc.

Firms may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The type of association should be clearly stated in the submission if it is JV or sub consultancy.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality-And Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 1000 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail or by e-mail) by August 16, 2022

Chief Engineer (PMGSY), HPGSDA, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002 (H.P)
Attn : Deepak Sharma, Chief Engineer (PMGSY) HPGSDA, Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh, India.
Tel:+91-177-2621402
Fax: +91-177- 2629312
E-mail : hp-ce@nic.in.

Advt. No. 0295/18.07.2022

GACL-NALCO Alkalies & Chemicals Private Limited
(Promoted by GACL & NALCO)
Reg. Office: GACL Corporate Building, P.O. Ranoli - 391350, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat.
CIN: U24100GJ2015PTC085247

Open Tender Notice – Coal & Chlorine Tonner Procurement

1. Supply of Non-coking Steam (Thermal) Imported Coal of 4200 and 4800 GAR for Dahej Plant, Gujarat.

Tender qualification criteria and other details are available on website http://www.gnal.co.in/

Tender Quantity	4,00,000 MT
Last Date for issue of Tender Document	30th Jul, 2022
Last Date for submission of Bid	9th Aug 2022 up to 17.00 hrs.

2. Procurement of Tonners for Chlorine – Quantity 9000 Nos.
Technical specifications & other details are available on website http://www.gnal.co.in/

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI
Inspection and Audit Department, Head Office

EMPANELMENT NOTICE FOR CONCURRENT AUDITORS

Bank of India invites online application from eligible CA firms as concurrent auditors for empanelment. For more details kindly visit Bank of India's official Website **www.bankofindia.co.in** under Online Service. Last date of submission of application is **23rd July, 2022 (17:00 IST).**

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. Of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE)
GARHWAL ZONE, 26-CIVIL LINES, ROORKEE-247667 Ph. No. 01332-272256
Fax: 01332-272315, Email: ce_oandmg@ptcul.org, chiefengineergarhwal@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. invites e-tender for "Shifting of 40MVA, 132/33KV IMP make Transformer from 132KV Substation Laksar to 132KV Substation Padartha and its erection, testing & commissioning at 132KV Substation Padartha" against Tender specification No. CE/GZR-11/2022-23. The last date of submission of online/offline e-tender is 16.08.2022 upto 15.00 Hours which shall be opened on 17.08.2022 at 15.00Hrs. Details of E-tender can be obtained from E-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in (Tender ID: 2022_PTCUX_46871_1)** and information of E-tender can be seen from PTCUL website **www.ptcul.org.** For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No. +91-8899890000.

No. 1982/CE(O&M)/GZR/Advt. Dated: 18.07.2022 **CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)**

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Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag

Corrigendum

The following corrigendum is issued in online tender, for the work Providing and Installation of 150 Nos. India Mark-III (65 mm) and 32 mm Mark II deep well hand pumps in different Division under (MZ) Mandi of Himachal Pradesh (SH :- Drilling by DTH / ODEX percussion / Calyx / RC portable rigs.) (TRIBAL / NON TRIBAL AREA) ODEX method = 10 Nos. during 2022-23 invited vide this office NIT No. EE-JSV-Div.-PDR-ES-Tender/2022-4117-66 dated 05/07/2022 scheduled to be opened on 20/07/2022 and now same will be opened on 26/07/2022 due to administrative reason. The online bid submission end date 25/07/2022.

The necessary correction has also been made in the hptenders.gov.in

Other terms & Conditions will remain unchanged.

Executive Engineer
JS Division Padhar

Advt. No. 2553/18.07.2022 **HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

MADHYA PRADESH TOURISM BOARD
6th Floor, Lily Trade Wing, Jahangirabad, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh, India, Pin code–462008
Website : www.tourism.mp.gov.in
CIN : U75302MP2017NPL043078
NIT No. : 4098/MPTB/2022 and SYSTEM NO-2022_MPTB_211683
18 July, 2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR "DEVELOPING GANDHI SAGAR AS A TOURISM DESTINATION" AT MANDSAUR, MADHYA PRADESH

MPTB invites offers from agencies for Selection of Agency for "Developing Gandhi Sagar as a tourism destination" at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh. The detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from website **https://www.mptenders.gov.in/www.tourism.mp.gov.in** . For any other information contact Mr. Ankit Kaurav (Company Secretary) Mob. No.+91-9407057416 or e-mail at **cs.mptb@mp.gov.in**. Last date and time for online purchase and submission is **16 August, 2022 - 03:00 PM.**

M.P. Madhyam/105484/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
"Vidyut Bhawan" Near ISBT, Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Majra, Dehradun- 248002
Corporate ID U40101UR2004GOI028675, Tel. No. 0135-2642711

E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The pre-bid clarifications of the E-Tender for "Third Party Inspection of equipment material, civil works, electrical works and technical audit of substation & lines" against tender specification No. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/TPI-08/2022-23 has been uploaded on e-tender website. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (Tender ID No. 2022_PTCU4_45909_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

RO. No. 705/HQPU/PTCUL **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**
Date : 18.07.2022 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"**

श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी पोर्ट, कोलकाता
Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
(Formerly KOLKATA PORT TRUST)

SMP, Kolkata invites bids from the eligible applicants for allotment of following plots for 30 years/05 years for lease/license on Annual Rent basis:-

Plot No.	Location	EMD (in Rs.)	Area of Plot (in sqm)	Date & Place of receiving the bids
A1	Budge Budge	2,79,893	19283.388	Bids shall be submitted online in MSTC Portal till 5 P.M. on 26.08.2022 & the same shall be opened on the next working day
A2	Kantapukur	1,20,842	2100	
A3	Hide Road	1,95,062	4046.21	
A4	Transport Depot Road	1,12,562	1630.08	
A5	Goragacha Road	2,01,393	2916.502	
A6	Hide Road Extn.	3,24,622	5044.865	
A7	Sonai	3,86,297	7500.28	
A8	Paharpur	5,27,104	9180.00	
A9	Oil Installation Road	2,61,570	4160	
A10	Dhobitalao	4,27,766	5600.00	
A11	Land at Sick Line Road	1,30,018	2120.00	
A12	Land at Timber Pond	58,980	2854	
C1	Godown space at Import Warehouse	43,610	103.773	
C2	Room Space at Import Warehouse	1,02,981	251.18	
C3	Structure at Ramkristopur	1,12,045	933.675	

1. The process involves registration of bidders with MSTC e-tender portal is free of cost. Any willing bidder is required to apply online through the MSTC website www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/kopt/index.jsp as per details given in this tender document. For viewing of Tender Document please visit www.smportkolkata.shipping.gov.in and https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app

2. Please note that it is the responsibility of the intending bidder to inspect the plot/structure on their own arrangement. SMP, Kolkata will try to provide assistance during inspection of plots.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the tender document, Policy Guidelines for Land Management by Major Ports, 2014 (revised) including all subsequent amendments, clarification and revision thereof, shall prevail in case of any dispute as to interpretation of any terms of this tender.

राजस्थान राज्य गंगानगर शुगर मिल्स लिमिटेड
चौथा तल, नेहरू सहकार भवन, भवानी सिंह रोड, जयपुर–302008
फोन नं0 : 0141–2740841, फैक्स नं0 : 0141–2740676
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E-BID NOTICE

Bids for below goods/services are invited:-

NIB No.	Particulars	Last Date of Submission
NIB No. RSGSM/RS&ENA/RC/2022-23/Pur/12 Dated 11.07.2022 UBN-GSM2223GLRC0071	Bids for Rectified Spirit (Grain/molasses based) and ENA	Up to 6.00 p.m. on 03.08.2022
NIB No. RSGSM/GP/RC/2022-23/Pur/14 Dated 08.07.2022 UBN-GSM2223GSMA0072	Bids for polymer gum for automatic wet glue machine	Up to 6.00 p.m. on 01.08.2022

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state http://rajexcise.gov.in/, departmental website.

Raj.Samwad/C/22/5112 **Dy. General Manager (Purchase)**

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
(TW WING)
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PHONE: 0291-2742343 FAX: 0291-2741772

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Short term Techno-commercial and Price e-Bids are invited for **"Supply & Installation of Bird Flight Diverters on overhead 33 KV lines falling in GIB Arc area under Jaisalmer circle on turnkey basis"**

TNTW-626 (UBN No. JVV2223WLOB00205)

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening etc. are available on our website at www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl and also at www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

NOTE:
Interested bidders please note that in future any other notices /information regarding amendment /corrigendum/addendum/dates extension of bid submission etc. for above tender will only be available on website www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.gov.in energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (TW)**

Raj.Samwad/C/22/5119 **बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045**

DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE
T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal-462003
Tel. : 0755-2761448, 2778151, Fax : 0755–2775256

E-TENDERING NOTICE

1. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids from individuals/organizations with relevant background and experience for Supply of High Performance Equipment for setting up a Functional Training Lab.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on **www.mptenders.gov.in.** If there any queries regarding participation through e-tender process, interested bidder may contact on **Toll Free No. 18002588684.**
3. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/105488/2022 **DIRECTOR**

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम डीडीहाट, पिथौरागढ़

निविदा सूचना संख्या: 1245/निविदा/122 दिनांक : 18.07.2022

ई–निविदा सूचना

अध्यक्ष उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल एवं संसाधन विकास निर्माण निगम, देहरादून की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम तथा उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से जल जीवन मिशन (द्वितीय चरण) के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित पेयजल योजना के अन्तर्गत पाईप लाईन, जलाशय एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्यों हेतु ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. **कार्य का नाम :** 1. सौगांव पे.यो., 2. गुंजी पे.यो., 3. खेला पे.यो.।
2. **ई–निविदा पोर्टल में प्रकाशन की तिथि :** 19.07.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
3. **निविदा ऑनलाइन करने की अन्तिम तिथि :** 02.08.2022 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य शर्तें www.uktenders.gov.in से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

TENDER NOTICE

L. No. JHS-ELG-W-T-14-21-22-RT-2 **Date: 15.07.2022**

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

Description of Work	Tender Value	Bid Security
JHS ELG: Augmentation & Upgradation of 11/0.4 KV electric Substation at Banda & JHS west area.	Rs.53,49,885/- only	Rs.1,07,000/- only

Tender No.: JHS-ELG-W-T-14-21-22-RT-2 Completion period : 06 months Closing date of tender: 10.08.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 10.08.2022 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.**

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मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय विभाग
(बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय)
बिहार सरकार

सूचना

शोध आलेख लेखन संबंधित कार्यशाला

बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय, पटना में दिनांक–20.07.2022 को 11.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 02.00 बजे अपराह्न तक इतिहास के शोध अध्येताओ / पुराभिलेखपालों के लिए शोध आलेख लेखन से संबंधित मार्गदर्शन तथा दिशा–निर्देश देने हेतु एक दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया है। कार्यशाला में शोध आलेख लेखन से संबंधित मार्गदर्शन एवं दिशा–निर्देश **प्रो. रत्नेश्वर मिश्र**, पूर्व विभागाध्यक्ष, इतिहास विभाग, ल.ना.मि.वि.वि., दरभंगा, **डॉ. प्रमोदानन्द दास**, पूर्व एसोसिएट प्रोफेसर, इतिहास विभाग, पटना वि.वि., पटना, **प्रो. अशोक आंशुमन**, विभागाध्यक्ष, इतिहास विभाग, बी.आर.ए. बिहार वि.वि, मुजफ्फरपुर, **डॉ. इमत्याज अहमद**, पूर्व निदेशक, खुदा बक्श ओरियेन्टल पब्लिक लाईब्रेरी, पटना तथा **प्रो. समरेन्द्र नारायण आर्य**, विभागाध्यक्ष, इतिहास विभाग, पाटलिपुत्र वि.वि., पटना के द्वारा किया जायेगा।

इस कार्यशाला में भाग लेने हेतु इच्छुक शोधार्थियों को बिहार राज्य अभिलेखागार निदेशालय, पटना के आधिकारिक वेबसाईट archives.bihar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध रजिस्ट्रेशन फार्म को दिनांक 19.07.2022 की संध्या 6.00 बजे अपराह्न तक भरकर भेज दें एवं हार्डकॉपी दिनांक 20.07.2022 को कार्यशाला में साथ लेकर आयें।

निवेदक

सुमन कुमार
निदेशक

PR. No. 5347 (CSD) 2022-23

डॉ. एस. सिद्धार्थ, भा.प्र.से.
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PR.001360(Ni.Ni)2021-22

विज्ञापन सं0–03 / 2021(मत्स्य विकास पदाधिकारी)

विज्ञापन सं0–03 / 2021 अन्तर्गत **मत्स्य विकास पदाधिकारी** के कुल–212 रिक्तियों के विरूद्ध अंतिम रूप से चयनित कुल–207 अभ्यर्थियों की कोटिवार मेधासूची का प्रकाशन कर दिया गया है, जिसे आयोग के वेबसाईट– www.pariksha.nic.in अथवा www.btsc.bih.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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PR. No. 5351 (Ni.Ni) 2022-23

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बिहार सरकार
स्वास्थ्य विभाग
(प्रेस विज्ञप्ति)

राज्य के सरकारी चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय से पी0जी0 / डिप्लोमा उतीर्ण छात्रों को राज्य में तीन वर्षों की अनिवार्य सेवा लिये जाने हेतु अनधिकृत रूप से अनुपस्थित चिकित्सकों को कर्तव्य स्थल पर योगदान समर्पित करने के संबंध में

विभागीय संकल्प संख्या–450(1), दिनांक–15.04.2017 द्वारा राज्य के सरकारी चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों से पी0जी0 / डिप्लोमा उतीर्ण छात्रों को राज्य में तीन वर्षो की अनिवार्य सेवा लिये जाने का प्रावधान के आलोक में पी0जी0 / डिप्लोमा उतीर्ण छात्रों को विभागीय आदेश संख्या–1915(2), दिनांक–13.11.2019, 696(17), दिनांक–25.08.2020 सम्प्रति संशोधित–620(17), दिनांक –12.08.2021, 867(17), दिनांक–28.10.2021, 80(17), दिनांक–23.02.2022, 146(17), दिनांक–01.04.2022, 421(2), दिनांक–29.03.2022 इत्यादि द्वारा चिकित्सा संस्थान आवंटित किया गया है।

2. राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पतालों से प्राप्त सूचनानुसार कई चिकित्सक अनधिकृत रूप से कर्तव्य स्थल से अनुपस्थित है तथा कतिपय अन्य चिकित्सक फेलोशिप / उच्चत्तर अध्ययन हेतु विभागीय अनुमति के आलोक में शपथ–पत्र देकर प्रस्थान कर गये हैं कि वे अपना अध्ययन / फेलोशिप पूर्ण कर बिहार सरकार के अधीन सेवा प्रदान करेंगे, किन्तु वे अध्ययन / फेलोशिप पूर्ण होने के उपरान्त भी कर्तव्य स्थल पर योगदान नहीं किये है।
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   "पी0जी उतीर्ण होने के पश्चात् भी तीन वर्षो की आवश्यक सेवा राज्य सरकार के अधीन करने की बाध्यता होगी। तीन वर्षो की आवश्यक सेवा राज्य सरकार को उपलब्ध नहीं कराने की स्थिति में उन्हें 25 (पच्चीस) लाख रूपये तथा इस अवधि में प्राप्त वेतन की राशि एकमुश्त वापस करनी होगी।"
4. अतः ऐसे सभी अनधिकृत रूप से अनुपस्थित चिकित्सक अपने कर्तव्य स्थल पर तत्काल योगदान कर कार्य करना सुनिश्चित करे, अन्यथा कर्तव्य स्थल पर योगदान नहीं करने की स्थिति में उनके विरूद्व समुचित वैधानिक कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

(डा0 अमरेन्द्र प्रसाद सिन्हा)
निदेशक प्रमुख, (चिकित्सा शिक्षा)

PR. No.5257 (Health) 2022-23

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
File No-B-IV-H-(H&D)-30/2022 Lr. No.- 27055 Bhubaneswar, the 13th July, 2022
Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) – 12 / 2022-23

1. The Chief Engineer (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for Construction of Building works as detailed below.
2. Nature of work : Building works
3. No. of work : 6 Nos.
4. Bid Cost. : Rs. 10,000/- (each)
5. Class of Contractor : Super Class
6. Availability of Bid Documents in the website : From dt. 26.07.2022 to 17.00 Hours of dt.12.08.2022.
7. Date of Opening of Bid : Dt. 16.08.2022 at 11:30 AM.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Buildings), Odisha
OIPR - 34117/11/0033/22-23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
LOWER VAIGAI BASIN CIRCLE, SIVAGANGAI - 630 562.

Notice Inviting Tenders (LUMPSUM CONTRACT ITEM RATE TENDER IN TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Tender Notice No. 5 / LVB / 2022-23 / Dated .14.07.2022.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed Tenders are invited from registered, experienced and eligible contractors for the work noted below by the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Circle, Sivagangai and the tenders received will be opened in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized agents. The tenders should be submitted in a Main sealed cover containing (1) Pre-Qualification documents and EMD in a separate inner sealed cover and (2) Price Tender Schedule duly filled in another inner sealed cover with the details of documents and Name of Work duly superscripted in the cover.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Work Value + GST 12%	E.M.D
1.	Rehabilitation of Right Main Canal and Left Main Canal off-taking from Virahanur regulator across the Vaigai River in Thiruppuvanam and Manamadurai Taluks of Sivagangai District.	Rs. 24,95,10,000/- Rs. 2,99,41,200/- Rs. 27,94,51,200/-	Rs. 14,50,000/-

E.M.D. to be drawn in favour of: The Executive Engineer, WRD., Saruganiyar Basin Division, Sivagangai.
Cost of Tender Document + G.S.T (Each works) (Rs. 15000/- + Rs. 1800/-)
Tender document can be downloaded freely from: www.tenders.tn.gov.in

Date and Time of Tender document available	22.07.2022 to 23.08.2022 Upto 5.45 P.M
Submission of Tenders	24.08.2022 Upto 3.00 P.M
Date and time of Opening	24.08.2022 at 3.30 P.M
Place of Opening of Tenders	O/o the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Vaigai Basin Circle,Sivagangai - 630562

In the Event of Specified date for submission of tender is declared as a holiday, tender will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Other details can be obtained from the above office. Tender extention if any will be uploaded in the web site only

DIPR /3438/ Tender / 2022

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Superintending Engineer,(I/C) WRD
Lower Vaigai Basin Circle, Sivagangai.

Sun Petrochemicals Private Limited [SunPetro]
17/B, Mahal Industrial Estate, Mahakali Caves Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai-93, India. | 022-66455703 | CIN : U24219GJ1995PTC028519

Invitation to Bid (ITB) and Invitation for Submission of Expression of Interest [EOI]

SunPetro is pleased to invite Bids / Interests against tenders for SunPetro's Oil & Gas Fields in Gujarat as follows:
1. Sale of Low Pressure Untreated Associated Natural Gas from SunPetro's Bhaskar Field in Gujarat
2. Hiring of Offshore Jack-up Rig & Associated Services for SunPetro's Offshore Fields in Gulf of Khambhat and Kutch in Gujarat
3. Mechanical Construction & Maintenance Work for Hazira Field

Expression of Interest (EOI) along with details is invited from reputed & experienced agencies / suppliers who have relevant experience, expertise and capabilities meeting requirement for various services / materials required by SunPetro for its Onshore and Offshore Oil & Gas Fields / Operations in Gujarat as follows:
1. Purchase / Hire of Speed Boat
2. Purchase / Hire of Twin-Engine Helicopter with Offshore Compliances
3. Hiring of Tug Boat / OSV / PSV.

Interested parties may visit website: www.sunpetro.com for further details of tender/Invitation to Bid and detailed EOI.

HIMACHAL PRADESH I&PH DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Anni, Himachal Pradesh on the behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from contractors/firms of an appropriate class enlisted with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag, Central/ State Govt. Departments or Govt. undertakings.

Sr. No. :- 1 Name of Work :- Providing Water Supply to Khun Bandal Dugha Shigan, Jaban, Namhog, Bakhnow, Manjhadesh, Chowai, Karshaigad, Ropa Shawad, Bishladhar etc. Under JJM in Anni Block Distt, Kullu (HP) and aug. of WSS Tipper Pokhar Karad, Bagi, Bala Zehra and Shilli Ropa in Anni Block Distt. Kullu (H.P). (SH:- C/O RCC Head Weir, Intake Chamber, Sedimentation Tank, Slow sand Filter Bed, Storage Tank, Providing and Laying Jointing and Testing of GI pipe of various diameter in gravity and distribution system, Site Development, C/o Pump House cum-Attendant quarter, RCC Sump well, Delivery, Storage tanks, Providing and Laying, Jointing and Testing MSERW pipe with butt welding & flanged Table, Providing and Installation of Centrifugal pumping Machinery with allied accessories, C/o Barbed wire fencing around Civil Structure, C/o wire crate, Check Dam and Prov. and Installation of house connections etc. **Estimated Cost :- Rs. 14,26,79,488/- Earnest Money :- Rs. 14,26,800/- Time Limit :-** 18 Months. **Cost of tender** :- 2500/-

1 Last Date of filling/ uploading the tender through e-tendering :- 01.08.2022 up to 05:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website **www.hptenders.gov.in** or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
I&PH Divn. Outer Seraj,
Anni, Distt. Kullu (H.P).

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Man posts woman's morphed pictures on social media, held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man was arrested late Sunday night for allegedly circulating obscene and morphed pictures and videos of a woman after her family turned down his marriage proposal. The man, police said, also sent the videos to her husband.

The accused, identified as Ankit Bansal, is a resident of Tughlakabad village. North Delhi police said Bansal was earlier involved in a rape case registered in Govindpuri area. A mobile phone that he allegedly used for sharing the woman's pictures has been recovered from him, police said.

According to police, the matter came to light when the woman, a 22-year-old resident of Wazirabad, submitted a police complaint alleging that after she got married recently, an unknown person had been sending morphed obscene videos of hers to her husband, friends and in-laws on social media.

The accused was earlier involved in a rape case. A mobile phone used for sharing the woman's pictures has been recovered

"Based on her complaint, a case was registered. During investigation, details of the alleged profile were sought from Instagram. On the basis of the same, IP addresses and the mobile number used in the registration of the profile were obtained. These IP addresses were further technically analysed by the team and after sustained technical investigation, the suspect was identified as Ankit Bansal, a resident of Tughlakabad," said deputy commissioner of police (north) Sagar Singh Kalsi.

The DCP said it was found that the suspect was currently residing in Ghaziabad. "Our team conducted a raid, after which he was arrested. The SIM card and mobile phone used in the offence were recovered from his possession," he added.

On further enquiry, the woman revealed that Bansal's family had sent a marriage proposal for her, but her family turned it down because of his criminal history.

During interrogation, Bansal also said that a matrimonial match with the woman could not be fixed as her uncle came to know about the rape case registered against him. He said when the woman got married to another man, he was outraged.

"To take revenge, he created a fake Instagram ID and morphed old pictures of the woman and sent them to her in-laws and husband," Kalsi added.

Two policemen suspended for 'extortion'

New Delhi: Three cops, including an SHO at Cyber Cell (east), were suspended after a case of extortion was filed against them. The trio had been demanding Rs 2 lakh from the complainant, and had already taken Rs 22,000, after his wife made a complaint of domestic violence against him.

Deputy commissioner of police (east) Priyanka Kashyap said an inquiry was conducted wherein allegations were found to be substantial.

The FIR against the Station House Officer and his two subordinates was registered at Pandav Nagar police station under IPC Sections 384 (extortion) 385 (causing fear of injury to extort) 506 (criminal intimidation) 120b (criminal conspiracy), as well Section 7 (public servant taking gratification) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. TNN

Man, girlfriend held for selling charas near DU

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 27-year-old struggling model and his girlfriend, a Delhi University (DU) graduate, have been arrested in a drug trafficking case.

The accused, Shubham Malhotra (25) and Kirti (27), were nabbed with charas worth over Rs one crore.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Rohit Meena said they received information that someone from North Delhi was supplying charas in the university area. Cops identified the person as Malhotra, who was in Himachal Pradesh to procure charas.

"Later, we received information that he will come to Delhi through the Singhu border on July 12. A trap was laid and his car was identified by the secret informer. Malhotra was driving the vehicle at a high speed and in a zig-zag manner to dodge the cops. After a chase of 45 minutes, the accused's vehicle was finally intercepted at Old Gupta Colony Chowk," DCP Meena said.

Apart from Malhotra, his girlfriend was also sitting in the vehicle. One kilogram charas, which was concealed behind the music system in the dashboard of the car, was recovered.

Malhotra told police that he runs a mushroom farm in partnership with his friend in Delhi. Due to his good looks and tall appearance, one of his friends suggested him for modelling. "He tried and got some assignments too but was struggling for a proper breakthrough. Meanwhile, he fell into bad company, started smoking charas and got addicted to it. To cover his expenses, he started selling charas to his friends initially. He later lured his female friend for assistance. They used to procure charas from Kasol in Himachal Pradesh and sell it to youngsters in the university area," the officer said.

Man injures wife with knife in south Delhi

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man attacked his wife with a knife and injured her in the neck while she was asleep in their house in south Delhi's Govindpuri area, police said. The incident took place on Sunday when the victim, Saraswati Barman, was sleeping with her two minor daughters. PTI

भा०कृ०अनु०प०–राष्ट्रीय पादप जैव प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates may appear in Walk-in-Interview starting at **11:00 on 18/08/2022** for temporary position of **SRF** in ICAR funded project running in the Institute. The details regarding number of positions, eligibility, emoluments, application form, venue etc. can be downloaded from the website (**www.nipb.icar.gov.in**).

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Post Name	Upper age Up to (in Years)	No. of Posts & Reservation	Salary Amount in (Rs.) Per Month
Department of Psychiatry			
Senior Resident	35	02 (01 SC & 01 OBC)	Rs. 67,700+NPA+DA (7th Pay Level Matrix 11, Cell-1)
Junior Resident (Non PG)	30	06 (03 UR,02 SC & 01 OBC)	Rs. 63,200 (Fixed)

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Department of Psychiatry			
Associate Professor	55	02 (01 SC, 01 UR)	Academic Level-13A Entry Pay Rs. 1,31,400 + Allowances
Assistant Professor	50	02 (01 SC, 01 OBC)	Academic Level-11 Entry Pay Rs. 68,900 + Allowances

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Processing Fee	Earnest Money	Tender ID No. & Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution	Last Date/ Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
1.	Improvement to water pressure in B Block Preet Vihar by providing/laying 110, 160 mm (O.D) HDPE Pipe in part of ward 20 E, AC-59, EE(M)-59.	48,77,271.00	500.00	97,600.00	2022_DJB_226198_1 15-Jul-2022 06:00 PM	28-July-22 02:00 PM
2.	Providing and laying new 100 mm dia water line for improvement pressure in exits water supply system at Gate No. 03 to H.No. 01, Gagan Vihar Main in 20E ward in AC-59, EE(M)-59.	36,09,642.00	500.00	72,500.00	2022_DJB_226198_2 15-Jul-2022 06:00 PM	28-July-22 02:00 PM
3.	Replacement of damaged 100 mm dia water supply to avoid contamination at H.No. 78, Near Chitra Vihar Wall to Sai Mandir Road and 11, 12 East Guru Angad Nagar in 20E ward in AC-59, EE(M)- 59.	33,25,104.00	500.00	67,000.00	2022_DJB_226198_3 15-Jul-2022 06:00 PM	28-July-22 02:00 PM
4.	Replacement of old sewer line by pipe bursting method in Gali No. 03 at Friends Colony, Jhilmil Industrial Area, ward no. 29E (Vivek Vihar) AC-62 in EE (M)-62 under ACE (M)-1.	Item Rate	500.00	97,500.00	2022_DJB_226198_4 15-Jul-2022 06:00 PM	28-July-22 02:00 PM

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Name of the Transmission Scheme: Transmission system for evacuation of Power from solar energy zones in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under phase-II part-G through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB).

Work covered under this scheme

1. Khetri-Narela 765kV D/C Transmission line.
2. LILO of 765KV Meerut-Bhiwani S/c Transmission Line.

The transmission line covered under the scheme will pass through, over, around, and between the following villages, towns and cities:

Line 1: Khetri-Narela 765kV D/C Transmission line.

Villages name	Tehsil	District	State
Daryapur Kalan, Hareoli (Harevli), Bawana, Ghoga, Auchandi (Ochandi), Mungashpur (Mungeshpur), Qutabgarh (Qutab Garh), Bazidpur Thakuran (Bajitpur Thakran), Kateora (Katewara), Khor Jat (Jat Khor), Khor Punjab (Punjab Khor), Chatesar, Jhiwarqura (Jhimarpur), Salahpur Majra, Jaunti, Budhanpur (Bhudhanpur), Nangal Thakuran (Nangal Thakran)	North West	North West	Delhi
Jhanjauli (Jhinjhhauli), Qatlupur (Katlupur), Nizampur Khurd (Garhi) (Nijampur Khurd), Sohti, Firozpur Bangar (Firojpur Bangar).	Kharkhoda	Sonipat	Haryana
Mukandpur, Khairpur (Kairpur), Kanaunda (Kanonda), Kulasi, Ladrawan, Barahi, Asauda Sewan (Asouda Siwan), Asauda Todran (Asouda Todran), Jakhauda (Jakhoda), Jasaur (Jassour Kheri), Kheri Jasaur (Kheri Jassour), Loharheri, Dahkaura (Dehkora), Rohad, Asanda, Bhaprauda (Bhaproda), Kharhar (Kultana), Matan, Khirman (Kharman), Chhara, Rewari Khera, Chhudani.	Bahadurgarh	Jhajjar	Haryana
Nayabas (Nayabans), Kheri Sampla, Garhi Sampla, Sampla.	Sampla	Rohtak	Haryana
Kheri Asra, Bhadani, Bhadana, Kablana, Surkhpur Tappa Haweli, Tatarpur, Gurawar (Girawar), Bir Sunarwala Kalan, Kaimbalgarh (Kamel Garh), Rampura, Jaundhi (Jondhi), Bardhana (Birdhana), Mahrana (Mehrana), Gudha, Kheri Khumar (Kheri Khummar), Jhajjar, Khatiwas, Tamaspura, Kheri Hosdarpur (Kheri Hoshdarpur), Karaudha (Karoda), Jawaharnager, Rankhanda, Kunjiah (Kunjia), Gwalesan (Gawalison), Talao.	Jhajjar	Jhajjar	Haryana
Dhanah (Dhana), Salahawas (Salhawas), Jamalpur, Humayunpur, Ladayan (Ladain), Birar, Mundahra (Mundahera), Khundrali (Kohandrawali), Nilaheri, Bhurawas, Nawada (Niwada), Dhanirwas, Jhanswah (Jhanswa).	Jhajjar Rural /Salahawas/ Jhajjar	Jhajjar	Haryana
Mohan Bari, Bambulia, Kolpuri (Koilpuri), Khetawas, Chhadwana, Redhuwas, Bilochpura, Khaparwas, Surijgarh, Bahalgarh, Azadnagar, Bhindawas, Mundsa, Shahjahanpur, Akheri Madanpur, Sunreti, Jharli, Madal Sahpur (Amdal Sahpur), Marot, Bir Chhuchhakwas, Bahu, Chuchakwas, Goria.	Matanhail	Jhajjar	Haryana
Dhaur, Muhammadpur Majra.	Beri Khas/ Beri	Jhajjar	Haryana
Nangal Katha, Baproli, Chindaliya, Mohammadpur (Hamidkhan), Mohanpur, Jelab, Khorma, Siphon, Open Jat, Bas Ki Dhani & Rasulpur, Dohar Khurd, Dohar Kalan, Deroli Ahir.	Narnaul	Mahendra garh	Haryana
Dulot, Nimbi, Dulot Nimbi, Kharoli, Bairawas, Gadaniya, Kherki, Pal, Nihalotwas, Golawala, Chhajiyawas, Jatwas, Payaga, Dhani Chhajiyawas, Jonawas, Bhandor Nichi, Dhani Kharoli, Beri, Nihlawas, Sirohi Nangal, Kathiwas, Kuksi, Deroli Jat, Kothal Kalan, Kothal Khurd, Chitlang, Dewas, Bhandor Unchi, Jasawas, Chamdhera (Chondhera), Mahendragarh, Salimabad, Bucholi, Dulana, Surjanwas, Bawania, Gagarwas, Buchini, Meghanwas, Akbarpur Nangal, Anawas, Sigra, Jhagrauli, Rasulpur & Buchawas, Sigri, Janjdiyawas, Palh, Khera.	Mahendra garh	Mahendra garh	Haryana
Pathera, Kaimla, Rasulpur, Mohhmmadpur, Kaka, Nangal, Gurha, Gurha Kemla, Rambas, Khera, Kapuri, Bhojawas, Chelawas, Kanina Khas, Kanina, Unhani, Dhanuda, Dhanuda Bas, Sihor, Chhitroli, Khera Manka, Gahra, Kotia.	Kanina	Mahendra garh	Haryana
Nayagaon, Bhala, Bahuwa, Karoli, Bisoha, Garhi, Lukhi, Bharangi, Mumtazpur (Jhalero), Khurshaid Nagar, Jholri, Khanpur Khurd, Nahar, Koharar, Lilodh, Goria, Jharli & Sudhrana.	Kosli/Nahar	Rewari	Haryana
Paji Ki Dhani, Kharkhara, Paji Ki Dhani Bari, Jasarapur, Devta Ki Bas, Devta (Deota), Badha Ki Dhani, Jita Ki Dhani, Manota, Manota Ki Dhani, Jodhiji Ki Dhani, Goverdhanpura, Malesiya Ki Dhani & Tatija, Pavta.	Khetri	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan
Makro, Kuthaniya, Banbas, Goth, Jodan Ki Dhani, Amarpura Khurd, Amarpura, Dhani Hukma, Tirodi, Tirodi Ki Dhani, Moi Tibba, Moi Sadda, Moi Bharu, Devi Pura, Hukma Ki Dhani, Santriya, Bhainsawata, Bhainsawata Kalan, Bhainsawata Khurd, Sanylod, Saga, Khanpur, Maharana, Harnathpura, Monument, Pithola, Dhani Peethola, Jogi Ji Ki Dhani, Singhana, Jaisinghpura (Gujarwas), Gujarwas, Bhodan, Bhodan Ki Dhani, Tikupura, Kumharan Ki Dhani, Ladi Ka Bas, Muradpur, Hamirbas, Thali, Ahir Ki Lambi, Melpuriya Ki Dhani, Lambi Ki Dhani, Prithvipura, Lambi, Simli, Bhopalpura, Bhirr, Indrasar, Sahar, Totaram Ki Dhani, Gopal Jat Ki Dhani, Gopal Ahir Ki Dhani, Shivsinghpura, Sahad Ki Bas, Chitruram Ki Dhani, Nihlot Ki Dhani, Amargarh, Pacheri Kalan, Alipur, Majri Ki Dhani, Khajari, Nayagaon (Ramsar), Pacheri Khurd, Majri, Navta, Dhani Navata, Dailwas, Gupt Baba Ki Johri, Syantor, Meghpur, Pathroli, Bamanwas, Raipur Ahlran, Rasulpur, Raipur Ki Dhani, Chamaran Ki Dhani, Pathana, Gunti, Bhalot, Dhani Brahmanan, Dhani Bhalot, Nalot, Chudena, Shivpura, Kankra & Pacheri Dhana.	Buhana	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan

Line 2: LILO of 765KV Meerut-Bhiwani S/c Transmission Line.

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Auchandi (Ochandi), Hareoli (Harevli), Daryapur Kalan, Nangal Thakuran (Nangal Thakran), Ghoga, Mungashpur (Mungeshpur), Kateora (Katewara), Bazidpur Thakuran (Bajitpurthakran), Bawana, Qutabgarh (Qutab Garh).	North West	North West	Delhi
Turkpur, Mandaura, Mandauri, Jataula, Firozpur Bangar (Firojpurbangar), Jhanjauli (Jhinjauli), Qatlupur (Katlupur), Thana Khurd, Kanwali, Thana Kalan, Saidpur, Rampur, Nizampur Khurd, Kundal, Jharauti, Jharaut, Anandpur, Pipli	Kharkhoda	Sonipat	Haryana
Akbarpur Barotu (Akbarpurbarota), Kheri Manajat, Munirpur.	Rai	Sonipat	Haryana
Mahra, Chatia Aulia (Chatiyaaulia), Garhi Nawada, Sandal Kalan, Juan, Kareori (Karewari), Chitana, Bhatana Jafrabad, Kiload (Kilohard), Shahzadpur, Sandal Khurd, Thiria (Tharya), Uldepur, Theru (Tharu), Jowarhi (Jawahri), Barwasni, Garhi Brahmanan, Mahlana, Kalupur, Sonipat, Lehrara (Lahrara), Bayanpur (Bainyapur), Malcha, Harsana Kalan, Harsnana Khurd, Nashirpur (Nasirpur Banger), Jagdishpur, Bhuapur, Bidhnauli, Abbaspur (Basti Garhi Bala), Chhatera Bahadurpur, Ladpur, Malha Mazra, Nahri, Halalpur, Nahra, Muhammadabad, Fatehpur, Rohat, Bhadana, Kakroi, Tajpur Tihara Khurd, Bagru, Holaheri (Hullaheri), Hasanyarpur Tihara Kalan (Hushanyarpur Tihar Kalan), Ratangarh, Khizarpur Jat.	Sonipat	Sonipat	Haryana
Panchhi Jatan (Panchijatan).	Gunaur	Sonipat	Haryana

Copy of the route alignment is available in the office of the undersigned. Notice is hereby given to the general public to make observation / representation on the proposed transmission system route within two months from the date of publicationof this notice to the office of the undersigned in writing. For further particulars andclarifications,please contact A.K. DIXIT (Project Incharge), POWERGRID NARELA TRANSMISSION LIMITED, B-9, Qutab Institutional Area (POWERGRID, NR-1RHQ), Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi, India – 110016, Email- akdixit@powergrid.in

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2.Farm Manager - 1 Post (UR) | **Pay Level** 6 as per 7th CPC
Age limit 30 Years | **Method of Recruitment:** Direct recruitment basis

Essential Qualification: Graduation in Animal husbandry / horticulture or Masters in Life Sciences with minimum of 50 % marks
Desirable: Experience of handling of herd of farm and large animals and their day to day upkeep in research organisations or reputed farms

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NOTICE INVITING FOR E-TENDER

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MCD gets ₹90cr for biomining work at landfills

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New Delhi: To accelerate the pace of biomining work at three landfills, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has received an amount of Rs 90 crore under the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 scheme. In its report submitted to the ministry of housing and urban affairs earlier, the erstwhile civic bodies had demanded around Rs 1,800 crore for 100% remediation of 280 lakh tonne waste lying at the landfills at Ghazipur, Okhla and Bhalswa.

"The Centre approved Rs 775 crore under the SBM 2.0 scheme and the amount of Rs 90 crore was released to us via the state government recently as the first instalment. The Delhi government has contributed 20% of this amount. We will dedicatedly use the funds for biomining work at the three landfills," said an MCD official.

Earlier, MCD was issued an amount of Rs 250 crore from the escrow account after the NGT in 2019 directed the Delhi government and civic bodies to deposit the amount. "The deadline for flattening of the Bhalswa landfill is July 2023. For the landfills at Okhla and Ghazipur, it is December 2023 and December 2024, respectively," said the official.

Why Recycling, Not Waste Plants, Is Key To Tackling Plastic Menace

Incineration Of Plastic For Energy Should Be The Last Option, Say Experts

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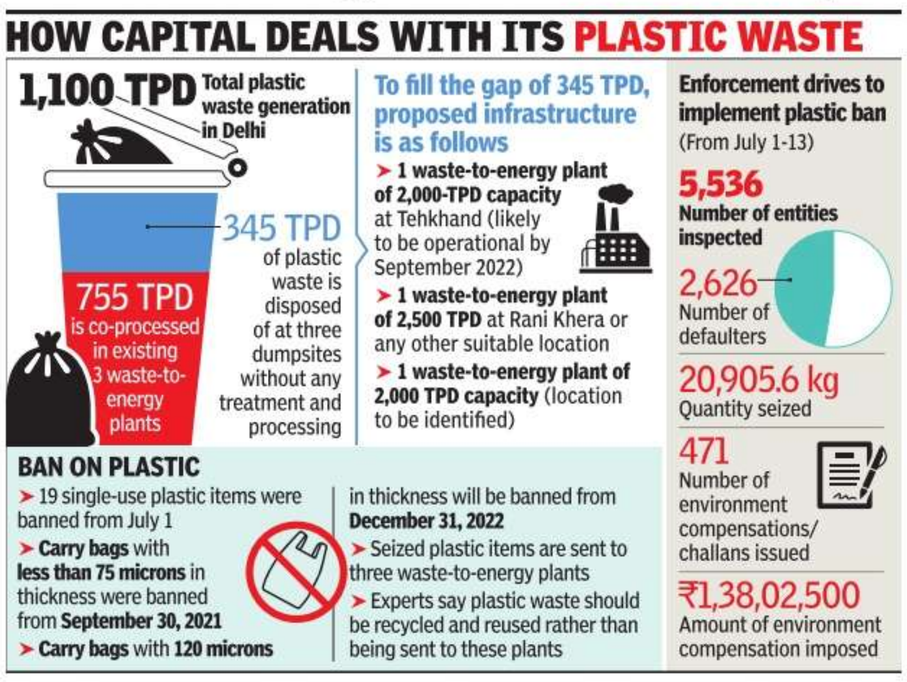
New Delhi: Around 1,100 tonnes of plastic waste is generated daily in Delhi. Of this, 755 tonnes is co-processed at the three existing waste-to-energy plants, while the rest is disposed of at the three dumpsites without any treatment and processing.

Environment department officials said to fill the gap of 345 tonnes per day (TPD), three additional waste-to-energy plants have been planned. However, experts said plastic waste going to these plants is incinerated, whereas the government should promote its recycling and reuse.

With the ban on 19 single-use plastic items, seized items are also being sent to these plants. Between July 1 and 13, 20,905.6 kilograms of banned plastic items were seized, while 48.4 tonnes of plastic bags below 75 microns in thickness were confiscated from violators. The sale and use of carry bags with less than 75 microns in thickness were banned from September 30, 2021.

Speaking at a recent event, a senior department official said plastic waste was sent to the three WTE plants as currently there was no other alternative. Out of the three new proposed plants, one of 2,000 TPD capacity at Tehkhand may be operational by September. Another plant of 2,500 TPD capacity has been planned at Rani Khera or any other suitable location. The location for the third plant of 2,000 TPD capacity is yet to be identified.



However, experts said agencies should emphasise on recycling of plastic waste. Priti Mahesh, chief programme coordinator, Toxics Link, said, "Burning of plastic for energy should be the last option. Waste to Energy plants have been installed across the country for waste management, but they have a lot of concerns, especially since there is hardly any check on toxic emissions. Instead of sending plastic waste to such plants, the focus should be on minimisation, segregation, recycling and reuse of materials."

Chitra Mukherjee, consultant, waste and sustainable livelihood, said WTE plants generate fly ash and bottom ash, which contain unburnt pieces of plastic waste. This is then dumped in landfills. "Sending plastic waste to WTE plants is not a sustainable or environment-friendly solution. Such plants are merely incinerators that burn recyclable waste, thereby wasting resources. In the process, they are polluting the environment as they do not meet environmental norms," she added.

"Though a ban on plastic waste is in place, it doesn't solve the problem as old stock lying with manufacturers and traders is again going to these WTE plants. We are losing resources with incineration of plastic waste, which should be recycled," said Mukherjee.

Waste plant number 5: MCD steps up plan to build facility at Bawana

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New Delhi: To reduce the quantity of fresh municipal waste dumped at the landfills on a daily basis, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has intensified work on constructing its fifth waste-to-energy (WTE) plant at Bawana.

The civic body has invited tender for developing the facility, spread over a 18-20-acre site, which will be able to process around 3,000 tonnes of waste daily. "Bidders are free to submit their choice of technology to be used at the plant and the best among the lot will be selected. Once allocated, the project will take two years to complete," stated MCD.

Last year, the erstwhile north corporation signed a memorandum of understanding with Indian Oil Corporation Limited to set up the integrated WTE plant in outer Delhi, which was to process the garbage collected from City-Sadar Paharganj, Karol Bagh and Narela zones. The project was even approved in the standing committee, but could not be implemented.

MCD has three WTE plants at Okhla, Bawana and Ghazipur that can process 1,950, 2,500 and 1,300 tonne municipal waste every day, respectively. These plants are generating 21, 24 and 12MW electricity per day.

"We are targeting to complete work at the fourth plant in Tehkhand by September. Constructed over 27.3 acres, the plant will consume 2,000 tonne waste per day and generate 25MW power," said an MCD official.

The concessionaire for the Okhla plant has applied for environment clearance with Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for its capacity enhancement. "It has sought permission for using 1,000 tonne more waste daily and increasing the energy generation from 21 to 40MW," said an official. DPCC will hold a public hearing on the matter on August 16.

"Once all these projects are implemented by 2024-25, MCD will be able to utilise 11,800 tonnes of municipal waste generated on a daily basis," said the official.

The total generation of municipal waste in Delhi is currently around 11,000 tonne per day. Out of it, 5,800 tonne go to the WTE plants and a small portion to composting plants. "Considering that more waste will be generated in future, we are simultaneously working on small projects such as bio-CNG plants," said the official.

DoE tweaks Aadhaar, distance norms for EWS admissions

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New Delhi: The Directorate of Education (DoE) is set to bring in two key changes for admissions in the EWS/DG category from the 2023-24 academic session. While producing an Aadhar card will become mandatory, the distance criteria for school allotment will be revised to 0-3 km as first preference against the existing 0-1 km. It is still unclear whether the parents or the child would be required to produce the Aadhaar card.

"It has been noticed that multiple applications would be filed by an applicant to increase the probability of selection in the draw of lots by manipulating the address, name and other details. It was also seen that such applicants got admission in multiple schools because of the altered information furnished. This malpractice defeats the purpose of the scheme implemented for the admission of students in EWS/DG and CWSN (children with special needs) categories," DoE said in a circular.

DoE has been conducting online admissions for the 25% reserved category seats in private schools since the 2016-17 academic session. In Delhi, 3% of those seats are kept aside for CWSN.

So far, DoE had permitted electricity/phone/water bills, voter ID, ration card and Aadhaar as address proof. In 2018, Delhi high court had ruled it was not mandatory to give Aadhaar and voter ID details.

"Aadhaar was optional earlier, even though most applicants tendered the related information, which helped identify duplicity in online admissions," added the circular.

DoE has clarified that information collected during the application process will be minimal and biometric details will not be stored or shared with another agency. It has added that production of Aadhaar at the time of verification does not infringe upon the rights of applicants.

The DoE circular said the distance criteria was being tweaked to give those living within a 1-3 km radius a better shot at a seat.

"In order to ensure uniform opportunity to more parents seeking admission of their wards in EWS/DG and CWSN categories in a school near their residence, a measure is being adopted by DoE, which will make 0-3 km as first preference instead of 0-1 km in the interest of deserving applicants," it said.

6.5k faculty positions vacant in central univs, most in DU

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Over 6,500 faculty positions are vacant in central universities across the country with majority of them being in Delhi University followed by Allahabad University, Banaras Hindu University and Aligarh Muslim University, according to the ministry of education (MoE) statistics.

The data was shared by Subhas Sarkar, Union minister of state for education, in response to a written question in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

According to MoE, a total of 6,549 faculty positions are vacant in central universities.

Delhi University has maximum vacancies (900) followed by University of Allahabad (622), Banaras Hindu University (532), Aligarh Muslim University (498) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (326).

"Occurring of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. The vacancies arise due to retirement, resignation and additional requirements on account of enhanced students' strength. The institutions are adopting various measures to address faculty shortages in order to ensure that studies of students are not affected, which inter-alia, includes engaging research scholars, contract, re-employed, adjunct and visiting faculty," said Sarkar.

900 VACANCIES IN DELHI UNIVERSITY, JNU HAS 326

"Ministry of Education has requested all the Central Higher Educational Institutions to fill up the vacancies in a mission mode within a period of one year starting from September 5, 2021," he added.

The minister further said that since August 2021, 4,807 posts in central universities have been advertised for which the selection processes are on.

Central universities in the country with over 100 vacant teaching positions include — Jamia Millia Islamia (223), Central University of Kashmir (116), Central University of Haryana (120), Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (231), among others.

Tech tonic! Robocon League for schoolchildren in October

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New Delhi: Students of private and government schools in the city can soon participate in the Delhi Robocon League, expected to be launched this October. The competition will be on the lines of Robocon, a contest held for engineering students.

The initiative was announced on Monday by Directorate of Education (DoE) director Himanshu Gupta.

The two-day Robocon 2022 was held on July 16-17. This year, the global chapter of the competition will be held in Delhi in August.

"We will have special boot camps for students of Ambedkar School of Specialised Excellence. The final competition will be held in April 2023. It is open for all Class 10 students in Delhi," Gupta elaborated.

Last week, Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) signed an MoU with I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics (IHFC), an initiative of the department of science and technology and IIT-Delhi to develop a curriculum on robotics and automation for students of these schools.

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SK Saha, professor at IIT Delhi and a part of IHFC, said, "For Robocon 2022, we had participation from a lot of school students. We will conduct competitions for them as well so that they learn it at a young age."

There are 11 schools of specialised excellence (SoSE) that started functioning from 2021. Each school has a different specialisation – science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), performing and visual arts, 21st century skills, humanities and armed forces preparatory school. The armed forces school will be started from this academic session.

However, there is no clarity if the curriculum on robotics and automation will only apply to those with STEM specialisation. Admissions for both classes 9 and 11 are being held in STEM and armed forces schools.

According to IIT-D, the syllabus being prepared will be more "progressive" and relevant to the industry in terms of robotics and automation and won't be limited to mechanics and electronics.

"The idea is to curate teaching material and content for ease of learning. IHFC will collaborate with industry partners and players to create relevant curriculum that will render SoSE students employable after four years of specialised studies," said a statement issued by IIT-D.

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Temporary relief for ad hoc teachers at DU

New Delhi: Services of ad hoc teachers at various colleges will not be discontinued at this point as the new academic session is about to begin and the appointment of permanent teaching staff at various colleges will be a time-consuming process, Delhi University announced on Monday.

While there are over 4,500 ad hoc teachers in the varsity currently, some of whom have been teaching at DU for over a decade, interviews for permanent positions are under way.

In a notification issued, DU said, "The university realises that the ensuing academic session 2022-23 is on and appointment of teaching staff on regular basis in various colleges and institutions may take time, the university feels that services of existing teaching staff appointed on ad hoc basis as per the guidelines, be not dispensed with or disengaged for the time being and they be allowed to continue on ad hoc basis on usual terms in the larger academic interests of students in various disciplines or subjects till regular appointment of teaching staff is made."

The varsity said the decision has been taken in light of the fact that the appointment of teaching staff on a regular basis "may apparently take more time." TNN

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Delhi govt hospital in Janakpuri set to expand services, add surgery facilities

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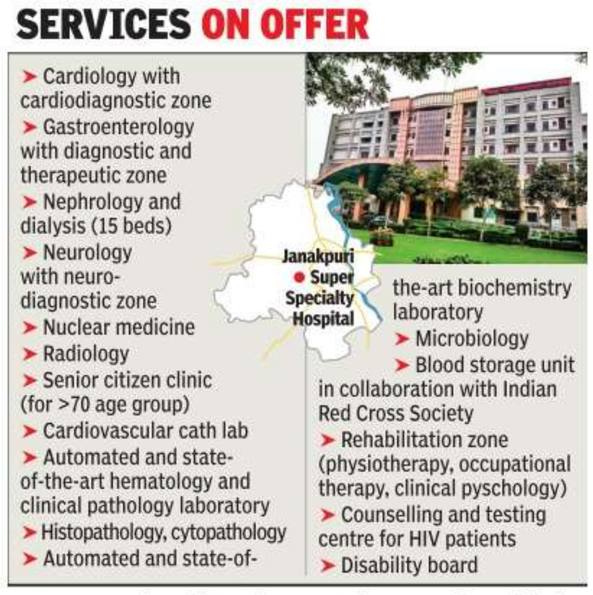
New Delhi: The Delhi government-run Janakpuri Super Specialty Hospital is going to expand its services by adding surgery facilities to the existing departments. So far, the hospital has been providing only OPD services for the specialty branches.

"We have already got the health department's approval. Our operation theatres are ready and we hope to make them functional within a month. The procurement for setting up the OTs is completed. We are also taking steps to increase manpower for the purpose," said hospital director Dr AK Hooda.

There are two state-run hospitals that currently provide specialty treatments, the one at Janakpuri and Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital. While the Janakpuri hospital only provides outpatient services, RGSSH conducts surgeries too.

Residents of west Delhi will get relief once the OTs are started. Earlier, surgical cases were referred to other hospitals. The patient load on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital will also come down.

At present, OPD services are being given in cardiology, gastroenterology, neurology, nephrology and supportive services of laboratory (haematology, cytology, biochemistry, microbiology), radiology, facility integrated testing and counselling centre (F-ICTC for HIV testing), integrated rehabilitation centre (speech therapy, occupational and physiotherapy), cardiodiagnostic, gastrodiagnostic and neurodiagnostic.



"Once the OTs are operational, we can conduct angioplasty, heart surgeries and stent implants to save lives. We are also hoping to start a kidney transplant facility. This will make us the first among all state hospitals to have this facility," said Hooda. The hospital, constructed on 8.82 acres, was inaugurated in 2008. It has a provision for 250 beds.

Apart from this hospital, residents of west Delhi can also start availing of medical services from the newly opened Indira Gandhi Hospital at Dwarka Sector 9. As part of the expansion plan, the hospital is soon going to start OTs and their construction work has already begun. Surgery would be available from September.

The order for machines for the OTs has already been placed, while fitting work is going on. All work will be completed by August. At present, only minor OT facilities are available in this hospital. Apart from this, cardiology and neurology OPD will also start from August.

Dwarka man held in connection with seizure of 45 guns from couple at IGI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A man has been arrested from Dwarka in a case in which 45 guns worth Rs 22.5 lakh were seized from two trolley bags of a couple at Indira Gandhi International Airport on July 11, Delhi Police said.

The accused was identified as Manjit Singh, who lives at Mehal Farms in Gurgaon's Bhondsi. Following a tip-off, he was arrested around 7.30pm from under the Metro bridge of Dwarka Sector 9, an official said.

Police said a blank fire pistol-make Zoraki had been seized from him. The cops came to know during the inquiry that he was in the import-export business, but later became a smuggler. Police suspect that the accused might have also sent a consignment of contraband pistols through the foreign post office in the past.

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Singh was produced before the court and police got five days' custody to ascertain the source of weapons, the mode of smuggling the guns into India, and their end users.

On July 11, a 41-year-old man and his 32-year-old wife landed at the Delhi airport from Vietnam. The couple was also accompanied by their 6-month-old daughter. When they had crossed the green channel of the arrival hall at the airport, they were intercepted by Customs officials.

The man was carrying two trolley bags, which were reportedly handed over to him by his elder brother who had arrived from Paris almost at the same time as the couple. When the Customs officials searched the trolleys, they found 45 assorted branded guns. Later, a case was registered with the Special Cell of Delhi Police.

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Votes cast, formal Prez poll result on July 21

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New Delhi: The presidential polls, in which NDA's Droupadi Murmu is pitted against the Opposition's Yashwant Sinha, saw over 99% of the 4,796 MPs and MLAs cast their votes, with as many as 11 states and 1 UT reporting 100% turnout by their respective MLAs.

The Election Commission said while two MLAs — Anant Kumar Singh and Mahendra Hari Dalvi — were not eligible to vote in view of their disqualification under Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, as per court orders, there are five vacancies in Rajya Sabha and six in the state assemblies.

Polling began in Parliament House with PM Narendra Modi casting the first vote. Former PM Manmohan Singh (89), who arrived in a wheelchair, was also among the first few to vote. SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav was also ferried to the ballot box in a wheelchair, while Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and RK Singh came in PPE suits. In Bihar,

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BJP MLA Mithilesh Kumar, injured in a road accident about a month ago, arrived on a stretcher to cast his vote.

Of the total 4,796 MPs and MLAs that form the electoral college for choosing the next President of India, 4,754 cast their ballot (overall 99.1% turnout) at Parliament House and 30 at other poll locations across the state/UT legislative assemblies. Of a total 771 MPs, 763 voted (98.9% turnout); while of the total 4,025 MLAs, 3,991 exercised their franchise (99.1% turnout). Sources said 8 MPs and 34 MLAs did not vote.

MPs who did not vote included BJP's Sunny Deol and Sanjay Dhotre, both of whom were absent due to health issues, AIMIM's Imtiyaz Jaleel, Shiv Sena's Gajanan Kirtikar, Congress' Mohammed Sadiq, DMK's T R Paarivendhar and BSP MPs Atul Singh, who is in jail, and Haji Fazlur Rehman.

There was 100% turnout in 11 states — Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu — and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

In all, 44 MPs were permitted to vote at state headquarters, 9 MLAs at Parliament House and 2 MLAs in other state headquarters.

The EC also allowed Covid-19 positive electors to vote in the last hour of polling or after all the non-Covid electors had cast their vote. Two Covid positive electors cast their vote in Tamil Nadu and one in Kerala.

Counting of all votes will be taken up at Parliament House on July 21 at 11am.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

Union home minister Amit Shah and Congress chief Sonia Gandhi cast their votes at Parliament House on Monday to elect the President

Some Oppn members too vote for Murmu

Cross-voting in favour of NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu in several states and absenteeism by MLAs in some others created a sideshow of dissidence in opposition ranks during Monday's presidential vote.

In UP, speculation about cross-voting by SP members was stoked by pictures of Bhojipura MLA Sharjeel Islam with party chief Akhilesh Yadav's estranged uncle Shivpal Yadav, who had announced beforehand that he would vote for Murmu.

Gujarat's lone NCP MLA Kandhal Jadeja said he voted for Murmu despite his party backing Sinha. Two opposition Bharatiya Tribal Party MLAs said, without naming anyone, that they picked "a candidate who will work for the welfare of the poor".

Telangana Congress MLA Danasari Anasuya, an Adivasi, said she "mistakenly" voted for Murmu. "Wrong speculation about my #PresidentialElection vote if I voted for NDA," she tweeted later.

Odisha Congress MLA Mohammed Moquim, too, voted for Murmu "following my conscience".

One MLA in Punjab abstained as did eight in Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh. In Assam, estranged allies Congress and AIUDF, both of whom were officially backing Sinha, accused each other of cross-voting.

In Bengal, BJP declared its MLA count as 70 instead of 75, anticipating cross-voting by those who have unofficially defected. TNN

MP: Threatened for supporting Kanhaiya kin

Jaipur: Rajya Sabha MP Kirodi Lal Meena of BJP complained Monday of receiving a death threat in a letter that accused him of supporting Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal Sahu's family after he was beheaded this June by two men for sharing online posts antagonistic towards Prophet Muhammad.

The influential Meena community member from Rajasthan wrote to CM Ashok Gehlot about the threat letter and sent a copy of it to Union junior home minister Nityanand Rai and Delhi Police. Meena demanded prompt action against those behind the letter.

Meena said: "Giving a month's salary to the family of Kanhaiyalal has not gone down well with a jihadi named Qadir Ali. He has threatened to kill me. I'm not afraid. I will continue to expose jihadis and political forces that patronise them." "Now it is your turn Kirodi Lal," the letter said. TNN

Mid-air scuffle: Kerala neta on IndiGo no-fly list

Thiruvananthapuram/New Delhi: IndiGo announced Monday it was putting Kerala's LDF convenor E P Jayarajan on its no-fly list for three weeks and two Youth Congress workers for two weeks based on a probe into a scuffle onboard an aircraft carrying CM Pinarayi Vijayan on June 13. This is the first known instance of an Indian airline putting a politician on no-fly list.

Both bans are with retrospective effective from July 16 across both domestic and international flights of IndiGo.

Jayarajan responded that neither he nor any member of his family would ever travel by an IndiGo flight. "I won't fly IndiGo even if I have to walk all the way to my destination."

Youth Congress workers Naveen Kumar R K and Farsin Majeed P P had shouted slogans against Vijayan on a flight from Kannur after it landed at Thiruvananthapuram. Jayarajan then pushed the duo to the floor of the aircraft. TNN

Nupur back in SC, Justices Kant & Pardiwala to hear fresh plea today

Hear Matter On Merit, She Urges Court

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EYEING RELIEF: Nupur Sharma

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday will hear suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma seeking to revive her earlier petition that she had withdrawn in the face of unwarranted incessant caustic comments from judges, seeking protection from arrest in nine FIRs lodged against her for her alleged blasphemous comments and clubbing of all of them at Delhi, where the first FIR was lodged.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala, who on July 1 had come down on Sharma like a tonne of bricks, is scheduled to hear Sharma's fresh application seeking permission "to withdraw her request to withdraw the petition as recorded in the order dated July 1", and requesting the court to hear the matter on merit. She has also sought quashing of the FIRs.

Sharma said a day after the SC bench's observations, Kolkata police on July 2 issued a 'lookout circular' against her and that she feared immediate arrest.

"There are a large number of serious life threats to her emanating from West Bengal after a statement on this issue was made by the state chief minister. It would be completely unsafe for the petitioner to go to West Bengal and have recourse to courts in the state," she said.

Citing the life threats from a khadim of Ajmer dargah through a video message that called upon every Muslim to cut her throat, Sharma said the khadim had declared that he would gift his house to the one who brought the petitioner's head to him.

On July 1, Justices Surya Kant and J B Pardiwala had unleashed a barrage of critical observations on Nupur Sharma, while accusing her of igniting the country with her alleged blasphemous comments and damaging social fabric, resulting in the unfortunate incident at Udaipur.

Interestingly, just a few days later, another vacation bench headed by Justice Indira Banerjee had given relief to a television anchor who too faced multiple FIRs for telecasting a doctored video against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

The anchor had said that he had apologised and deleted the video. Similarly, Sharma too had apologised for her comments, but that was not taken into consideration by the Supreme Court.

Nupur address on terror suspect's phone

NIA and IB teams have found suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's address in the cellphone of a man arrested after cops busted a terrorist module in Patna's Phulwarisharif recently, reports **Faryal Rumi**. The discovery raised suspicion that Nupur was a target of the group for her remarks on the Prophet. The central agencies were conducting the investigation with Bihar police after Muhammad Athar Parvez, an ex-member of the outlawed SIMI, and three more men were arrested on charges of radicalising minority community youths and training them for jihad. "They might be planning to take revenge for her remarks. Several shocking facts surfaced during questioning. More names will figure in the terror module," an official said Monday.

India under constant attack through 'misinformation & disinformation': PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India is facing constant attacks through "misinformation and disinformation" as it establishes itself on the global stage, PM Narendra Modi said Monday, stressing the need for a "whole of country" approach to combat new forms of warfare.

The country has to "anticipate future challenges" and "thwart" all efforts of forces, be they from within India or abroad, who want to harm India's interests, the PM said, while underlining the criticality of indigenously-developed weapons to fight wars of the future at a naval 'Swavlamban' seminar on self-reliance in defence production.

National defence and security are not limited to the borders but have a much broader ambit, with the expansion in the number of conventional and unconventional threats and the changing methods of warfare. "Earlier, we used to imagine our defence only till the land, sea, sky. Now, the scope is moving towards space, cyberspace, economic and social space," Modi said, adding even rare earth elements, crude oil and the like are being weaponised now.

The fact that "warfare is becoming invisible, more lethal" from the earlier face-to-face one has to be kept in mind, with all citizens also becoming more vigilant.

Turning to defence production, the PM said India was firmly moving towards becoming a major arms exporter from languishing as the world's largest importer. "We had developed the habit of being dependent on foreign countries for even the simplest products. Like drug addicts, we were addicted to the imported products," he said.

The government has increased the defence budget and ensured it is largely used for domestic procurements. While arms imports have come down by 21% in last four-five years, exports are up by seven times in eight years.

The PM said it's a matter of pride for all citizens that India's arms exports touched a record Rs 13,000 crore in the financial year 2021-22, with 70% contribution coming from the private sector and the remaining 30% from the public sector.

"The goal of self-reliance in the Indian armed forces is very important for the India of the 21st century," the PM said, adding that the country has the requisite "talent" to develop weapon systems that will surprise and vanquish the enemy on the battlefield.

Took no money from Ahmed Patel: Teesta

Ahmedabad: Social activist Teesta Setalvad on Monday denied all charges levelled against her in an affidavit by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case of fabrication of evidence for the purported 2002 Gujarat riots conspiracy. Her lawyer asserted before a city sessions court that she had not accepted any money from Congress leader late Ahmed Patel.

Opposing Setalvad's bail plea, the SIT cited a witness and said that she had accepted Rs 30 lakh from Patel immediately after the Godhra train burning incident with the intention of maligning the image of then CM Narendra Modi and others and to falsely implicate them on charges of a larger conspiracy to carry out the riots.

Setalvad's lawyer submitted she should be released on bail as the crime branch has filed an FIR for a non-cognizable offence despite a legal bar. The complaint should ideally have been filed in a court. Filing of an FIR is legally not permissible, sources said. TNN

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Press NIT NO:- 01 (2022-2023)

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD) and Tender fees	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender
1.	Repair and renovation of the office of E.E (Dwarka) WTP, E.E(EAP)- III and E.E (Project) W-V at OHT, Ashok Vihar, D.J.B.	47,09,629/-	EMD Rs. 94,200/- Tender Fee Rs. 500/-	Tender ID no. 2022_DJB_226194_1 dated 15.07.2022.	04.08.2022 up to 3:00 PM

The NIT is available with bid forms and other details at http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in. Further information, if any, will be uploaded only on website.
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1. Name of the work : a) Construction of RCC Drain and Internal Approach Road at Industrial Estate, Ampore in the District of Bhadhak, Odisha.
: b) Construction of RCC Drain and Internal Approach Road at Industrial Estate, Bhadrak in the District of Bhadhak, Odisha.
2. Estimated cost : Rs.71.99 lakh & Rs.275.67 lakh
3. Period of completion : 03 (Three) & 04 (Four) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/ Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	
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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID/ Tender Reference No. P&C/ EST/ E – 30 / 2022-23.	25.07.2022 at 17.00 Hrs.	10.08.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.tendersodisha.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and www.idco.in.
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SHORT ADVERTISEMENT
Recruitment to the posts of SDIPRO (OIS-II), Group-B of Odisha Information Service Cadre in Information and Public Relations Department
WEBSITE http://opsc.gov.in
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2. VACANCY POSITION: -
As per the requisition filed by the Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Odisha, out of a total of **19(06-W)** vacancies, **14(5-W)** vacancies are reserved for UR category, **01** vacancy is reserved for SEBC category, **03(1-W)** vacancies arc reserved for SC category, **01** vacancy is reserved for ST category. Also **01** post is reserved for Ex-Servicemen and **01** post is reserved for Persons with Disability with category of Disability [Sub-category:- Cat.-I (Low Vision)].
The details of vacancies and reservation status arc shown in the long advertisement available at OPSC web portal **www.opsc.gov.in.**
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5. METHOD OF SELECTION:
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REOI No. ASRLM/DDU-GKY/4522/2022-23/64
Request for Expression of Interest (EoI) for Hiring a Technical Support Agency to Establish and Operate a Migration Support Centre (MSC) under DDU-GKY (Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana) by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society (ASRLMS)
ASRLM invites "Expression of Interest" from the eligible Consultancy Agencies to submit their interest for providing consulting services for **"Hiring a Technical Support Agency to Establish and Operate a Migration Support Centre (MSC) under DDU-GKY (Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana) to be established at Tirrupur, Tamilnadu by Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society (ASRLMS)"** The detailed Expression of Interest along with Terms of Reference may be obtained from official website of ASRLMS i.e **www.asrlms.assam.gov.in** under Procurement Section. Interested Bidders must submit the EOI proposal in hard copy on or before **10.08.2022** to the following address: The State Mission Director, Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society, Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari, Guwahati-37, Assam.
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OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-2
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PRESS NIT NO. 14 (2022-23) [66,69,70]

S. No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender to Tender	EMD Amount	Tender Fees	Date of release of tender in eprocurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through eprocurement solution
1.	Replacement of old / deep and damaged 450 mm dia water line from A-665, main circular road, Gali No. 18, Zero Pusta Sonia Vihar to Kaushik Chowk Sonia Vihar under Karawal Nagar AC-70 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226195_1	44,33,075.00	89,000.00	500.00	15.07.2022	29.07.2022 upto 02:30 P.M.
2.	Replacement of old / deep and damaged 450 mm dia water line from E-1440, main circular road, Sonia Vihar to A-333 Part-5, main circular road Sonia Vihar under Karawal Nagar AC-70 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226195_2	48,84,596.00	98,000.00	500.00	15.07.2022	29.07.2022 upto 02:30 P.M.
3.	Replacement of old / deep and damaged 100 mm dia water line at Harijan Basti, Tukmirpur Village and adjoining area under Karawal Nagar AC-70 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226195_3	45,98,968.00	92,000.00	500.00	15.07.2022	29.07.2022 upto 02:30 P.M.
4.	Providing and laying sewer line at various points in Ward No. 61-E and 62-E under Karawal Nagar AC-70 Tender ID No. 2022_DJB_226195_4	36,61,714.00	73,500.00	500.00	15.07.2022	29.07.2022 upto 02:30 P.M.

All the terms and conditions including technical specification and special conditions is avialable on Delhi Govt. Website https://delhi.govtprocurement.com.
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Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
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No: 3314 / Dt: 15.07.2022
Nature of work : Building Works
Number of works : 2 (Two) Buildings
Amount put to Tender : Rs. 131.46 Lakh to Rs. 150.39 Lakh
Class of Contractor : "B" Class / "A" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal : Dt. 20.07.2022 at 10:00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal : Dt. 03.08.2022 up to 05:00 PM
Date of opening of bid : Dt. 04.08.2022 at 11:00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid : Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore
The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http//tendersodisha.gov.in."** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.
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Chief Construction Engineer
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore
OIPR - 34026/11/0010/22-23

Entire population in a region of Himachal may get ST tag

Centre Plans Major Move Ahead Of Assembly Elections

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Himachal CM Jai Ram Thakur at a recent public meeting in the state

New Delhi: In a major political move ahead of the assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh, the Centre is reportedly mulling the granting of 'tribal' status to the Trans-Giri region in Sirmaur district. The proposal, if it is cleared, will bestow Scheduled Tribe status on all the communities living in this designated area.

Sources said an inter-ministerial consultation is likely to take place on the proposal to be moved by the ministry of tribal affairs. While the demand earlier was about giving ST status to the Hatti community, the Centre now is seriously considering the option of extending it to the entire region.

The advocacy for the move is being rationalised on the grounds that it was done in Jaunsar region of Uttarakhand in 1967 (then part of undivided Uttar Pradesh), which continues at present. Additionally, Trans-Giri region of Sirmaur shares the border with Jaunsar, and the two have a trans-state cultural similarity, it is said.

The extension of tribal status to a region of a state has not happened in recent times, and is viewed as a political gambit ahead of the state elections. If the proposal is actually implemented, it would mean the dominant Thakurs and Brahmins, besides many OBC communities and the Scheduled Castes, too would become tribals, well-placed sources said.

The ST status is a much sought-after categorisation in the country, as it allows better tapping of reservation benefits in comparison to the OBC and SC lists, which are already dominated by strong communities.

For BJP, any such policy decision will be a political initiative designed to woo the voters of the region, especially the politically influential Hatti community that has been demanding the tribal status for a few years now and could vote with vengeance. It would additionally appease the upper castes and the OBCs who would also benefit from the policy. While the said region is small, the signaling could be pan-state. Also, the Hatti community is spread across many seats.

In the assembly elections scheduled for the latter half of 2022, Congress will be looking to dislodge the BJP government and has launched an aggressive campaign. While the state has a history of voting out governments and power alternating between Congress and BJP, the prevailing anti-incumbency in the state came to light when Congress won the by-polls to Mandi Lok Sabha constituency and three assembly seats in November 2021.

BJP calls Oppn's stir against GST 'conspiracy, stunt'

New Delhi: BJP on Monday attacked Rahul Gandhi and other Opposition leaders for what it called "conspiracy and stunt" in protesting against application of 5% GST on unbranded food items.

On a day when Opposition parties attacked the Centre for extending GST to unbranded food items, BJP spokesperson Syed Zafar Islam emphasised that the decision was not taken by the government but by the GST Council which had representatives of Congress and other opposition parties as its members. TNN

LS hails India for crossing 2 billion Covid shots

New Delhi: Lok Sabha on Monday applauded the country's achievement in reaching the milestone of administering two billion Covid vaccine shots and expressed its gratitude to the front-line workers.

Speaker Om Birla moved a resolution expressing the House's delight over the "significant accomplishment". "This could be possible because of the combined efforts of the government and people," he said. TNN

In presence of BJP, BJD, JD(U) netas, Dhankhar files papers

Sanjeev Rastogi

PM Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah with vice-presidential candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar after he filed his papers on Monday

New Delhi: NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is set to be India's next vice-president, filed his nomination papers on Monday. He told reporters that he had never thought that an ordinary person from a farmer's family would get such a "historic" opportunity.

PM Narendra Modi, Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari, BJP president J P Nadda, Janata Dal (United) chief Lalan Singh and BJD's Pinaki Misra were present when Dhankhar filed his papers for the August 6 polls.

Union ministers Pashupati Kumar Paras, Anupriya Patel and Ramdas Athawale, all BJP allies, were also present among others.

"Ministers, MPs and leaders from many parties accompanied Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji for the filing of his nomination. I am certain that he will be an excellent and inspiring Vice President. @jdhankhar1," tweeted PM. TNN

Not going to be scared of anyone: Alva

The opposition's vice-presidential nominee, Margaret Alva, will write to members of Parliament cutting across party lines and appeal to them to vote for her in the polls on August 6, reports **Swati Mathur**. Alva, whose candidature was backed by 17 opposition parties, excluding AAP and TMC, will file her nomination papers on Tuesday. NCP chief Sharad Pawar said after a meeting of Opposition parties that AAP and TMC would also announce their support for her. Alva, on her part, said, "I know it's a difficult battle, but in politics, winning and losing is not the issue, the issue is fighting the battle ... I am not going to be scared of anyone." On Monday, the leaders who met at Pawar's residence also decided to carry on protesting in Parliament against price rise and GST.

Parliament gets off to a stormy start

Times News Network

New Delhi: Parliament's monsoon session got off to a stormy start on Monday with both Houses failing to transact any business due to opposition protests over various issues. The first day coincided with the presidential polls.

Even as opposition members raised slogans, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said elections in India are celebrated as a "festival" and since the presidential polls were under way, he adjourned the House till 2pm. When it reconvened, Left members protested against rising inflation while Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury tried to raise some issues. Law minister Kiren Rijiju introduced the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill. But as the protests continued, Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day.

In Rajya Sabha, Congress members shouted slogans and trooped to the Well of the House raising the issue of price rise and increase in GST rates soon after chairman Venkaiah Naidu read out the obituary references. When protesting members did not heed his request to go back to their seats, Naidu said, "As some people have come determined not to allow the House to function and also for enabling the members to go and vote in the presidential election, I am adjourning the House for the day."

Make session productive, appeals Modi

Hours before the commencement of the monsoon session of Parliament on Monday, PM Narendra Modi urged members to make the session fruitful and productive. Speaking to reporters, he said, "There should be dialogue in Parliament with an open mind. If necessary, there should be debate. I urge all MPs to contemplate deeply and discuss matters to make this session as fruitful and productive as possible." Stressing "this period is very important", the PM said, "It is the period of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. There is a special significance of 15th August and coming 25 years — when the nation would celebrate 100 years of independence. It would be the time to make a resolution to decide our journey, and the new heights we scale." TNN

57% of RS sittings disrupted: Naidu

Vice-President and Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday appealed to the members of the House to be "different and better", while highlighting that nearly 57% of RS sittings during his tenure were disrupted partly or fully. Monday was the last session of Naidu as chairman.

JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN

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BJP cites 2016 Alva interview to target Sonia, Gandhi family

Times News Network

New Delhi: BJP on Monday seized upon the serious allegations levelled by the Opposition's vice presidential candidate Margaret Alva against Sonia Gandhi and the Nehru-Gandhi family to seek to embarrass the government.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey highlighted the charges — the distrust between Sonia Gandhi and P V Narasimha Rao which manifested itself in the gun carriage carrying the former PM's body not being allowed in the AICC headquarters, Sanjay Gandhi's links with the father of alleged AgustaWestland middleman Christian Michel and their involvement in an illegal arms deal involving the sale of old tanks to South Africa when the two countries did not have ties and others — Alva had made in a 2016 TV interview.

"The Opposition's candidate for Vice President, Margaret Alva levelled a range of charges from corruption to conspiracy against Congress party and its president Sonia Gandhi. Has the Opposition by supporting her endorse her allegations to declare Congress corrupt?" the LS member from Godda asked in a tweet.

The VP candidate had said that the Narasimha Rao government's decision to challenge a Delhi high court order quashing the Bofors case embittered their ties. Alva also said that Sonia did not trust Rao and suspected him of conspiring to send her to jail. On the other hand, the former Prime Minister was uncomfortable with Sonia keeping herself aloof.

Alva, who was promoting her memoir 'Courage and Commitment', also talked about Sanjay Gandhi's alleged links with Wolfgang Michel, father of the alleged AgustaWesland middleman. Alva also quoted former PM Manmohan Singh telling her that while he wanted her in the Cabinet, she was appointed governor of Rajasthan without being asked about her willingness.

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Tenders are invited for the selection of Developer for completing the remaining work with reference to the UPRERA order on EPC model in the project "Rohtas Plumeria Homes" located at Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow. The UPRERA order has been uploaded on the website of PRWA. The complete set of the "Tender Document', DPR, previously published EOI document etc, can be obtained either by visiting the office of the Plumeria Resident Welfare Association from 19th July-2022 in between 10 am to 5 pm or can be downloaded by visiting the PRWA website: https://www.prwa.in.

Fee for submission of the Tender: Rs. 10,000/-
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Stalemate in LAC talks, China gives PP-15 counter-plan

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The two sides issued a joint statement to reaffirm that they will 'maintain the security and stability on the ground in the western sector' and carry forward the dialogue through military and diplomatic channels

New Delhi: There was no concrete breakthrough yet again in defusing the over two-year-long troop confrontation in eastern Ladakh with China, despite the top-level military talks being held after a gap of four months and external affairs minister S Jaishankar meeting his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi a couple of times in the interim.

China did not agree to the Indian proposal to even complete the stalled troop disengagement at Patrolling Point-15 (PP-15) near the Kugrang Nallah in the Chang Chenmo sector during the 16th round of Corps commander-level talks that lasted over 12 hours on Sunday. "The People's Liberation Army (PLA) submitted its own counter-proposal for PP-15, which will now have to be examined in detail," a source said.

Consequently, the resolution of the much more intractable stand-offs at the Charding Ninglung Nallah (CNN) track junction at Demchok and the strategically-located Depsang Bulge area towards restoring the overall status quo as it existed in May 2020 is still nowhere on the horizon.

The two sides, however, issued a joint statement on Monday to reaffirm that they will "maintain the security and stability on the ground in the western sector" and carry forward the dialogue through military and diplomatic channels to "work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest".

The military talks, led by the Leh-based 14 Corps commander Lt-General Anindya Sengupta and South Xinjiang Military District chief Major General Yang Lin, saw "a frank and in-depth exchange of views, in keeping with the guidance provided by the state leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest".

"The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in restoration of peace and tranquillity along the LAC in the western sector and enable progress in bilateral relations," the joint statement said.

But the usual platitudes apart, China continues to be recalcitrant about India's demand for the sequential process of troop disengagement, de-escalation and de-induction in eastern Ladakh. Both sides continue to forward deploy over 50,000 soldiers each, backed by heavy weaponry, in the high-altitude region.

Minority tag: SC seeks examples where Hindus denied benefits

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court said it could not examine the issue of minority status for Hindus in some states "in air" and asked a petitioner to give concrete examples that Hindus were denied benefits of minority status in states where their population is less than those of other communities.

The petitioner referred to some states where the population of Hindus is less than those of other communities and pleaded that they be treated as minority community under Articles 29-30 to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. Hindus constitute 1% of the population in Ladakh, 2.8% in Mizoram, 2.8% in Lakshadweep, 4% in Kashmir, 8.7% in Nagaland, 11.5% in Meghalaya, 29% in Arunachal Pradesh, 38.5% in Punjab and 41.3% in Manipur.

At the outset of the hearing, the bench of Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia pointed out whether some notification was needed to be issued by the government to give minority tag to a community. The bench also gave the example of DAV running educational institutes across the country but said all its institutions would not get minority tag and it had to be decided state-wise and referred to SC's verdict in TMA Pai case in 2002.

"A Sikh institution in Punjab getting minority status is a travesty of justice. Christians who are in majority in Nagaland and Mizoram can't be said to be minority in those states," the bench observed while emphasising that the exercise for deciding minority status has to be decided state-wise and not nationally. Senior advocate Arvind Datar, appearing for the petitioner, sought two weeks' time to come out with examples where Hindus were denied benefits of minority status.

Govt sets up MSP panel, but is mum on legal guarantee

SKM Not Keen On Joining Committee Set Up 8 Months After Stir

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The agriculture ministry has included five representatives from other farmer organisations that had supported the farm laws and demanded reforms

New Delhi: Eight months after promising to constitute a panel to look into the demands of farmer organisations, the Centre has finally formed a committee, headed by former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agrawal, to suggest measures to make minimum support price (MSP) available to farmers across the country, promote natural farming, and prepare a comprehensive strategy for crop diversification.

Though the agriculture ministry that notified the panel remained silent on farmer unions' key demand of granting "legal guarantee" to MSP, in the subject matter for the committee it spoke about making the system more "effective and transparent" and strengthen the "agricultural marketing system" — a point which, in a way, will discuss and suggest how to bring reforms in the sector which was one of the key objectives of the repealed farm laws.

The notification on the 29-member panel, published on Monday, has, however, not stated any time frame for submission of the report.

As promised to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) that spearheaded the protests against the farm laws, the ministry kept the posts of three members vacant in the panel to accommodate SKM's representatives once it received the names. The Morcha has, so far, not sent names of its representatives to the ministry.

"SKM will take its call, but I find nothing promising in this committee," tweeted Yogendra Yadav, one of the key leaders of the Morcha. Other members of the Morcha too do not appear to be keen on joining the panel which, they said, completely ignored the key subject to discuss giving legal guarantees to MSP.

Under farm outfits' category, the ministry, meanwhile, included five representatives from other farmer organisations that had supported the farm laws and demanded reforms.

Besides farmer representatives, the panel includes Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand; agriculture economists CSC Shekhar from Indian Institute of Economic Development and Sukhpal Singh from IIM, Ahmedabad; representatives of cooperatives including Iffco; senior member, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) Naveen P Singh; senior officials of four state governments including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim and Odisha, and secretaries of five central government departments including agriculture, cooperation, food & public distribution and textiles.

The subject matter of the committee on MSP also speaks about giving more autonomy to the CACP and taking measures to make it more scientific. The CACP is the body which recommends MSP to the government by taking into account the cost of inputs and other relevant factors.

SC said Zubair plea to be listed for Tuesday but took it up in hrs

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New Delhi: Of the six FIRs filed against him by UP police, Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair has already got interim bail in the FIR lodged at Sitapur.

Zubair's counsel Vrinda Grover mentioned his petition seeking quashing of the six FIRs at 2.15pm before Justices Chandrachud and A S Bopanna, who initially said it would be listed for hearing on Tuesday as they have not seen the petition. However, Grover persisted and the bench agreed to hear it at 3pm.

When the bench took up the matter, Grover said the Delhi Police special cell is conducting a thorough probe into Zubair's past tweets as well as alleged illegal receipt of foreign funds. A Delhi court has already granted bail to him in that case. "Where is the occasion for UP police to lodge several FIRs on the same tweets for which he had been booked by Delhi Police? This is to create a vicious cycle. When Zubair gets bail in one FIR, he gets arrested in another FIR. This is to keep him in police custody forever," she said and sought interim bail for Zubair in five FIRs.

She said that the IPC and Information Technology Act provisions slapped against Zubair carried a maximum sentence of three years. Since Delhi Police have already seized the electronic devices from Zubair's Bengaluru residence, no purpose would be served by keeping him behind bars.

Agreeing with the "vicious cycle" argument, Justices Chandrachud and Bopanna called upon solicitor general Tushar Mehta, who had earlier appeared for the UP government in the Sitapur FIR case, to respond to Zubair's plea. Mehta said he neither had the petition nor instructions from the UP government to provide any assistance to the court in the matter.

"Zubair is already in police custody. His petition could be listed for hearing on Tuesday or Wednesday. By that time I would seek instructions from the state government," he said. Grover said Zubair faced serious threat to his life and cited the tweets by certain persons who have announced graded rewards for those filing FIRs against Zubair, getting him arrested and convicted. "Zubair needs to be protected as he faces serious threats to his life," she said. Mehta said that Zubair is secure and safe in police custody and that the Supreme Court could hear the matter a day or two later.

Edible oil prices down by ₹15-25/litre in last 4 mths

New Delhi: Prices of all major edible oils have fallen by Rs 15-25 per litre in the past four months, as per government data. The prices may reduce further as a major producer on Monday announced a significant cut in the prices and said stocks with new prices will soon reach the market, reports **Dipak Dash**.

The reduction in prices can be attributed to a fall in international prices of edible oils and steps taken by the government, including import duty cut. The modal prices — most prevalent price across centres — which the consumer affairs ministry uploads on its website, show that the price of mustard oil has come down by Rs 15 in the past one month. Similarly, price of sunflower and palm oil have fallen by Rs 17 and Rs 15 per litre respectively during this period.

Data show the landing prices of imported palm oil in Mumbai has fallen from $1,720 per tonne to $1,010 in the past 45 days. Similarly, the price of sunflower oil has come down to $1,600 per tonne from $2,050 a month-and-a-half ago. As a result, the domestic wholesale prices of all imported edible oils have fallen significantly. The government said falling prices will help in cooling inflation as well.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU

Focus on bail plea, SC tells K'taka's 'transfer threatened' HC judge

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The Supreme Court stayed all controversial observations and directions of Justice H P Sandesh of the Karnataka high court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed all controversial observations and directions of Justice H P Sandesh of the Karnataka HC and asked him to focus on deciding the petition filed by a deputy tehsildar seeking bail in a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

A bench of CJI N V Ramana and Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli acceded to the request of the Karnataka government and the Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB) chief Seemanth Kumar Singh that the observations and directions issued beyond the subject matter of the petition was unnecessary and proceeded to stay them.

The bench said, "Rather than considering the bail application on its merits, the judge has apparently focused on other elements which may not be relevant and are, in our prima facie view, beyond the scope of inquiry in respect of proceedings under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code."

"We are of the opinion that, in the interim, proceedings before the Karnataka HC, not linked to the pleadings of the accused's original petition for bail, be stayed. We request the HC to continue hearing and dispose of the bail application of the said accused, expeditiously, without reference to the pendency of the present special leave petitions before this court," the CJI-led bench said.

Justice Sandesh had created a stir by revealing in open court that he was threatened with transfer for tearing into purported irregular functioning of state ACB. He had flagged the purported lack of enthusiasm on the ACB's part to investigate corruption cases and said that persons with impeccable credentials should be appointed to head the bureau.

FIR against 5 RPF jawans for 'killing' ice cream vendor

Bijnor: Amroha police have booked five Railway Protection Force (RPF) constables, including a chowki in-charge, and two "unidentified" others for allegedly killing a 30-year-old ice cream vendor, reports **Harveer Dabas**. The constables were suspended and an inquiry was initiated.

The victim, Vinit Kumar, had an ice cream cart at the railway station. On Saturday he was allegedly picked up by the RPF constables from a gaushala on charges of theft, an official who wished to remain anonymous told **TOI**. His body was found on a railway track on Sunday. The victim's brother, Chhotu Kumar, said, "We asked the constables to tell us why he was being detained. But they didn't give us a clarification."

Police case against 121 tribals rested on a pair of trousers, bows & arrows

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Special NIA Judge Deepak Kumar Deshlehre observed that the prosecution couldn't establish any link between the 121 tribals and Maoists. He also noted that no 'hazardous or inflammable weapons' were recovered from them

Raipur: Acquittal still doesn't mean freedom for 13 of the 121 tribals exonerated by an NIA court of charges of assisting Maoists in the 2017 Burkapal ambush. They will remain behind bars on other charges.

After spending five years in jail for an offence they did not commit, 105 tribals are now on their way home. While acquitting them of aiding Maoists, the NIA court observed that the prosecution couldn't prove any of the allegations against them.

Special NIA Judge Deepak Kumar Deshlehre observed that the prosecution couldn't establish any link between the 121 tribals and Maoists. "The prosecution couldn't establish the major question if the accused were present or identified to have been present on the spot. If analysed thoroughly, even the witness statements and seizures do not support the allegation that these undertrials were involved in the Maoist attack or had links with them."

He noted that no "hazardous or inflammable weapons" were recovered from them, pointing out that police seized only a "camouflage trousers, bows and arrows and an indigenous bomb" from some of the tribals. Police had arrested 125 tribals between 2017 and 2019 for allegedly aiding Maoists in the ambush that killed 26 CRPF personnel. A woman and three juveniles are out on bail. And one suspect died in prison last year due to illness.

Out of the 118 tribals lodged in Jagdalpur jail, 105 were released on Saturday. They were charged under sections of UAPA, IPC, Arms Act, Explosive Substances Act and Chhattisgarh Public Security Act. Asked if Bastar police will appeal in Chhattisgarh high court, Bastar range IG P Sundarraj said the "judgment and legal prospects would be reviewed".

Tackle flight issues by July 28 or face action, says DGCA

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New Delhi: The DGCA's directive to airlines on Monday to tackle flight issues by July 28 or face action came a day after Union aviation minister J M Scindia met top ministry and DGCA officials following the spurt in incidents. On Monday, Scindia held a one on one with the top brass of airlines to issue a directive — safety is of paramount importance and there should be no compromise with the same.

The DGCA order issued on Monday says: "In order to ensure that airlines are adhering to the laid down standards, DGCA has conducted several spot checks."

The spot checks carried out by DGCA teams have indicated — "improper identification of cause of a reported defect; increasing trend of MEL releases and non-availability of required certifying staff to cater to multiple scheduled arrivals / departures in a short interval." In recent weeks, aircraft maintenance technicians of both IndiGo and Go First have been reporting their hits like Delhi and Hyderabad to protest poor pay.

The order adds that "airlines are resorting to frequent one-off authorisation to (some) certifying staff at transit stations which isn't in line with regulatory provisions." Based on the findings, the DGCA has directed that all aircraft at base and transit stations shall be released by certifying staff holding AME (aircraft maintenance engineer) Category B1 / B2 licence.

HC grounds 'stop SpiceJet' plea

The Delhi HC on Monday dismissed a plea seeking to stop SpiceJet's operations over alleged breaches in safety and labour norms, saying it could not ground "a particular airline based on averments in a PIL and press clippings". A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad told the petitioner, an advocate, that the law provides a "robust mechanism" to address such concerns. TNN

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ई-निविदा निरस्ती सूचना

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन म.प्र.अंतर्गत कार्यालयीन व्यवस्था हेतु Request for Proposal for Selection of an Agency to design, Develop and maintain a Dashboard for the Integration of all Health Data Systems (portals) of National Health Mission, Madhya Pradesh निविदा प्रकाशन एड क्रमांक G14246/22 दिनांक 12.07.2022 को प्रमुख समाचार पत्रों में जारी किया गया है। उक्त निविदा अपरिहार्य कारणों से निरस्त कीजाती है। आगामी सूचना पृथक से दी जावेगी।

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Shinde faction may move EC today, file 'real Sena' claim

Forms New Nat'l Exec; No Legal Basis, Says Raut

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Mumbai: In a fresh and major setback for Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, CM Eknath Shinde's faction on Tuesday appointed a new national executive of the party, anointing Shinde as chief leader, a newly-created post, and naming leaders and deputy leaders, though the post of Sena president held by Uddhav was left untouched.

The Shinde faction claimed that the old executive, which featured Aaditya Thackeray, Sanjay Raut and Subhash Desai among others — and whose names have been left out by the Shinde group — stood dissolved.

A Shinde faction leader said the group may move the Election Commission on Tuesday with resolutions passed by the "new national executive" to claim that the rebel faction is in fact the real Shiv Sena. The Shinde faction's national executive met at a hotel in south Mumbai on Monday afternoon.

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SHIFTING GEARS? Shinde

As purportedly the party's new top decision-making body, the national executive appointed rebel MLA Deepak Kesarkar as party spokesperson, former minister Ramdas Kadam (who quit as leader and was expelled from the party by the Uddhav camp on Monday) and ex-MP Anandrao Adsul as leaders, and ex-BMC corporator Yashwant Jadhav, ex-ministers Gulabrao Patil and Uday Samant, and Sharad Ponkshe, MLA Tanaji Sawant, Vijay Nahata and ex-MP Shivajirao Adhalrao Patil as deputy leaders. All the new appointees are Sena rebels who joined the Shinde faction and have been sacked by the Uddhav-led Sena.

Sena MP Sanjay Raut claimed there was "no legal validity" to the national executive formed by Shinde. "They just played out 'Comedy Express' Season 2. Season 1 was played out in Mumbai in the state legislature. The people are laughing. This is Balasaheb Thackeray's Shiv Sena, and the party president is Uddhav Thackeray," he said.

Kesarkar said that CM Shinde was the chief leader of the party and had all the rights to appoint members to the national executive.

12 Uddhav MPs 'back' CM, to form new bloc?

As 12 out of 19 Sena LS MPs reportedly attended a meeting with CM Eknath Shinde virtually on Monday, sources in the Shinde faction said the 12 MPs had backed their faction, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**. The Shinde group, sources said, is likely to appoint a new group leader in the Lok Sabha and a chief whip on Tuesday. A leader from the Shinde faction said BJP is likely to allot two ministerial berths at the Centre to Sena MPs who join the group.

MLA Deepak Kesarkar, Shinde camp's spokesman, said "all" Sena MPs were with them. Leaders from the Shinde camp said Mumbai South Central MP Rahul Shewale is likely to be appointed as the faction's group leader in the LS, while Yavatmal MP Bhavana Gawli could be the new chief whip. CM Shinde is also likely to meet the BJP brass in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss Sena's position in LS and the expansion of the Maharashtra cabinet.

Ex-minister quits, is sacked & reinstated

On a day former Shiv Sena minister Ramdas Kadam resigned from his post as party leader, the Sena expelled him and former MP Shivajirao Adhalrao Patil from the party, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**. Later on Monday evening, Kadam was reappointed party leader by chief minister Eknath Shinde in his newly-announced national executive.

In a letter to Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, Kadam alleged that after he became CM, Uddhav never took Sena leaders into confidence due to his busy schedule. "Shiv Sena chief Balasaheb Thackeray appointed me as Shiv Sena leader. However, after the death of the Shiv Sena chief, I could see that the post of leader had no value. On the contrary, I and my son, MLA Yogesh Ramdas Kadam, were insulted many times...," Kadam, who was environment minister from 2014 to 2019, said.

CBI slaps fresh FIR on Mumbai ex-CP, former NSE officials

New Delhi: CBI has registered another FIR against former Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Pandey and former National Stock Exchange (NSE) chiefs Chitra Ramkrishna and Ravi Narain in the co-location scam.

The Enforcement Directorate will also question Pandey in Delhi on Tuesday in a related case registered by the anti-money laundering agency.

According to the complaint, iSec Services, a firm linked to Pandey, did not have the required expertise to audit the brokers as tasked by NSE and hence it subcontracted the job to small-time audit firms or chartered accountants.

These entities were paid around Rs 5,000 crore for the audits whereas the firm linked to Pandey was allegedly paid around Rs 12.5 crore including Rs 4.5 crore for "snooping on employees".

CBI had earlier questioned Pandey in connection with the illegal phone-tapping case.

An FIR was earlier registered by CBI against Pandey, Ramkrishna and Narain among others for allegedly tapping phones of NSE employees between 2009 and 2017. TNN

HC gives 3 mths to Mathura court for call on Eidgah case

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: In a matter relating to the Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute in Mathura district, the Allahabad high court directed the Mathura civil judge (senior division) on Monday to expedite and decide, within three months, the application for a survey of Shahi Eidgah and Jahanara's mosque by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The court also directed the civil judge to decide the objections filed by the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board in the suit within the same period. The order was passed by Justice VC Dixit while disposing of a writ petition filed by Bhagwan Shri Krishna Virajman through his devotee Shailendra Singh and three others.

Senior advocate Adish C Aggarwala, appearing for the petitioner, said that on April 14, 2021, an application was filed seeking a scientific investigation of Shahi Eidgah and Jahanara's mosque by the petitioners before the court of the Mathura civil judge (senior division) but no hearing had been held till date.

"Thus, being aggrieved by the same, the petitioners have now approached the high court by filing the present writ petition," the petitioner's counsel added..

'Convert Babri plea to criminal appeal'

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court on Monday said that the revision petition filed against the acquittals of all 32 accused, including former deputy prime minister LK Advani, then UP chief minister Kalyan Singh, senior BJP leaders MM Joshi, Uma Bharti, Vinay Katiyar, Sadhvi Ritambhara, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, in the Babri Masjid demolition case was not maintainable and hence directed its office to convert and treat the revision as a criminal appeal. The court has fixed August 1 as the next date of hearing. TNN

Court lets drugs case accused go abroad for a yr to pursue edu

Mumbai: In a rare instance of allowing a drugs case accused to travel and live abroad for over a year, a special NDPS court granted a 23-year-old student permission to pursue his master's degree in the US while observing that it was for a "good reason". Out on bail, the accused said he wanted to complete his MBA, reports **Rebecca Samervel**.

Allowing his plea, special judge VG Raghuwanshi said, "Before this application, the applicant filed two applications for permission to travel abroad and he was granted permission... Thereafter, he again deposited his passport with the investigating officer. The applicant is seeking permission to pursue higher studies, ie, for a good reason."

The judge said Bhimani was allowed to travel abroad for higher studies between August 1, 2022, and September 31, 2023. The accused was directed to submit his detailed itinerary and contact numbers to the police. "The accused shall not meet any accused involved in illegal activities of the Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substance while his visit and stay abroad," the judge said.

PM, Yogi pics in trash, UP civic worker fired; staff may strike

Agra: The UP Sthaniya Nikay Karmachari Mahasangh (sanitation workers' union) on Monday warned of a statewide protest in case the contractual worker who was fired for carrying pictures of PM Narendra Modi and CM Yogi Adityanath in his garbage cart was not reinstated, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

The worker, Bobby, was terminated from service by the Mathura-Vrindavan municipal corporation for being "careless". Speaking to **TOI**, the sanitation worker said, "I had no idea about the pictures in my cart, I got to know about them when two passers-by took a video and told me. I request the authorities to please forgive me. I am a poor man and have to take care of my family."

The Mahasangh handed over a memorandum with their warning to the municipal commissioner of Agra.

Vice-president of the Mahasangh, Vinod Allahabadi, added, "Terminating the Dalit contractual worker is an atrocity. This mindless decision of the Mathura-Vrindavan municipal administration has resulted in discontent among sanitation workers across UP..."

Bus plunges 100 feet into Narmada in MP, 12 killed, 2 missing

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Khalghat (MP): A Maharashtra-bound bus broke through the barrier of Khalghat bridge in MP's Dhar district, around 90 km from Indore, and plunged into the Narmada from a height of around 100 feet on Monday morning. Twelve passengers, including three women, were killed, and at least two are missing, feared dead.

PM Narendra Modi, and Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh CMs Eknath Shinde and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, respectively, have announced combined compensation of Rs 16 lakh for each bereaved family.

Eyewitnesses say the driver lost control while trying to overtake another vehicle because a motorcycle came speeding down the wrong way. The bus crashed through the concrete railings, flipped in the air and slammed into the base of the centre pillar upside down before getting completely submerged. There was no chance anyone survived, rescuers told **TOI**.

Pravin Barnale

The wreckage of the bus that fell off the bridge on Narmada at Khalghat on Monday

The ill-fated bus had set off from Indore on the 300-km journey to Jalgaon at 7.30 am. "The accident took place at around 9.35 am, when the bus was halfway down the bridge on NH-3 (Agra-Mumbai national highway). The driver, Chandrakant Patil (45), tried to overtake a vehicle by jumping lanes," Khargone collector Kumar Purushottam told **TOI**.

The bridge is one-way but with two lanes. The moment the bus driver overtook a vehicle, he saw a biker coming down the wrong way and swerved hard to save him.

2nd monkeypox case in Kerala, Centre beefs up screening

New Delhi: The Union health ministry held a review meeting to assess the functioning of health screening of international travellers arriving at Indian airports and ports on Monday, even as a second case of monkeypox was confirmed in the country, reports **Durgesh Nandan Jha**.

A 31-year-old man from Kannur district in Kerala, who returned from Dubai last week, was confirmed positive for the disease on Monday. Earlier, on July 14, Kerala had reported the first case of monkeypox in the country when a man (35) with a history of travel to UAE tested positive. Both of them are stable, their contacts are currently under isolation and they are being monitored by a team of doctors, sources said.

The Centre has dispatched a multi-disciplinary team of specialists to take stock of the situation and assist the state government in dealing with the viral illness, which causes symptoms similar to smallpox.

The first case of monkeypox in humans was reported in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In Delhi, Lok Nayak Hospital has been made the nodal centre for managing monkeypox cases.

2 Dalit girls made to strip, give uniforms to others for class pic

Mohd Dilshad | TNN

Muzaffarnagar: The UP state education department on Monday set up a departmental inquiry after the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) demanded an "action-taken" report in the case pertaining to the forceful undressing of two Dalit schoolgirls in Hapur. The district magistrate of Hapur, Medha Rupam, told **TOI** that he had directed cops to file an FIR as well.

On July 11, two Dalit schoolgirls of class IV were allegedly forced to take off their uniforms and lend them to upper-caste girls for a class photo. They were threatened with expulsion by their teachers when they protested. Although basic shiksha adhikari Archana Gupta suspended the two teachers after the incident came to light, the police allegedly did not take any action. NGO Shoshit Kranti Dal later took up the issue and highlighted the matter on social media.

CLASS OF SHAME

The father of one of the girls told **TOI** he is being pressured to bury the matter. He said, "Despite my complaints, no FIR has been registered against the teachers yet. I am being pressured by them as well as other villagers to remain quiet. I had filed a complaint against the teachers at the district magistrate's office."

Ravikant (who uses his first name only), president of Shoshit Kranti Dal, tweeted, "It's been a week and no FIR has been registered...the accused teachers are holding panchayats to pressure the girls' families. This is the height of Dalit subjugation. How else will you define it?"

A police officer said on Monday that a team including women constables recorded the statement of the girls, a day after NCSC chairman Vijay Sampla asked for the report.

Girl student says asked to remove innerwear; NTA rubbishes claim

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala government on Monday decided to protest against the "human rights violation" of several girl students' as they were allegedly forced to remove their innerwear during screening for unauthorised material before the 2022 medical entrance examination conducted at a centre in Kollam district on Sunday. Officials of the NTA, responsible for conducting the NEET-UG 2022, rubbished the allegations.

NTA officials claimed the allegations of a female candidate were "fictitious and motivated by bad intent". The NTA observer for the centre blamed a police officer related to the girl student for concocting the charge. He was angry with the centre superintendent for not letting one of the parents of the candidate rest on the college campus during the exam.

Protests erupted against the exam centre on Monday as news of the alleged harassment spread. The Kerala human rights commission sought a report from Kollam police. "It was most unfortunate that the organisers of the examination took such an extreme step towards girls. It is nothing but a human rights violation. The state government will seek action against those responsible," said Kerala higher education minister R Bindu. TNN

Burkha, hijab removed, say 2 NEET aspirants in Maha

Some Muslim girls have claimed they were made to remove their burkha and hijab at an NEET exam centre in Maharashtra's Washim district, police said. Some parents have complained and a probe was underway, a police official said. AGENCIES

Bhupinder grew up in Delhi, was taken to Mum by Madan Mohan

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Bhupinder was a singer with an original, smoky voice. He was the favorite singer of RD Burman and Gulzar," ghazal singer Anoop Jalota said in a message. Bhupinder also composed non-filmi ghazals, bhajans and geets. Medieval poet Kabir's 'Moko kahan dhoonde re bande' and 'Aahat si koi aaye' are two of his finest compositions.

Unlike others, R D Burman also gave him lighter tracks to sing, thereby expanding his range. For instance, in Satte Pe Satta, Bhupinder sang two uncharacteristic group fun songs: the title track and the feel-good 'Zindagi mil ke bitaenge'. His bantering duet with Suresh Wadkar in Masoom, 'Huzoor is tarah bhi', also highlighted a new side to his singing.

The composer-singer grew up in Delhi and was taken to Bombay by Madan Mohan. A music teacher's son, he had a baptism by fire singing alongside greats — Mohd Rafi, Manna Dey, Talat Mahmood in the pining soldiers' track, 'Hoke majboor mujhe' in Chetan Anand's Haqeeqat in 1964. In an interview, Bhupinder once said, he went back to Delhi since Anand was keen to make him a hero, which didn't appeal to him. Interestingly, he acted and sang his first solo in Anand's Aakhri Khat, the Westernised-track, 'Rut jawan jawan.'

Soon critics started praising his control over difficult notes, noticeable in songs such as 'Beeti na beetai raina' in Parichay (1972). Bhupinder brought a touch of class and classical to Hindi film singing and gradually became the perfect fit for background songs reflecting ache and angst. Many of his numbers did not climb the charts but they always felt like sincere companions for the lovelorn and the broken-hearted: 'Karoge yaad to har baat yaad aayegi' (Bazaar), 'Kabhi kisi to muqammal jahan nahi milta' (Ahista Ahista), 'Ahl-e-dil yun hi' (Dard), 'Zindagi phoolon ki nahi' (Grihapravesh), 'Jaane yeh mujhko kya ho raha hai' (Ek Bar Phir). He also sang some outstanding duets such as 'Chand banoo main aur raat bano tum' (Mangalsutra), 'Kisi nazar ko tera' (Aitbaar) and 'Aawaz di hai aaj ik nazar ne' (Aitbaar).

Russia ship fails to pay bill, HC says seize it

Kochi: The Kerala high court Monday ordered that a Russian ship, MV MAIA-I, be seized over non-payment of fuel charges of around Rs 1.87 crore ($23,503) to an Estonian firm. As the ship is carrying arms for the Indian Navy in Kochi, the court has allowed unloading of the cargo while in detention.

The admiralty suit was filed by TX Harry of Karuvelippady in Kochi, who is the power of attorney holder of Bunker Partner OU, based in Estonia. As per the petition, The claim for payment is for the value of bunkers supplied to the Russian ship. Bunkering is the supply of fuel for use by ships and includes logistics of loading and distributing fuel among available shipboard tanks.

The court noted that the ship is docked at the Cochin Port Trust, within the jurisdiction of the high court, and ordered the deputy conservator to execute the arrest warrant and effect the arrest, seizure, and detention of the vessel. TNN

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LOVE HAS NO ERRORS, FOR ALL ERRORS ARE THE WANT FOR LOVE — WILLIAM LAW

JULIETTE BINOCHE TURNED DOWN STEVEN SPIELBERG FOR 'SCHINDLER'S LIST', 'JURASSIC PARK' & 'INDIANA JONES 3', CALLS HIM 'MORE OF MEN'S DIRECTOR'

I AM LASER-FOCUSED ON FINDING A PARTNER, YOU KNOW, SOMEONE THAT YOU WANT TO LIVE WITH, SAYS CHRIS EVANS

Zelensky sidelines allies in Kyiv's biggest purge of war

Suspends Security Service Head & Top Prosecutor For Failing To Root Out Spies; 60+ Officials Found Working Against Ukraine

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelensky sidelined his childhood friend as head of Ukraine's security service, and another close ally as top prosecutor, in Kyiv's biggest internal purge of the war, citing their failure to root out Russian spies. The careers of SBU security service chief Ivan Bakanov and prosecutor general Iryna Venediktova had personified Zelensky's policy of putting young loyalists in charge of fighting corruption since the former TV comic came to power in 2019.

But nearly five months after Russia's invasion, the president acknowledged that his two allies had failed to root out traitors and collaborators in their organisations. Zelensky said late on Sunday the two had been removed from their posts. The deputy head of Zelensky's administration clarified on Monday that they had been suspended pending further investigation, rather than fired.

Over 60 officials from Bakanov's SBU security agency and the prosecutor's office were working against Ukraine in Russian-occupied territory, and 651 treason and collaboration cases had been opened against law enforcement officials, Zelensky said. "Such an array of crimes... pose serious questions to the relevant leaders." He appointed Vasyl Maliuk, first deputy head of the SBU since March 2020, as acting chief.

AFP

LIFE GOES ON: Children play in front of destroyed buildings near Kyiv

Bakanov, a friend of Zelensky's since childhood, had helped run Zelensky's media business during his TV career. He then led the successful campaign that saw Zelensky shift from playing the president on TV to being elected in real life Venediktova, a jurist who attended a meeting last week in Hague discussing global effort to prosecute Russian war crimes, had advised Zelensky on judicial reform since he entered politics. REUTERS

Putin says West cannot isolate Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that it was impossible to cut Russia off from the rest of the world, and that sanctions imposed by Western countries would not turn the clock back on Russia's development. Since sending troops into Ukraine, Russia has been hit with a barrage of Western sanctions, designed to isolate it from the global economy, that have deprived it of access to goods including commercial electronics, semiconductors and aircraft parts. "Not just restrictions but the almost-complete closure of access to foreign hi-tech products is being deliberately, intentionally used against our country," Putin said, speaking to a video-conference with government figures. "It is clear that this is a huge challenge for our country, but... we are not going to give up and stay in a state of disarray or, as some of our 'well-wishers' predict, go back decades," he said. Putin said Russia would have to develop its own domestic technology and technology firms. Finance minister Anton Siluanov said that support for the Russian technology sector was a priority. REUTERS

2 Iskcon devotees killed in rocket strike in Luhansk

Naomi Canton

London: Two Western Krishna devotees from Iskcon involved in serving prasad to civilians in the war-torn Donbas region have been killed in a rocket attack. A third devotee was pulled from the rubble and is recovering in hospital. The two men were killed on Saturday night in Alchevsk in Luhansk after returning from the villages where they were distributing prasad. Alchevsk is currently under the occupation of Moscow-backed separatist forces.

Krishna-Tattva Prabhu, director of the Food for All Luhansk mission and president of Iskcon in Alchevsk, and Madana-Gopal Prabhu were killed in a missile strike that hit the Food For Life kitchen. Another devotee, Arjuna Prabhu, was pulled from under the rubble alive and has been taken to hospital. The programme provided over 1,000 hot prasad meals weekly to civilians in Donbas region. Parasuram Das, an Irish Krishna devotee who started the charity Food for All while working as a cook at the Iskcon London Soho restaurant in 1988, claimed it was a Ukrainian rocket donated by the US that killed them. The nationality of the devotees isn't yet confirmed but thought to be Ukrainian. "There are 4,000 devotees in Ukraine," Das said.

UK, France face hottest day as Europe burns

Paris Warns Of 'Heat Apocalypse' Amid Wildfires That Have Been Raging For Over 6 Days; Mercury Likely To Breach 40°C For First Time Today In Britain

Britain and France went on heatwave alert on Monday facing record temperatures as Europe wilted under a scorching sun and ferocious wildfires devoured more forests.

UK forecasters warned of havoc in a country unprepared for the onslaught of extreme heat that authorities said was putting lives at risk. Britain's government triggered a "national emergency" alert as temperatures were forecast to surpass previous record of 38.7°C. On Monday, the temperature nudged 38°C in southern England and a new high was recorded in Wales, according to UK Meteorological Office. It is expected to be even hotter on Tuesday, when the 40°C level is forecast to be exceeded for the first time. Scientists blame climate change and predict frequent episodes of extreme weather.

Across the Channel, firefighters failed to contain two massive fires in France's southwest that have created "apocalyptic" scenes of destruction. For six days, armies of firefighters and a fleet of water-bombing aircraft have struggled against blazes. Forecasters have put 15 French departments on the highest state of alert. "In some areas, it will be a heat apocalypse," a meteorologist said. By 1500GMT, several records had been broken locally, Meteo France said, with 42.6°C in Biscarosse and 42.4°C in Cazaux on the Atlantic coast in western France. It will become clear later on Monday whether a new national all-day average temperature record, now standing at 29.4°C reached from the historic heat waves of 2003 and 2019, will be set.

The European heatwave, spreading north, is the second to engulf parts of the southwest of the continent within only weeks. Blazes burning in France, Greece, Portugal and Spain have destroyed thousands of hectares of land and forced thousands of residents and holidaymakers to flee.

In Britain, the government, already on the ropes after a series of scandals and PM Boris Johnson's resignation, drew fresh criticism for failing to take the situation seriously enough. "This is serious heat that could end in people's deaths," College of Paramedics chief executive Tracy Nicholls said. The Sun tabloid headlined its coverage of the heat "British Bake Off". Train operators asked customers not to travel unless absolutely necessary, saying the heat was likely to warp rails and disrupt power supplies, leading to severe delays. Flights to and from London Luton airport were temporarily disrupted afterhigh temperatures caused a small section of its runway to lift, prompting airlines to delay or divert planes to other airports. AGENCIES

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A Queen's Guard takes a water break outside Buckingham Palace

AFP

In France, a girl cools self in Brest amid the city's record 39.3°C temp

via Reuters

In Spain, an unscheduled stop by a train in the countryside scared passengers as they saw wildfires encroaching on both sides of the track. The train service said the people aboard weren't in danger

Gunman kills 3 in US mall before being shot dead by bystander

Washington: A gunman killed three people when he opened fire in the food court of a shopping mall outside Indianapolis on Sunday before a bystander fatally shot the assailant, Greenwood police chief Jim Ison said.

Two other people were injured in the incident, which took place in the early evening at Greenwood Park Mall. "The real hero of the day is the citizen that was lawfully carrying a firearm in that food court and was able to stop the shooter almost as soon as he began," Ison told reporters. He described the armed bystander as a 22-year-old man.

The shooter was alone and had a rifle and several magazines of ammunition. Police did not release the names of the victims, gunman or bystander. Shoppers and mall employees scattered at the sound of gunfire or hid.

The US house judiciary committee will take up proposed legislation this week that would ban certain assault weapons, the panel said on Friday. It is not expected to pass the Senate. REUTERS

SL puts emergency in place ahead of House vote for new president

Colombo: Sri Lanka's acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe gazetted orders late on Sunday for a state of emergency in the crisis-ridden nation, in an effort to head off unrest ahead of a vote in parliament later this week to elect a new president.

Sri Lanka's beleaguered leaders have imposed a state of emergency several times since April, when public protests took hold against the government's handling of an economic crisis and a persistent shortage of essentials. "It is expedient, so to do, in the interests of public security, the protection of public order and the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community," the notification stated.

Wickremesinghe had announced a state of emergency last week, after president Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the country to escape a popular uprising against his government, but it had not been officially notified or gazetted.

Late on Sunday, Wickremesinghe declared a fresh state of emergency. PTI

AP

Sri Lankans queue up outside a passport office in Colombo in bid to flee the crisis-hit country

Prez urges parties to form all-party govt

Sri Lanka's acting President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday urged the parties to put aside their differences and form an all-party government which would allow the country to recover from the economic crisis as he assured the public that talks with the IMF were nearing conclusion. Wickremesinghe made the appeal in a special statement in which he said when he took over as PM on May 13, the economy had collapsed. He said in the two months since he assumed the PM's post, gas shortage in the nation has been solved. PTI

India top lender in first 4 months of 2022 amid crisis: Sri Lanka

Colombo: India has emerged as the top lender to Sri Lanka, extending $376.9 million worth credit compared to $67.9 million by China in the first four months of this year to rescue the island nation from the unprecedented political crisis and economic turmoil. Loans from India were the highest foreign financing disbursements during the period of January 1 to April 30, 2022, according to Sri Lanka's finance ministry.

After India, Asian Development Bank (ADB) came in as the second largest lender with $359.6 million being disbursed in the first four months, followed by the World Bank with $67.3 million.

The total foreign financing disbursements made during the period amounted to $968.8 million, of which, $968.1 million was disbursed as loans while $0.7 million was disbursed by way of grants. The majority of the disbursements were from the loan agreements signed with India, which is almost 39%, followed by Asian Development Bank (37%) and China (7%), according to a report from the ministry. PTI

Sunak tops Tory leadership poll, again; 4 left now

London: Britain's former finance minister Rishi Sunak held onto his lead in the race to become Britain's next PM on Monday as another hopeful was knocked out, leaving four candidates in an increasingly bitter contest to replace Boris Johnson. Sunak got 115 votes in the third ballot of Conservative lawmakers on Monday, ahead of former defence minister Penny Mordaunt on 82 and foreign secretary Liz Truss on 71.

Since Johnson said he would resign earlier this month after his scandal-ridden administration lost the support of many in his ruling Conservative Party, the race to replace him has taken an ugly turn with several contenders turning their fire on the frontrunner Sunak. He has faced criticism on everything from his record in government to the wealth of his wife by those vying to make it to a run-off between the final two candidates, with foreign secretary Truss and Mordaunt, currently a junior trade minister, his most likely opponents.

Proud of what my parents-in-law built: Sunak

The UK's prime ministerial race frontrunner, Rishi Sunak, spoke of his pride in what his Indian parents-in-law — Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty — had achieved, as he fought back over media commentary around wife Akshata's family wealth. In a heated debate on Sunday, the 42-year-old UK-born former chancellor was asked about his wife's tax affairs. Earlier this year, she relinquished her legal non-domicile status to pay taxes on her Indian income from Infosys shares also in the UK. "I've always been a normal UK taxpayer; my wife is from another country so she's treated differently," he said. "There is a commentary about my wife's family's wealth. So, let me just address that... because I'm incredibly proud of what my parents-in-law built. My father-in-law came from absolutely nothing, just had a dream and a couple of hundred pounds that my mother-in-law's savings provided him, and with that he went on to build one of the world's largest companies." PTI

The chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee Tom Tugendhat, a former soldier and Johnson critic who has never had a role in government, was eliminated from the leadership contest on Monday, after securing the fewest votes with 31. Former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch came fourth in the ballot with 58 votes.

The governing Conservative Party's 358 lawmakers will whittle the field down to the final two this week, staging votes which will eliminate the candidate with the fewest votes each time. The results of the next ballot are due at 1400 GMT (7.30pm IST) on Tuesday. A new PM will then be announced on September 5, after the party's 200,000 members cast postal ballots over the summer. REUTERS

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A FRIEND INDEED

Ukrainian family flees war, returns home after 4 mths to find pet waiting

If anyone needed any more proof of their undying loyalty and love, this should serve as one of the biggest examples. A loyal dog of a Ukrainian family who fled their home when Russia attacked their city also forced them to abandon their dog. But after four months when they returned, they found the dog alive and waiting for them. In March, when Russia began attacking the Hostomel's strategically important airport in northern Ukraine, 35-year-old Jewellery maker, Kateryna Tytova and her family had to make a painful decision. Kateryna, her husband Olexandr and their two young children fled the city and left behind their white Siberian husky 'Belyi'. It sounds cruel, but those were desperate times. The Russians were advancing and bombing the airport and there was no time to plan their escape. A photo of Kateryna holding her daughter and 5-year-old son as they fled an artillery bombardment made international headlines. But despite leaving Belyi behind, the family always expected him to be waiting for them when they returned. The dog patiently waited for its family.

Short women can be cops too: Spain top court

Madrid: Shorter women will be able to join Spain's police forces after the country's top court ruled on Monday that a minimum height requirement for female officers is discriminatory. The court scrapped the 1.60 metre (5 ft 3 inch) height requirement in a ruling on a case filed by a young woman who was barred from taking her selection tests in 2017 because she was 4 cm shorter than the required minimum. The requirement "constitutes an indirect discrimination against women compared to men whose required height (1.65 metre) is much less demanding, since the percentage of women (in Spain) below the threshold (25%) is much higher than the percentage of men (3%)," a court document said.

Provided the plaintiff passes her exams, the court ordered the police to employ the woman and give her the same pay seniority as the women who were admitted in 2017. The court said the police provided no justification for limiting access to job seekers based on their height. REUTERS

Imran demands general elections after PTI sweeps Punjab bypolls

PML-N Rejects Call After Party Meet, Says Coalition Govt Will Complete Its Tenure; Pak Rupee Hits Record Low

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: PM Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government suffered a combined blow as deposed premier Imran Khan renewed his demand for snap general elections after his party's landslide win in Sunday's crucial bypolls to 20 assembly seats in Punjab province and the nation's currency sagged to an all-time low against the US dollar in interbank trade on Monday.

As the government grappled with runaway inflation and an energy crisis, Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) handed out the worst defeat to the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in Punjab, considered a stronghold of former three-time PM Nawaz Sharif and his family that includes his brother and current PM Shehbaz. Khan's party took 15 seats, the PML-N secured four and one went to an independent candidate. "The only way forward from here is to hold fair and free elections under a credible ECP (election commission of Pakistan). Any other path will only lead to greater political uncertainty and further economic chaos," said Khan.

AFP

Imran Khan's PTI won 15 seats, while the PML-N secured four and one went to an independent candidate. The result in Punjab is a big blow for PM Shehbaz Sharif whose son is all set to lose his chief minister post

"The PML-N leadership has decided not to give in to the demand of PTI chairman Imran Khan to call for early elections," a senior PML-N leader told PTI news agency after a meeting of the party bigwigs chaired by Shehbaz on Monday, hinting that the coalition government will complete its tenure. The demand for elections before time (polls are due by October 2023) has been one of key pressure points of Khan against the Shehbaz-led coalition. Khan said PML-N is now left with only one option: "immediately call for fresh general elections". The result in Punjab is a major blow for PM Sharif, who leads the PML-N, and whose son Hamza is all set to lose his post as CM of Pakistan's most populous province. Hamza's chances of winning re-election for the post on July 22 hang by a thread.

Experts considered the bypoll results as a foretaste of deepening political instability. They cited Pakistani currency's slide against the dollar as an indicator. The dollar was sold for Pakistani Rs 215.25 on Monday —Rs 4.3 higher than last week's Rs 210.95. Analyst Komal Mansoor said the rupee had nosedived because of Sunday's polls. "PTI's win has cast doubt on the sustainability of the current government and the sentiment has again turned negative."

IMF chief: Lanka crisis a warning to countries with high debt levels

Singapore: IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva has cited the example of the economic crisis in Sri Lanka to warn other countries that they could face a similar situation in the face of high debt levels. "The global economic outlook has darkened significantly, and uncertainty is exceptionally high. Downside risks about which IMF had previously warned have now materialised," IMF managing director Georgieva said at the meeting of G20 finance ministers in Indonesia. "Countries with high debt levels and limited policy space will face additional strains. Look no further than Sri Lanka as a warning sign," she said on Saturday. While she did not specify any nations, the same global headwinds — rising inflation and interest rate hikes, depreciating currencies, high levels of debt and dwindling foreign currency reserves — have affected other economies, the BBC reported.

Fuel prices in Pakistan are up by around 90% since the end of May, after the government ended fuel subsidies. It's trying to rein in spending as it negotiates with the IMF to resume a bailout programme, the report said. In June, the annual inflation rate hit 21.3%, the highest in 13 years. The Maldives has seen its public debt swell in recent years and it's now well above 100% of its GDP. In Bangladesh, inflation hit an 8-year high in May, touching 7.42%. With reserves dwindling, the government has curbed non-essential imports and relaxed rules to attract remittances and reducing foreign trips for officials, the report said. PTI

Systemic failures in response to Uvalde shooting: Report

A Texas legislators' probe of the Uvalde school shooting that left 21 dead blamed "systemic failures" and poor leadership for contributing to the death toll, a report released on Sunday found.

The Texas house of representatives committee investigation marked the most exhaustive attempt so far to determine why it took more than an hour for police and other officers to confront and kill the 18-year-old gunman at Robb Elementary School on May 24. The bottom line, the report found, is that "law enforcement responders failed to adhere to their active shooter training, and they failed to prioritise saving the lives of innocent victims over their own safety".

AP

A makeshift memorial for the victims

The 77-page report said 376 law enforcement officers rushed to the school in a chaotic scene marked by a lack of clear leadership and sufficient urgency. Uvalde mayor Don McLaughlin said in an emailed statement that the city had placed Lieutenant Mariano Pargas, who was the acting city policy chief on the day of the shooting, on administrative leave. State police officials have sharply criticised the leadership of Pete Arredondo, the police chief of the school district's six-man police force, who state police have said was in control of the scene. The report also found multiple failures at the school, noting the five-foot tall exterior fence that could not impede the gunman. There was also a "regrettable culture of noncompliance by school personnel". The gunman entered the school through an unlocked door. REUTERS

AROUND THE WORLD

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HARRY-MEGHAN AT UN: Prince Harry and wife Meghan attend the UN Nelson Mandela Prize award ceremony in New York on Monday. The 37-year-old duke of Sussex was the keynote speaker at the event

Solution to Japan's overwork: Sleep in an upright 'nap box'

Japan's Itoki Corp and Koyoju Gohan KK are partnering to release vertical "nap boxes" to help bring a healthier office culture to the country. The partnership was born out of a business-matching event where Tokyo-based Itoki, a furniture specialist, came in contact with plywood supplier Koyoju Gohan from Hokkaido. The two signed a license agreement last week and Koyoju Gohan is now in the design process for the nap box. Pricing and availability haven't yet been decided. Overlong office hours are famously an issue among employees in Japan and the country even has a term for people sleeping during the day to make it through a full shift or a long commute: inemuri. "In Japan, there are a lot of people who will lock themselves up in the bathroom for a while, which I don't think is healthy. It's better to sleep in a comfortable location," said Saeko Kawashima, communications director at Itoki. The nap box user will sleep in the pod like a flamingo, standing upright. The initial design has been made to ensure that the head, knees and rear are all comfortably supported so that the person will not fall over.

H&M, second top fashion retailer in world, is exiting Russia: H&M, the world's second-biggest fashion retailer, said on Monday it will wind down its business in Russia, a move that will cost it almost $200 million and affect 6,000 staff as it joins a growing number of companies exiting the country. The company suspended its business in Russia in March in the wake of Western sanctions against Moscow following its Ukraine invasion. Russia was H&M's sixth-biggest market. "After careful consideration, we see it as impossible given the current situation to continue our business in Russia," CEO Helena Helmersson said. H&M intends to temporarily reopen physical stores in August to sell the remaining inventory in Russia. The shutdown will affect the Swedish firm's 170 physical stores in the country and its online sales channels. H&M rents the stores and operates them directly.

A thought for today

Protection delayed is protection denied for senior citizens and at risk groups

T JACOB JOHN

A Learning Dose

That free boosters immediately raised third shot numbers has a wider public health lesson

India's cumulative vaccination coverage crossed the 2 billion doses mark yesterday morning. There's a surge in daily uptake now on account of an increase in booster shots after GoI announced free jabs beginning July 15. India's vaccination coverage, which has crossed 66% of the population for the full protocol of two doses, is the most important public health intervention in the fight against Covid. The lessons from its rollout will help combat future health emergencies.

The overall cost of vaccination has been modest. By February 7, the vaccination coverage hit 1.7 billion for a total cost of Rs 27,945 crore, less than 1% of the overall Union budget expenditure for 2021-22. A key reason for the rapid ramp-up of vaccination in the second half of 2021 was that it was free in government centres. There are two reasons why this helped. Out of pocket expenditure on overall health spending in India is 65%, a relatively high level. In addition, Covid extracted an economic cost in terms of job losses. Given these factors, free vaccination was critical in expanding coverage fast.

India's booster programme didn't capitalise on these lessons. Boosters were initially not free for adults. Some states showed what was missing. Bihar, for example, in the last week of April made boosters free for everyone over 18 years and uptake increased consistently after that. From the last week of April to the July 9-15 week, there was almost an eight-fold increase in uptake, to 8.37 lakh. Even GoI's free booster announcement resulted in an immediate uptick and it contributed to around 80% of the total jabs yesterday.

There were other missteps in the booster policy. Local trials on the booster were belated and when the rollout did start, India avoided heterologous boosting. Results of the trials conducted by CMC Vellore show that heterologous boosting provides enhanced immunity. Governments must understand that collective benefits of public health interventions far exceed any cost. The economic output in 2020-21 shrunk by Rs 9.57 lakh crore as lockdowns were used in the absence of vaccines. Juxtaposed against this loss, the free vaccination programme cost a tiny fraction. In a country with low per capita income, public health must be treated as a crucial public good.

Policing The Police

Chhattisgarh acquittals show costs of a system where prosecutors aren't independent from cops

Chhattisgarh police's evident failure to properly investigate and prosecute the 2017 Burkapal encounter – 25 CRPF personnel were killed – has had two grave consequences: 121 Adivasi men, now acquitted, languished for five years in prison, leaving their families destitute, and the brave CRPF jawans have been denied justice. The en masse acquittal suggests that police may have been on a desperate fishing expedition and rounded up men in their 20s and 30s from nearby villages.

There are grounds to suspect that actual Maoist perpetrators escaped the police. First, the police couldn't prove that the accused men were at the crime spot, possessed deadly firearms, or were Maoists.

Second, the 20 prosecution witnesses the police had arraigned couldn't identify the accused and, more tellingly, revealed they had made no statements to cops. Third, five witnesses didn't even support the police claim on them being witness to various arrests and seizures. Some accountabilities must be fixed for such shoddy policing and prosecution work – political pressure for results is no excuse. Also, since this was a high-profile case, senior cops including IPS officers would have vetted the chargesheet.

Though Law Commissions and constitutional courts have argued for independence of the prosecution department, in states like Chhattisgarh this is headed by a senior IPS officer, instead of a lawyer who rises up prosecutorial ranks. Consequently, prosecutors lack heft to point out weaknesses in chargesheets and end up as mouthpieces of the police version, however poorly crafted that may be. An empowered, independent prosecutor would have likely called out the police investigation as insufficient much earlier. But the Indian system gives investigating officers the upper hand. Another travesty of this case is that some alleged masterminds have reportedly got amnesty under the government's surrender policy. Arrest and incarceration like those suffered by Chhattisgarh's 121 Adivasis recur with alarming regularity. Not surprisingly, the poor and the vulnerable are usually those who are put through the investigative grinder. An effective disincentive would be to make the state pay monetary compensation to victims of grossly negligent police investigation.

Us klutzes

We are so misunderstood, maybe we are victims of a conspiracy

Bikram Vohra

So, are you a klutz? The sort of person who touches something and it falls apart or simply stops working and people look at you with that really, can't you be more careful glare.

I am at this dinner and having a drink from a beautiful cut-glass tumbler when I take a sip and as I am putting it down it kind of nicks the edge of the table and a little piece from the rim falls off and tinkles to the floor. The hosts conceal their outrage by being polite but there's commentary on the six-piece set being five now, no worries, remember darling how we carted it all the way from Geneva as hand baggage, it was specially designed for our thirtieth anniversary, it is OK, these things happen, it was such a precious gift to each other, only brought it out for special occasions. Like how did we think you were a special occasion.

To lighten the tension I say it is now truly cut glass, ha ha. The effort at cheer falls to the carpet with a thud. My wife pretends she doesn't know me. In a clumsy effort to retrieve the humour I say, it is just a sliver from the top, not even noticeable, at which incandescent remark the hostess says do you know it is bad karma to have a broken glass in the house, all of this spoken as if she was saying not that it is very good karma inviting you and having our thirtieth anniversary gift ruined. The injured cut-glass tumbler is carted away in a pan en route to the bin and we now all sit in the debris of the party and pretend it never happened.

We klutzes of the world are misunderstood. We never mean any harm, it is just that things and objects and bric-a-brac conspire to cause us grief. Ashtrays break, plates fall, mobile phones slither out like slippery eels, keys break in the lock, laces snap, buttons drop, the laptop collapses, paintings break their frames, and all we have to do is be there in the vicinity for the negative chemistry to kick in.

We are blameless, I am visiting this very rich person's home, having tea, making small talk, when I raise my arm to emphasis a point and the arm strikes a four-foot porcelain ballerina worth a small fortune, breaking her delicate arm and a chunk of her exquisite tutu, which then fall to the floor and shatter. I mean why keep a four-foot statue so close to the sofa and then invite a klutz to sit there. Might as well take a hammer and whack it.

Zombies Of The West

Govt bailouts prop up inefficient Western companies, sapping productivity. Emerging markets are better off

Ruchir Sharma

By late 2020, many economists saw a silver lining in the pandemic. Stuck at home, people were adopting digital technology at an accelerating pace. Productivity was surging. Perhaps the long, debilitating decline in productivity growth was over. Alas, after peaking above 3% the surge collapsed, exposed as a blip typical during the early stages of a recovery, when businesses are slow to hire new workers.

This leaves unsolved a great paradox. Since the computer age dawned in the 1970s, we have lived with a sense of accelerating progress and innovation. Yet as the computer age began, the postwar productivity boom ended. Except for a revival around the turn of the century, productivity has trended downward for more than 50 years.

Optimists suggest that innovations like internet search are often free, and so fail to register in productivity measurements, or that the impact of technology comes in waves. The productivity revival that began in the late 1990s was driven by checkout scanners and other digital inventions, applied in retail stores. The impact of newer advances such as artificial intelligence will come, they say, just wait.

Pessimists respond that in earlier eras capitalism generated advances such as electricity and gas engines, which lifted productivity across industries. Now it produces distractions – digital games and social media.

But a closer look at the timing and location of the productivity slump points to an alternative explanation: the expanding role of government.

- First, starting in the 1970s, major capitalist countries began running budget deficits, in good times and bad. Large bank and corporate bailouts have grown more sweeping since the early 1980s. Government stimulus (both monetary and fiscal) has smashed records in the last three major crises, spiking in developed economies to more than 7% of GDP in 2001, 12% in 2008 and 45% in 2020.

- Second, with increasingly generous rescues, corporate defaults have fallen in each crisis, even as recessions deepened after 2000. This decay was most dramatic in Europe, where the default rate on speculative corporate credit fell from around 20% after the 2001 recession to 10% after 2008 and 5% in 2020.
- Third, and as a result of the first two, as the cleansing effect of defaults and downturns faded, so too did entrepreneurial dynamism. New business creation plummeted, leaving behind a stock of older, bigger, fewer companies. The number of listed US companies fell by half in recent decades. The largest survivors are increasing their share in three out of four US industries and cornering a growing share of the profit.
- Fourth, this means more active government support has undermined creative destruction, the lifeblood of capitalism. Productivity growth fell further following the global financial crisis of 2008, as bailouts and stimulus grew significantly. In developed economies productivity growth plummeted to just 0.7% in the 2010s – less than half the pace of the already declining trend of the prior three decades.

Inflation is back, possibly ending the era of easy money, which may in turn remove some of the deadwood blocking a new productivity wave. But easy money is only one aspect of big government, entrenched as a new governing culture of market rescues and constant stimulus. To revive productivity, the government needs to rethink its role in the economy

This decline has, however, not been genuinely global. Over much of the last half century, productivity rose steadily in emerging nations, from below zero in the late 1970s to a peak above 5% in the late 2000s. While developed economies increasingly socialised economic losses during that period, China and later India pivoted to more market-oriented economic systems.

Despite backsliding in recent years, new data shows that productivity in emerging countries still grew at 3% in the 2010s – above the trend of the previous decades. Since 2010, nearly all developed countries have seen productivity drop.

Big government has advantages as an explanation for the productivity paradox.

- For one thing, it does not require scepticism of new technology.
- It can also account for strong productivity growth in emerging countries, where the role of the state has broadly declined since the 1970s.
- It does not rely on the idea that productivity boost from digitisation eludes clear measurement, which cannot explain why this boost was easy to measure during the productivity revival around 2000, but impossible before and after.
- It also better fits the timeline. As government interventions grew, the cumulative hit started to overwhelm the boost from technology.

Studies tie the decline in recent decades to the beneficiaries of government support, including bloated financial markets, monopolies and zombies – lifeless companies that survive on fresh debt.

Zombies barely existed in 2000 but now account for 20% of listed companies in the United States, and higher shares in Europe. The rise of the "zombie economy" has been linked to increasingly easy money pouring out of central banks, amid warnings that zombies lower productivity across industries by sucking resources from more dynamic companies.

Now comes a twist. Inflation is back, possibly ending the era of easy money, which may in turn remove some of the deadwood blocking a new productivity wave. But easy money is only one aspect of big government, entrenched as a new governing culture of bailouts, market rescues and constant stimulus.

To revive productivity, the government needs to rethink its role in the economy.

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It's Complicated: The Venture Fund & Startup Relationship

Why it's hard for VCs to sniff out financial irregularities and how they can do better

Anirudh Rastogi and Nehaa Chaudhari

Recent reports of financial irregularities at startups have generated several debates around rethinking corporate governance at startups, with many calling on venture funds to be more diligent, and vigilant. We would be remiss to undermine the role that today's venture funds play in the startup ecosystem. But, in this context, it is important to reiterate what that role is.

Investors take high risk for high rewards: Venture funds back early-stage companies with untested business models and teams.

- These businesses and founders may have little operating history.
- Founders themselves come in all shapes and sizes; they may even be college dropouts or professionals with no entrepreneurial history.
- Given these circumstances, VCs often have to make investment decisions based on little information.
- Moreover, these decisions have to be made quickly.

In today's founder-led market, funds compete for the best companies. This is a 180-degree change from a couple of decades ago, where startups chased a limited amount of capital, from few investors.

Venture investing is inherently risky and most investments do not deliver. A few years ago, a survey by Oxford Economics and the IBM Institute for Business Value found that 90% of Indian startups fail within five years of inception. This is what makes venture investing incredibly difficult. It is a high-risk, high-rewards proposition.

It is an oft-cited statistic in VC circles that, "9 out of 10 companies fail." Venture investing accounts for and prices in this risk. The one company that succeeds will hopefully more than make up for the nine failures. Venture investing therefore succeeds less by focussing on the risk of failure and more by identifying the potential unicorn.

But their oversight has limits: Of course, investors ask for oversight.

- They demand that companies put in place systems to provide a constant flow of financial information. But they have to work with the information provided to them by the company.
- They demand seats on the board. The primary role of the nominee directors, however, is to vote on the board to safeguard investor interest.
- Nominee directors neither have the insights nor the information or expertise to undertake investigative roles.
- And quite simply, they may not even have the bandwidth for it. With hundreds of investments, the large-fund business model does not allow for it, and may not require it.

Funds have rights to inspect the company. As one can imagine, these can practically only be exercised when there are reasons to suspect irregularities.

Investors can't do the founder's job or the auditor's: We have seen the rare investor demand significantly greater control over the working of the company, for instance the right to appoint the company financial controller or CFO.

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To our mind, these are examples of overreach, justified only in limited circumstances. Investors are not there to run the company – that is the job of the founder.

- There is little in the form of a litmus test for founder integrity.
- If a founder does not have integrity and intent, then it is hard to sniff out irregularities from the outside.
- If anyone but the founders is responsible, it is the auditors.

But auditors also largely operate as watchdogs, not sniffer dogs or bloodhounds. This sentiment is also echoed by Nihar Jambusaria, former president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Satyam and IL&FS are classic examples of failure by auditors to sniff out irregularities for years. Where auditors have failed, it is misplaced to pass on the baton to investors – they have a different role to play.

Instead of increasing oversight and asking for greater investor control, what venture investors can do is to help create a culture of strong corporate governance. Start by talking more about it, recognising companies with good governance, and conducting governance trainings for the management. And, of course, having zero tolerance towards financial irregularities.

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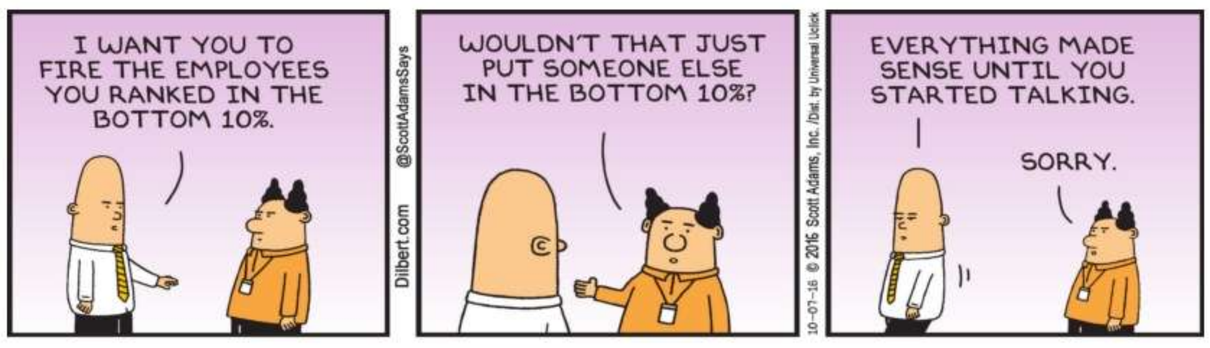

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Duped By Illusion

King Janak said: Oh, I am spotless, tranquil, Pure Consciousness, and beyond Nature. All this time I have been merely duped by illusion. As I alone reveal this body, even so do I reveal this universe. Therefore, mine is all this universe, or verily nothing is mine.

Ashtavakra Samhita

Envisage Immortality In The Mortal World

Arup Mitra

The biggest wonder in life is the existence of the Infinite within the limited range, and the greatest spiritual attainment is its realisation. Life unfolds several opportunities, inspiring us to become aware of this amazement. But it becomes possible only when we disentangle ourselves from the process of cause and effect governing the material world. This is extremely difficult because we are the players, in a materialistic sense, in the causal process, and recipients of the outcome too.

Knowledge and self-guidance can prompt us to make an effort, which in turn holds the key to success. "When tumultuous work raises its din on all sides, shutting me out from beyond, come to me, my lord of silence, with thy peace and rest… /When desire blinds the mind with delusion and dust, O thou holy one, thou wakeful, come with thy light and thy thunder," prayed Rabindranath Tagore.

It is not difficult to develop love for something that has a physical existence, but wandering for nothingness appears inconceivable. The Srimad Bhagavatam, therefore, repeatedly reminds us of the 'shunya purush' – another way of looking at the Infinite. It is important for us to awaken our seeking towards this nothingness. Gopikas, as we get to see in the Bhagavatam, are constantly in love with the shunya purush Krishn, in the midst of their worldly activities.

THE SPEAKING TREE

In the material world, we develop our comfort zones according to our likings and try to remain complacent within them. The mind offers thousands of explanations to remain within these confinements. But that cannot offer us what our entire existence is in search of. The determination to travel beyond our material perception is like moving against the gravitational force. But we need to remember that capabilities exist to take us to what is unobservable. The unobservable will have to be sought and found through what is observable. So, nothing is to be dismissed in the material world. Every situation is a step forward to the recognition of that unknown.

This mysticism dwells hand in hand with the physical world; it is our level of attention and understanding which differs and may make us aware of it at certain moments. If we are able to hold on to it every moment through all our activities in the material word, the attainment is called bliss.

Every moment we are being recreated with new capabilities. Nature is also trying to cooperate with us: Every season comes up with a new inspiration, a new insight. The thirst of the earth in the summer, the tapping of the raindrops in July, and the fragrance of the spring, they all activate and remind us of the desire our spirit possesses. But we often digress and divert our attention from the call of the inner self. As Ramakrishna says, one has to be a bit laborious in the beginning. Then a stage will come that will bear clarity and help one remain attached to the Infinite. As Tagore puts it, the music of the unbounded pours so much joy that every single manifestation in the physical world appears charming. One is then able to envisage immortality in the mortal world and a connection to the vast universe even while residing on earth.

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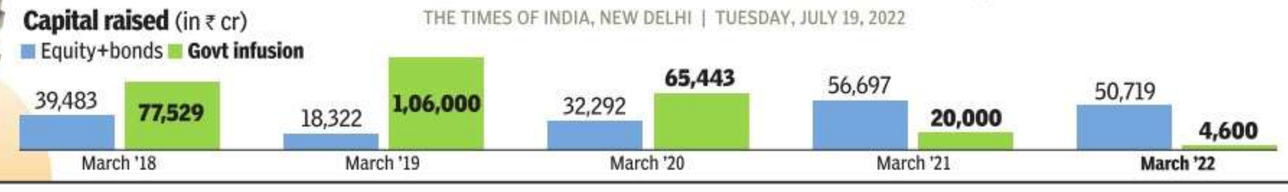
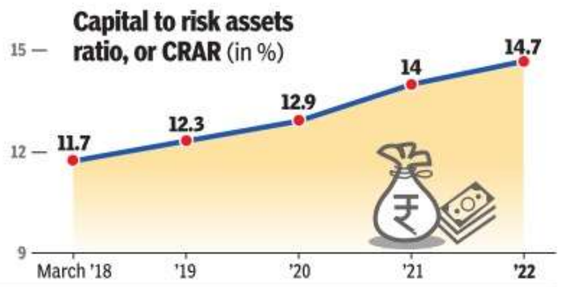
Govt Stake In Some PSU Banks Now Up To 80%

Public sector banks (PSBs) have been listed and managed to dilute government holding every time they raised capital. However, government stake has been going up because of capital infusion following losses. The latest clean-up that began in 2016 has resulted in government owning up to 80% in many PSBs... (Source: Prime Database)





₹ ends at 79.98/$, FM cites gains vs pound, euro & yen

In Post-Mkt Hrs, Re Was Being Traded At 80/$ In Bilateral Deals

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The rupee traded within a whisker of the psychologically important level of 80 versus the US dollar in the interbank foreign exchange market on Monday. The government has downplayed the 7% decline in the value of the currency vis-a-vis the greenback, pointing out that the rupee has gained against the British pound, the euro and the Japanese yen in 2022.

In the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee slipped for the sixth successive session to close at 79.98, down 10 paise from its previous close of 79.88 on Friday. In intraday trade, the rupee had slipped to a low of 79.985. It came under pressure after Brent crude prices firmed up again to $104 a barrel on fears that energy supplies from Russia to Europe would get disrupted.

The rupee weakened even as the dollar lost some ground in international markets after signs that rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve may be less than markets' worst fears. In post-market hours, the rupee was at 80 in bilateral trades, dealers said. "In market trades, the 80 barrier is still intact," said the head of a treasury at private bank.

Dealers said that the central bank's defence through sale of dollars was keeping the currency below 80 levels and there was no technical resistance for the currency at 80. The currency could slip to below 80 this week if the central bank stepped down from its sales, dealers said.

"The depreciation of a currency is likely to enhance the export competitiveness, which in turn impacts the economy positively. The depreciation also impacts the imports by making them more costly," said finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in response to a question in Parliament. She highlighted the measures taken by the RBI to boost inflows and stem volatility.

"The outflow of foreign portfolio capital is a major reason for the depreciation of the Indian rupee. Foreign portfolio investors have withdrawn about $14 billion from Indian equity markets in financial year 2022-23 so far," Sitharaman said.

GLOBAL FACTORS KEY REASONS FALL

"Global factors such as **Russia-Ukraine conflict, soaring crude oil prices and tightening of global financial conditions** are major reasons for the weakening of the rupee against the dollar

- **Nominal exchange rate is only one of the factors that impact an economy.** The depreciation is likely to **enhance export competitiveness...** it also impacts **imports** by making them costlier
- **Monetary tightening, particularly in the US,** tends to cause foreign investors to withdraw funds from emerging markets... which is a major reason for depreciation
- **FPIs have withdrawn about $14bn** from Indian equity markets in financial year 2022-23 so far

— Excerpts from FM Nirmala Sitharaman's reply to the Lok Sabha

Global cues, FPI buying help sensex rise 760 pts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Strong global cues and recent signs of a reversal in foreign fund selling in the Indian market helped improve sentiment on Dalal Street on Monday. As a result, the sensex rallied 760 points, or 1.4%, to close at 54,521 with 23 of the index's 30 constituents closing with gains.

Monday's rally also added Rs 3.5 lakh crore to investors' wealth with the BSE's market capitalisation now at Rs 258.5 lakh crore.

In the US, despite retail inflation surging to a record level, some top officials at the Federal Reserve said the central bank is likely to raise interest rates by only 75 basis points, and not 100bps (1 percentage point) as expected earlier. The move helped soothe investors' nerves and leading US indices rallied soon after.

₹3.5 lakh cr
Investor wealth added in Monday's rally

According to Religare Broking VP (research) Ajit Mishra, markets are largely mirroring their global counterparts, while domestic factors like macroeconomic data and earnings cause volatile swings in between.

In the domestic market, foreign funds were net buyers on Monday although the value was much less at Rs 156 crore. However, for the current month, net outflow is limited to about Rs 7,000 crore, compared to over Rs 50,000 crore in June. This is giving hopes that selling by foreign investors may be coming to an end.

5G spectrum: Jio tops with ₹14k cr deposit

No Ambani-Adani Auction War Seen As New Entrant Puts ₹100Cr Earnest Money

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New Delhi: The stage is set for 5G auctions, with companies making the mandated earnest money deposits (EMD) totalling Rs 21,800 crore. Though talks around the much-anticipated Ambani-Adani confrontation fizzled out with newcomer Gautam Adani-led group refusing to make heavy commitments towards the airwave sale.

While Jio, the country's biggest mobile operator, submitted an EMD of Rs 14,000 crore, the Adani Group — represented by Adani Data Networks (ADN) — committed just Rs 100 crore. This indicates that it may go for limited bandwidth capacity in few circles where it sees potential for captive enterprise telephony. Any big expansion move is likely to be unveiled after the auctions.

Bharti Airtel, the second-largest operator, submitted an EMD of Rs 5,500 crore, while Vodafone Idea deposited Rs 2,200 crore.

The EMD collections of all the four applicants are substantially higher than the Rs 13,475 crore deposited in the 2021 auctions when three players (minus Adani) were in fray. In the last auctions, Jio spent Rs 57,123 crore for spectrum buy, Airtel Rs 18,699 crore, and Vodafone Idea Rs 1,993 crore.

EMD gives an indication of a company's strategy and gameplan for buying spectrum in the auctions. It also determines the eligibility points for the applicant, based on which a company buys airwaves across the telecom circles.

It is estimated companies can spend nearly seven to eight times of the EMDs that they submit. This means that the capacity for the Adani Group to be a great disruptor is next to impossible. On the other hand, Jio's EMD deposit shows that the company plans to stock up big when it comes to acquiring the next-generation mobile airwaves, which would catapult India to the coveted group of countries offering 5G telephony.

A total 72GHz (gigahertz) of spectrum worth at least Rs 4.3 lakh crore is being put on the block for the auctions, which begin on July 26. While the entry of Adani in the fray had spiced up pre-auction talks, the group had made it clear that it does not have any immediate plans to be in the consumer mobility space. It had said that its telecom foray is only for creating a private network to support its businesses that span airports to ports, and power as well as data centres.

With its EMD at Rs 14,000 crore, the eligibility points assigned to Jio for the auction stand at 1,59,830, the highest in the list of four bidders, according to details given out by the telecom ministry. The eligibility points allocated to Airtel are 66,330, while that to Vodafone Idea are 29,370. Adani Data Networks received eligibility points of 1,650. The auction will be held for spectrum in various low (600MHz, 700MHz, 800MHz, 900MHz, 1800MHz, 2100MHz, 2300MHz), mid (3300MHz) and high (26GHz) frequency bands.

AUCTIONS START FROM JULY 26

Company	Net worth (₹cr)	EMD# (₹cr)
Reliance Jio	1,97,790	14,000
Airtel	75,887	5,500
Voda Idea	(-)80,918	2,200
Adani Data Networks	4,979*	100

*Promoter Adani Enterprises net worth is taken into consideration

Source: DoT

Auction Facts

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#EMD = Earnest Money Deposit

Govt's steps to improve revenue, says India Ratings

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India Ratings and Research on Monday said that the fiscal policy measures announced by the Centre will help improve its revenue and contain the fiscal deficit during the current financial year 2022-23.

Pointing to the oil duty cut, the agency said that the move was meant to contain inflation and may impact the government's tax collections. However, three subsequent steps, including levies on gold, and crude oil & oil products, will shore up revenues for the government.

"As the elevated levels of inflation means higher nominal GDP, this would help the government in mopping higher tax revenues. Assuming a tax to GDP ratio of 7.5% (same as Union Budget FY23) and additional net revenue from these measures, Ind-Ra estimates tax revenues in FY23 may come in at Rs 20.7 lakh crore as against the budgeted Rs 19.35 lakh crore," it said.

RBI wants crypto to be prohibited, says FM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The RBI is of the view that cryptocurrencies should be prohibited. And, given the concerns expressed by the central bank on the destabilising effect of cryptocurrencies on the monetary and fiscal stability of a country, it has recommended framing of legislation on this sector, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday.

This is the first official statement acknowledging RBI's views backing a ban on cryptocurrencies, although it was known that the central bank wanted cryptocurrencies to be barred.

"Yes sir. RBI has registered its concern over the adverse effect of cryptocurrency on Indian economy. RBI mentioned that cryptocurrencies are not a currency because every modern currency needs to be issued by the central bank / government," Sitharaman said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

She said that the central bank has said that the value of fiat currencies is anchored by monetary policy and their status as legal tender. However, the value of cryptocurrencies rests solely on the speculations and expectations of high returns that are not well anchored, so it will have a de-stabilising effect on the monetary and fiscal stability of a country.

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Sitharaman said cryptocurrencies are by definition borderless and require international collaboration to prevent regulatory arbitrage. "Therefore any legislation for regulation or for banning can be effective only after significant international collaboration on evaluation of the risks and benefits and evolution of common taxonomy and standards," she said.

The finance minister said the RBI has been cautioning users, holders and traders of virtual currencies (VCs) through notices that dealing in VCs is associated with potential economic, financial, operational, legal, customer protection and security related risks.

She said the RBI had also issued a circular on April 6, 2018, prohibiting its regulated entities to deal in VCs or provide services for facilitating any person or entity in dealing with or settling VCs. That circular had been set aside by the Supreme Court on March 4, 2020.

RBI governor Shaktikanta Das had said last month that cryptocurrencies are a clear danger and anything that derives value based on make believe, without any underlying, is just speculation under a sophisticated name.

Yes Bank to raise $1bn, eyes 20% in JC Flowers co

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Yes Bank has said that it will pick up a stake of up to 20% in JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), for which it will invest close to Rs 350 crore. The private lender will also have its representative on the board of the management team. This follows the bank's decision to sell Rs 48,000 crore of bad loans to JC Flowers for Rs 11,100 crore.

Yes Bank CEO Prashant Kumar said that the bank has invited bids from other potential buyers under a 'Swiss challenge' method. After the process is over and if someone does put in a bid, JC Flowers can still complete the purchase by matching the highest bid.

Kumar said the bank's current capital adequacy ratio is enough to meet growth requirements. However, as a measure of added comfort, the bank is looking at raising an additional $1 billion during current fiscal. "After transfer of the loans to ARC, what investors will see is a bank with a very clean balance sheet which is having a very good tech platform and franchise that it can build upon both on liability and asset side. They will be looking at a bank that is processing every third digital transaction in the country."

CAG: DoT decision-making plagued with adhoc system

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has slammed the 'adhoc arrangement' by the department of telecommunications (DoT) for opening application windows for three-six months for the allotment of spectrum. It said this caused uncertainties of availability of the critical resource among government users, delayed spectrum assignments and led to denial of spectrum in some cases.

After the Supreme Court judgement of February 2012 regarding the allotment of spectrum for access services, it was seen that there were adhoc arrangements in the DoT for opening application windows for allotment/assignment of spectrum administratively for both captive users as well as for other commercial services on provisional basis.

In its audit report on 'Management of Spectrum', tabled in Parliament on Monday, the CAG observed DoT had also not reviewed pricing of spectrum assigned for captive users administratively, though a panel had recommended for a periodical review of the pricing policy in 2013.

SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

There was no differential pricing for spectrum, depending on features and usage of various spectrum bands assigned to the government users, it said.

The CAG observed that decision-making in DoT was plagued with adhocism and was marked by absence of any permanent mechanism in the department, constituting all government stakeholders. These related to important issues linked to spectrum management, comprising spectrum allocation, assignment and utilisation, as well as re-farming and sharing of spectrum among government users. There were no arrangements in place to study technological developments worldwide for suggesting their deployment in India for the spectrum users.

Ola invests $500mn in battery R&D

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Ola is investing $500 million to set up a battery innovation centre (BIC) in Bengaluru. The company, which has launched electric two-wheelers, said the BIC will hire 500 PhDs and engineers, who will be supported by an additional 1,000 researchers in India and other global centres.

The BIC will be one of the most advanced cell R&D facilities, with more than 165 lab equipment. It will be equipped to produce all form factors — cylindrical, pouch, coin, prismatic cells. It will have capabilities to develop complete packages of battery pack design, fabrication, and testing under one roof.

Cleartrip tells users it has faced data breach

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Flipkart-owned Cleartrip has faced a data breach, the company said in an email to its customers. The message said there was a security anomaly that entailed illegal and unauthorised access to a part of Cleartrip's internal systems.

"We are completely mindful that this would be of concern to you. We would like to assure you that aside from some details which are part of your profile, no sensitive information pertaining to your Cleartrip account has been compromised as a result of this anomaly of our systems. You can choose to reset your password as a precautionary measure," it said.

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The company said it immediately intimated the relevant cyber authorities and are taking appropriate legal action and recourse to ensure necessary steps are being followed according to the law. Some media reports said that the hackers were trying to sell the data on private forums.

When **TOI** contacted Cleartrip, its spokesperson added, "Our information security team is currently investigating the matter along with a leading external forensics partner and is taking the necessary action." Cleartrip, founded in 2006, enables bookings of flights & hotels, and was acquired by Walmart-backed Flipkart in April last year.

Oppn stand on unbranded food GST baffles govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The stand taken by Opposition parties on GST for unbranded packed food is seen as a "political rethink", leaving the finance ministry baffled as states are also worried over pilferage of taxes and had agreed to the levy at last month's GST Council meeting in Chandigarh.

On Monday as Parliament reconvened, several Opposition parties, however, demanded a rollback on the recommendation finalised by the all-powerful Council. Sources were quick to point out that barring once, on the issue of lottery, the GST Council has taken unanimous decisions.

In this case, the move followed recommendations by a group of ministers comprising representatives from seven states — Opposition-ruled Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal, along with Karnataka, Bihar, Goa and Uttar Pradesh.

While unbranded and packed food items were within the purview of GST, the Council decided to exempt it, resulting in misuse and evasion. "The prescription was wrong as it was left to companies to say that they had no rights over the brand. This led to companies misusing it and there were several representations from companies in states such as Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand to change it," explained a tax officer.

What Was Earlier Levy

Commodity	Pre-GST (%)
LED lights	12
Milk powder	6
Curd, lassi*	4
Flour	3.5
Rice	2.75
Wheat	2.5

*in unit container

Another government source said that some top names in the basmati rice were manipulating the system and using gaps in the legal provisions to escape taxes.

Officials pointed out that in several cases, it is not as if the products in question were completely exempted from taxes in the period before GST kicked in *(see graphic)*. Economists argued that once a product comes into the GST net, manufacturers and sellers down the line also get input tax credit.

Jet 2.0 eyes 50 Airbus 220 jets: Report

Jet Airways is near a deal to buy 50 A220 jets from Airbus, two people familiar with the matter said.

The airline's board was expected to meet on Monday to finalise the deal.

"We are in an advanced stage of discussions with lessors and OEMs (manufacturers) for aircraft, and we will announce our aircraft choice and fleet plans as we make our decisions," a spokesperson for Jet Airways said.

"As we have said before, we are studying all possibilities to find the one that works best for us."

Airbus declined to comment. REUTERS

BoM's Q1 profit doubles to ₹452cr

Mumbai: Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) reported a net profit of Rs 452 crore for the quarter ended June 2022, a 117% increase over Rs 208 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Shares of the bank rose 3.4% following the announcement of results and ended at nearly Rs 17 by close of Monday's trade on the BSE.

MD & CEO A S Rajeev said that the bank expects to recover around Rs 3,000 crore past bad loans in current fiscal. TNN

ITC bets on 'sixth sense' of visually impaired, hires 60

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New Delhi: Narasimman, a 39-year-old visually impaired salesperson, used to sell toys, phone cases, card pouches, earphones, and charging cables in Chennai's local trains to support his family of three.

This was before ITC recruited him as part of 'Mangaldeep Sixth Sense' panel to evaluate unique fragrances for the soaps-to-cigarette conglomerate's Mangaldeep agarbatti brand.

Narasimman is among the 60 visually disabled people picked up by the Kolkata-headquartered ITC as part of its consumer panel, which the company said will increase in capacity and may spill over to other categories such as personal care and food.

"We are training them on building strong sensory evaluation capabilities and also certifying them internally, which we hope will enable them to render their services to more consumer companies operating in fragrance arena," a senior ITC executive told **TOI**. The development comes on the back of heightened demand for trained "noses" by India Inc, as companies look to differentiate their offerings on the basis of fragrance and flavours.

"India is very rich in natural essential oils and aromas. In fact, the essential oil market has always remained untapped," said Manoj Arora, proprietor at homegrown flavours and fragrance house, Sacheerome. "It is only now that people are realising how conducive the conditions are to produce expensive oils in India. We are 20% of the world's population and we make up only 3% of the global market share."

FRAGRANCE PLAY

- India Inc sees rise in demand for trained 'noses' as players look to differentiate their offerings on the basis of fragrance
- Sacheerome, a homegrown flavours and fragrance house, is investing ₹300 crore to build a new facility in Noida

Snapdeal set to debut on ONDC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Snapdeal is set to become the first e-commerce marketplace to debut on the government-led Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). The Delhi NCR-based Snapdeal, which signed the onboarding agreement to plug into ONDC earlier this month, will launch on the network with three key categories — fashion, home and beauty & personal care.

"Snapdeal's on-boarding on ONDC will accelerate efforts to reach a wider audience of buyers and sellers and also cover larger parts of the country," said T Koshy, CEO, ONDC.

After running pilots in several cities across India, the UPI-type platform, being created to take on the might of e-commerce giants such as Flipkart and Amazon, is accelerating its efforts to expand its footprint.

Snapdeal, which pivoted its business model to cater to the value segment, said the move matches its existing focus on connecting small & medium sellers with a large and growing online market, especially amongst buyers living outside India's metro cities.

1ST E-TAILER

The former Flipkart and Amazon rival currently draws more than 86% of its orders from outside the metro cities.

JAMAICA FARE WELL

Reuters

Record-Breaking Fraser-Pryce Leads Jamaican Clean Sweep In Women's 100M In Worlds First; US Take 4 Crowns

Eugene (USA): Jamaica's Shelley-Ann Fraser-Pryce made history Sunday as she bagged a fifth world 100m title on Sunday, as Team USA claimed four other crowns on offer in Eugene.

Fraser-Pryce, a 35-year-old mother, led from gun to tape in a consummate display of sprinting that belied her age.

The Jamaican, who previously won the blue riband event in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019, won in a championship record of 10.67 seconds. Shericka Jackson took silver in a personal best of 10.73sec, with four-time Olympic sprint champion Elaine Thompson-Herah claiming bronze (10.81).

It was the first time a nation had swept the medals in the women's 100m at the worlds and came just a day after Fred Kerley led a US sweep of the men's 100m. "It was definitely something on the cards," Fraser-Pryce said of the potential sweep.

"I'm glad I was the one who finished first in the sweep and I'm glad the other ladies came through and we were able to celebrate the 1-2-3."

In a startling day of results for Team USA on home soil, Ryan Crouser led another American cleansweep, this time in the shot put alongside Joe Kovacs and Josh Awotunde.

There were also 1-2 finishes in the women's pole vault thanks to Katie Nageotte and Sandi Morris, and the 110m hurdles as Grant Holloway retained his title ahead of teammate Trey Cunningham. Holloway's victory in the hurdles was marred by the withdrawal through injury of Jamaican Hansle Parchment while Devon Allen was dramatically ruled out after a heart-breaking false start.

Elsewhere on the track, Norway's Karsten Warholm qualified smoothly for Tuesday's 400m hurdles final.

The 26-year-old Olympic champion and world record holder has been out injured with a hamstring injury, but he vowed this week he was at 100%.

"It felt easy. I did my thing for the first turn to test my speed," said Warholm. Joining him in the final will be his principal arch-rivals American Rai Benjamin and Brazil's Alison Dos Santos, the silver and bronze medallists in Tokyo.

Belgium's Olympic champion Nafi Thiam was in control of the heptathlon after four events. That left her with 4,071 points, 61 ahead of Anouk Vetter of the Netherlands, while reigning world champion Katarina Johnson-Thompson of Britain sat in sixth on 3,798pts.

The morning session saw Uganda's Stephen Cheptegei retain the men's 10,000m, and American Brook Andersen claimed gold in the women's hammer throw. AFP

WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS OREGON22

SHELLY-ANN'S SECRET: 'I AM A COMPETITOR WITH A GOD-GIVEN GIFT'

Eugene: To maintain a track career at the top of one's game demands raw ability, good coaching and a drive that supersedes all.

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has that in spades and on Sunday once again demonstrated her steely desire and sprinting prowess as she bagged a record fifth world women's 100m title. "The secret behind my success is that I am a competitor, I love to compete and I believe God has given me a gift," said the 35-year-old.

She raced home in her trademark dyed flowing locks in a championship record of 10.67 seconds. "I somehow feel special," she said. "I'm hard-working, keen, driven and always hungry to do more. It's special, it's my fifth world title in the 100m, and doing it at 35, yes I said 35!"

"A lot of times people talk about my age (35) or being a mother, but I think of it as part of the journey in life. And instead of thinking of it as something that will negatively affect me, I look at it as a positive experience."
—Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (CENTRE)

Stokes to quit ODIs after tie vs SA today

London: England's **Ben Stokes** has announced he will retire from ODI cricket after Tuesday's series opener against South Africa on his Durham home ground, citing an "unsustainable" schedule.

The all-rounder, who captains the England Test team, inspired his side to victory in the 2019 World Cup final against New Zealand. But in the three years since that triumphant moment, the 31-year-old has played just nine more times in the 50-over format due to injuries, a mental health break and workload management.

He will turn out once more for a farewell appearance at Chester-le-Street against South Africa on Tuesday before focusing on his Test captaincy and Twenty20 career.

Stokes said in a social media post on Monday that it had been an "incredibly tough decision to make".

"As hard as a decision as this was to come to, it's not as hard dealing with the fact I can't give my teammates 100 percent of myself in this format anymore," he said.

"The England shirt deserves nothing less from anyone who wears it. Three formats are just unsustainable for me now.

"Not only do I feel that my body is letting me down because of the schedule and what is expected of us, but I also feel that I am taking the place of another player who can give (captain) Jos (Buttler) and the rest of the team their all." AFP

'BODY LETTING ME DOWN'

BEN STOKES IN ODIS

	M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	SR	100s	50s
Batting	104	89	15	2919	102*	39.44	95.26	3	21

	M	Inns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4w
Bowling	104	87	3093	74	5/61	41.79	6.02	41.6	1

Chandimal puts SL in box seat in Galle

Colombo: Dinesh Chandimal smashed his second half-century of the match to put Sri Lanka in the box seat in the opening Test against Pakistan in Galle on Monday. The hosts were on 329-9 when bad light stopped play with Sri Lanka finishing the day 333 ahead.

Chandimal, who made 76 in the first innings, was batting on 86 with Prabath Jayasuriya on four at the other end at stumps on Day 3. For them, Oshada Fernando (64) and Kusal Mendis (76) also made key contributions during their 91-run stand for the third wicket.

After Sri Lanka resumed on 36-1, Kasun Rajitha could have been dismissed in the first delivery of the day but Babar Azam spilled a catch in the slip. It did not really matter though as Mohammad Nawaz (5-88) dismissed Rajitha, who had walked in as the nightwatchman on Sunday, in the next over.

Fernando and Mendis scored briskly to consolidate Sri Lanka's position.

Pakistan claimed five wickets in the second session but they struggled to stem the flow of boundaries. Leg-spinner Yasir Shah (3-122) dismissed Mendis with gem of a delivery that landed way outside the leg stump and spun sharply to beat the bat and hit the top of the off-stump.

Chandimal, who smashed 206 not out in his previous Test against Australia at the same venue, continued to pile on the runs hitting five fours and two sixes in his resolute innings.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 222 & 329 for 9 (Chandimal 86, Kusal 76, Oshada 64 ; Nawaz 5-88, Yasir 3-122) vs Pakistan 218. REUTERS

Distance not on Neeraj's mind

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra expects to breach the coveted 90m mark this year but doesn't want to think about "distance" going into the World Athletics Championships, currently underway in Eugene, USA. Chopra had set a new national record of 89.94m, just 6cm shy of the 90m mark, the gold standard in the world of javelin throw, at the prestigious Diamond League in Stockholm last month en route to a silver medal.

The 24-year-old finished second behind Grenada's Anderson Peters, who recorded a best throw of 90.31m. "I was 6cm short of the 90m mark, I was pretty close. I hope to cross 90m this year. But I never think or focus on distance going into a competition. I just try to give my 100 per cent," Chopra said in a virtual interaction from Eugene.

A strong field awaits Chopra in the World Championships, where he will be seen in action, starting with the qualifiers on July 21. Besides, Chopra, Peters, Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, Finland's Oliver Helander and the German duo of Julian Weber and Johannes Vetter will be in action.

"It is the biggest competition of this year for me. I want to perform without any pressure.

It is the biggest stage, the competition will be very tough. There are 5-6 throwers who are performing consistently so the level is similar this year," Chopra said.

"But every day, every competition is different. My focus is just on one thing - to throw as big as possible." PTI

Reuters

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GEBRESLASE WINS WOMEN'S MARATHON IN RECORD TIME

Eugene: Ethiopian Gotytom Gebreslase survived a two-way battle with Kenyan Judith Korir to win the women's world marathon title in championship-record time on Monday in 2:18:11.

Gebreslase broke away with about two kilometres to go and never gave Korir a chance down the final stretch, smashing Briton Paula Radcliffe's previous mark of 2:20:57 set in 2005.

Israeli Lonah Salpeter seized a chance for the third spot on the podium after Ethiopian Ababel Yeshaneh fell off the lead pack with less than 10 kilometres to go.

Kenyan Ruth Chepngetich, who won three years ago, dropped out at around the 18-kilometre mark due to stomach issues, as the runners battled under sunny but pristine conditions, with temperatures hovering above 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10C).

JACOBS VOWS TO RETURN STRONGER AFTER 'PAINFUL' WITHDRAWAL

Double Olympic champion Lamont Marcell Jacobs has vowed to come back stronger after he was forced to pull out of his 100 metres semifinal at the World Championships at the weekend due to a thigh injury.

"It was a painful choice," Jacobs said on Instagram. "I wanted to confront my opponents at any cost. I am a fighter and it is with this spirit that I decided not to miss the appointment with the World Championship. But now, in order not to risk a more serious injury, I have to postpone the challenge. I make a promise to the Italian people: I will do my best to keep you dreaming."

JAPAN'S WORLDS DELEGATION REPORTS 11TH COVID CASE

The Japanese delegation has reported its 11th Covid-19 case. Marathon runner Hitomi Niiya and three coaches had returned positive tests, the JAAF statement said, after seven cases were reported a day earlier. AGENCIES

GALLERY

Holder recalled for ODI series against India

Port-Of-Spain: ormer captain Jason Holder on Sunday returned to a 13-member West Indies squad for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India. The series begins on July 22. The seasoned all-rounder was not part for the preceding home T20I series against Bangladesh, but the Cricket West Indies selection panel decided to recall him for the assignments against India.The three matches will be played on July 22, 24 and 27 at the Queen's Park Oval.

SQUAD: Nicholas Pooran (c), Shai Hope (vc), Shamarh Brooks, Keacy Carty, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Keemo Paul, Rovman Powell, Jayden Seales.

Cummins skips Zim, NZ ODI series: Test skipper Pat Cummins has been rested for Australia's ODI series against Zimbabwe and New Zealand in August and September, Cricket Australia said on Monday. Fast bowler Cummins will be "managed through a period of rehabilitation and physical preparation for the upcoming summer" and miss the six matches in North Queensland, CA said in a statement.

SQUAD: Aaron Finch, Sean Abbott, Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner, Adam Zampa.

India consolidate third spot in ODI rankings: India have consolidated their third spot in the latest ICC ODI team rankings after the away series victory over England. With a rating of 109 points, India are three rating points clear of Pakistan (106) in the list. New Zealand continue to reign supreme at the top of the table with 128 rating points, while England are second with 121.

Top cueists for snooker meet in Delhi: India's leading cueists Anuj Uppal, Shoiab Khan, Aayush Mittal and Ranbir Duggal, among others, will be live in action during the inaugural edition of the HS Bhogal memorial 6-Red snooker tournament, to be held from July 26 to 31 in Delhi. The event is recognised by the Delhi Billiards and Snooker Association (DBSA). "The tournament will carry a total prize money of Rs 1.5 lakh, with the winner getting Rs 60,000. The last date of sending entries is July 24," said DBSA secretary Ravi Tandon. TNN/AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: World Championships, 5.10 am Wednesday (Sony Ten 2)
CRICKET: SL vs Pak, 1st Test, Day 4, 10 am (Sony Ten 2); Eng vs SA, 1st ODI, 5.30 pm (Sony Six)
CYCLING: Tour de France, Stage 16, 7 pm (Eurosport)
TENNIS: ATP Tour, Gstaad, 2 pm (Eurosport)

Batra steps down as FIH, IOA president

...On The Day CBI Files FIR Against Him

Sabi Hussain & Raj Shekhar Jha | TNN

New Delhi: Veteran sports administrator **Narinder Dhruv Batra** on Monday resigned from his positions as the president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the International Hockey Federation (FIH), as well as the post of member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). In an identical communication addressed separately to the Executive Boards of the IOA and FIH and to IOC's president Thomas Bach, Batra cited "personal reasons" for his decision.

Batra's surprising decision came on the same day the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed an FIR against him and other top officials of Hockey India in an alleged corruption case.

Searches were conducted on Monday at the offices of Hockey India (HI) and IOA apart from residential premises of the accused in New Delhi and Jammu which led to recovery of incriminating documents and records.

Batra was inducted into the IOC as an India member in 2019 and later went on to become a member of its Olympic Channel Commission. He became president of the FIH in 2016 before reclaiming his second term in May 2021. "Due to personal reasons, I submit my resignation from the post of president FIH. Thank you for your support and guidance," wrote Batra in his letter to FIH.

While the IOC didn't immediately react to Batra's resignation, the FIH put out a statement announcing the appointment of an acting president soon.

Batra's IOC membership was linked to his post of IOA's president. Two weeks ago, the two-judge bench of the Delhi High Court had refused to stay an order by which Batra was restrained from discharging any function as IOA president in a contempt proceeding filed by Olympian and hockey World Cup winner Aslam Sher Khan.

This came after the court had, on May 25, removed him as IOA president, ruling his appointment as 'life member' of HI "unconstitutional and illegitimate" under the sports code.

Batra had first become the president of the IOA in 2017 and was eligible to contest for re-election. It's to be noted that election for the new executive council (EC) of IOA has been due since December 14, 2021.

However, it is Batra's announcement to give up his FIH position, which has caught everyone off guard. In May, when Batra had said that he would not run for the second term as IOA chief, citing his commitment to promote hockey globally as the FIH chief.

Apart from Batra, the CBI has named former executive director of HI RK Srivastava, Rajinder Singh, the then president, and Mohammad Mushtaque Ahmed, the then secretary general. Some other officials are also being probed. The FIR has been filed on the allegations of commission of illegalities for renovation and furnishing of the office of president, IOA during the year 2018, CBI spokesperson RC Joshi said. He has been accused of diversion of official funds to the tune of around Rs 35 lakh, meant for Hockey India, for personal use.

"It was alleged that the accused got executed the work of renovation & furnishing of the office of then president of IOA without prior approval of executive board of Hockey India. It was further alleged that in order to justify and to cover up the fraudulent expenditure at approval stage, the accused fabricated and falsified the records", the spokesperson added.

Sources said that the FIR was registered after the agency received a sanction from the government to register a case under the prevention of corruption Act.

In April, the agency had registered a preliminary enquiry against Batra, and unknown officials of HI to probe allegations of misappropriation of official funds. During its inquiry, the CBI recorded Batra's statement and analysed the transactions from the related accounts which prima facie raised the need of an FIR, officials said.

Mairaj claims WC skeet gold, first Indian to do so

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Mairaj Khan braved rough weather and poor light to create history on Monday. The Aligarh marksman became India's first-ever skeet shooter to clinch a gold in men's event at the World Cup as he topped the podium in the ISSF event in Changwon, South Korea. Mairaj, 46, who became the first Indian skeet shooter to qualify for the Olympics in 2016, scored 37 in the rain-marred final to win gold.

In the qualifiers, he shot 119 to tied at the eighth position with four other shooters, including Tokyo bronze medallist, Abdullah Alrashidi. Mairaj shot 12 in the shoot-off to book the eight spot for the ranking round. In the ranking round, Mairaj scored 27 to enter the 4-man final. In the 40-shot final, Mairaj scored 37 to beat South Korea's Kim Minsu (36) and Britain's Ben Llewellin (26).

The final got delayed by almost an hour and it was already 7pm local time when the final began, making it difficult for the shooters to see the targets. "It was a tough match. The weather conditions made it difficult for all of us to shoot. It was raining and very windy," Mairaj told **TOI**.

BIG MOMENT

Mairaj is the only skeet shooter to have shot in two Olympic Games. He had finished ninth in the Rio Games, and 25th at the Tokyo Olympics. Mairaj said he had to reset his shooting routine after the Tokyo disappointment. "After Tokyo, I took a break and found a new coach, Riccardo Filippelli, who has been working with me for past six months. I think we are on the right track, at least today's match suggests so," he said.

This is his second World Cup medal after he won silver in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

In the rifle event, women's 50m rifle 3Position team comprising Anjum Moudgil, Ashi Chouksey, and Sift Kaur Samra won bronze.

With five gold, five silver and three bronze, India stayed on top of the medals tally.

Golfer Vani finishes career-best tied 3rd in Netherlands

Arnhem: Golfer Vani Kapoor recorded a career-best result on the Ladies European Tour, finishing tied third in the 2022 Big Green Egg Open here. Kapoor, whose lone top-10 finish was a tied-sixth spot at the Hero Women's Indian Open in 2017, lost her form and status on the LET, but has worked hard to get back into the tour.

Kapoor, who shot 69-70-71 in the first three rounds, added 73 in the final round to total five-under, just two shots shy of winner Anna Nordqvist.

Third-place finish for Jeev Vorbeck: Jeev Milkha Singh, playing his first year on the Legends Tour (for over 50), secured his first top-3 result at the Winstongolf Senior Open here. Jeev, who will feature in his first Senior Open next week at Gleneagles, finished the final round with a 5-under 67 for a total of 6-under 210. His first two rounds were 70-73 at the 54-hole tournament. He carded 70 on first day and then added 73 on the second. PTI

Bayern agree to sign de Ligt for €70m: Report

Berlin: Bayern Munich have agreed a fee of 70 million euros to sign Dutch central defender Matthijs de Ligt from Juventus, according to reports in German media. Bild and Sport1 claimed the fee for the 22-year-old would be followed by an additional 10 million euros in bonuses.

Bayern will use the proceeds from the transfer of Polish striker Robert Lewandowski to Barcelona, estimated at more than 45 million euros, to help finance the transfer. "It's true that we have had discussions. De Ligt is a very, very interesting player," Bayern executive director Olivier Kahn told Bild at the weekend.

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Matthijs de Ligt (right)

Argentina striker Dybala set to join AS Roma on free transfer

Rome: Argentina international forward Paulo Dybala has agreed a deal in principle to sign for Serie A side AS Roma on a free transfer following his departure from Juventus, a source close to the club said on Monday.

Dybala, who was linked with a transfer to Inter Milan after his deal with Juventus expired, will sign a three-year contract with Roma worth 6 million euros ($6.09 million), Italian news agency ANSA said. Roma finished sixth in Serie A last season and won the Europa Conference League.

Sweden, the Netherlands women reach Euro 2022 quarterfinals

Sheffield: Sweden thrashed Portugal 5-0 to reach the quarter-finals of Euro 2022 on Sunday as holders the Netherlands needed a flurry of late goals to beat Switzerland 4-1 to ensure their place in the last eight.

Silver medallists at last year's Olympics, Sweden are the highest ranked team in the tournament, but failed to hit top gear in drawing with the Dutch and squeezing past the Swiss 2-1 in their opening two games. Peter Gerhardsson's women clicked into gear in Leigh and were 3-0 up by half-time.

Palace manager Vieira backs Doucoure after blackmail claims

Melbourne: Crystal Palace manager Patrick Vieira on Monday threw his support behind new signing Cheick Doucoure after the Mali midfielder claimed he had been the victim of attempted blackmail and extortion since joining for the club.

In a statement from his lawyer Alexis Rutman Sunday, reported by British media, it was alleged that Doucoure and his entourage had been "victims of blackmail and an attempt at extortion from several individuals" since.

"These individuals claim, with false evidence, that my client would have a double identity and demand the payment of a sum of money in return for their silence," he alleged. AGENCIES

MOURINHO SHOWS OFF NEW TATTOO CELEBRATING UNIQUE TROPHY HAUL

Jose Mourinho has never needed much encouragement to boast about his coaching accomplishments but he has found a new way to brag about his trophy haul — by getting a tattoo. With the sleeve of his white T-shirt rolled back, Mourino showed off the artwork that now adorns his right upper arm — the Champions League cup sandwiched between the Europa League and Europa Conference League trophies.

Mourinho guided AS Roma to the Europa Conference title last season to become the first manager to win all three of the current European prizes. "This is my tattoo, the joy of the Roman people led me to do it," the 59-year-old said on Instagram. "Then I thought about something special, something that would honour all the clubs where I won European competitions. At the same time, I wanted a unique tattoo, one that, so far, I am the only one who can have it." REUTERS

British Open champ Smith and Stenson to join LIV Golf

London: Newly-crowned British Open champion Cameron Smith reacted angrily when asked if he was on the verge of joining the highly-lucrative LIV Golf Invitational Series but reports suggest the Australian is among many players who are about to jump ship.

"I just won the British Open and you are asking about that?" Smith told reporters. "That is not that good. My team around me worry about that stuff. I am here to win golf tournaments."

Sky Sports also reported that Henrik Stenson will be axed as Ryder Cup captain as he too is expected to join the breakaway series that is bankrolled by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF).

Critics say the new series amounts to blatant 'sportswashing' by a nation trying to improve its reputation. British media reported that others expected to join the LIV roster include Hideki Matsuyama, Adam Scott and Marc Leishman. AGENCIES

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CALM BEHIND THE STORM

The Innings At Old Trafford Showed Why Rishabh Pant, All Of 24, Is Fast Maturing Into India's Batting Mainstay

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The chunky bracelet and the necklace are part of Rishabh Pant's fashion statement. He has grown up in an era in which Bollywood mega star Salman Khan flaunted a similar bracelet and made daredevilry look cool. For Pant, though, it's not just a piece of in-your-face jewellery. It's something that his parents had got him with a stone embedded in it to keep him calm and to help control his temper. It has stayed with him since his early teens.

On Sunday evening in Manchester, Pant, like he has been doing so often of late, brought a sense of calm into India's batting, which has seen some superstars at the top going through choppy waters. Eventually, Pant finished off the chase with his quintessential hair-raising belligerence.

It's ironical that Pant, at 24, put a stamp on his evolution as a batter at the same venue where he was labelled a reckless cricketer three years ago, when his slog-sweep off Mitchell Santner ended in the hands of Colin de Grandhomme at deep mid-wicket.

It didn't matter that the top three had cracked under the pressure of a World Cup semifinal game. It didn't matter that his 32 had steadied India's chase for MS Dhoni and Ravindra Jadeja to at least give it a shot.

'Shot selection' has been at the core of every discussion on Pant since then. Those who are close to Pant know how much he regretted hitting Santner against the wind that afternoon in Manchester. His carefree approach towards the game was perceived as a rather careless one by experts and people in charge at the time.

He was in the same dressing room where KL Rahul was preferred to don the gloves in white-ball cricket and Wriddhiman Saha was deemed the best fit for Tests in India. When he was initially overlooked for the World Cup in 2019 because of his lack of maturity, he had vehemently told **TOI** in an interview: "Things don't change overnight. I am just 21. I can't think like a 30-year-old. In due course, my mind will get stronger and there will be maturity."

All he needed was some time and people around him to calm his mind, which had multiple thoughts racing across it. The picture of captain Rohit Sharma giving him a thumbs-up with a wide smile from the balcony after he finished the tricky chase, staying unbeaten on 125 on Sunday, is a reflection of the comfort zone Pant is in at the moment.

Sense of responsibility

For all his quirks and flamboyance, Pant has never been oblivious of his responsibilities. He lost his father when he was 19 at a time when the competition for Dhoni's successor was heating up. "I do realize what responsibility means," he would insist even after he won the Player of the Series award against Sri Lanka.

He has ensured his mother realized his father's dream of turning their family-owned small school in Roorkee into a big school with all facilities. The players at Sonnet Club in Delhi are pampered by high-end cricket gear sent by Pant.

The people close to Pant will tell you he is always in search of 'calm'. MS Dhoni has been his go-to person when turbulence hit his career just before the pandemic. After his childhood coaches Tarak Sinha and Devendra Sharma, Dhoni is Pant's 'family'.

Pant turned to looking up world leaders and sporting personalities online during his bubble life. That calmed him down when he was starting to wilt under pressure. When IPL-2020 came around, there was a perception that he went from carefree to ultra-careful in a bid to firm up his bid to be the rightful successor to MS Dhoni.

Ponting and Dravid effect

Ricky Ponting, while coaching Delhi Capitals, helped Pant shed the cobwebs in his mind. "Ponting has helped him realise that cricket is not the end of the world. Enjoying and being truthful to the game is most important. That's why Pant didn't get flustered when he got out trying to hit over the off-side in the T20I series against South Africa. Pant realizes he has a strong technique to play big knocks," say people close to Pant.

The reassurance and sense of importance came to Pant when Rahul Dravid took charge as the head coach last November. One of the first phone calls Dravid made was to Pant. The discussion revolved around how Pant could be more comfortable. The results are showing now.

He has long wanted to bat up the order. Now that he has moved up to No. 5 in Tests and in the top-four in white-ball cricket, he has grown into India's most consistent batter.

In his continuous search for calm, Pant has taken the cricket world on an exhilarating ride.

125* Rishabh Pant's score at Old Trafford, his career best in ODIs. It is the second-highest score for an Indian wicketkeeper in England, after Rahul Dravid's 145 against Sri Lanka (1999 World Cup), and the second-highest for an Indian 'keeper in an ODI chase, behind MS Dhoni's 183* against Sri Lanka (2005).

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

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PANT'S UNIQUE FEAT IN SENA COUNTRIES

Of the 7 hundreds scored across formats by Indian wicketkeeper-batsmen in SENA* countries, 5 have come from Pant's blade...

Indian wicketkeepers posting hundreds across formats in SENA* countries:

Wicketkeeper	Runs	Balls	SR	Format	Opponent	Venue	Year
Rishabh Pant (5)	114	146	78.08	Test	England	The Oval	2018
	159*	189	84.12	Test	Australia	Sydney	2019
	100*	139	71.94	Test	South Africa	Cape Town	2022
	146	111	131.53	Test	England	Birmingham	2022
	125*	113	110.61	ODI	England	Manchester	2022
Rahul Dravid (1)	145	129	112.40	ODI	Sri Lanka	Taunton	1999
KL Rahul (1)	112	113	99.11	ODI	New Zealand	Mount Maunganui	2020

(**SENA countries** refer to South Africa, England, New Zealand & Australia)

RECKLESS TO PRICELESS

Improved Fitness Has Helped Hardik Pandya Cement His Allround Credentials On The England Tour

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Throughout the first few years of his international career, Hardik Pandya was unfairly compared to legendary allrounder Kapil Dev. However, even India's World Cup-winning captain would be proud of what Pandya achieved with the bat and ball to play a massive role in the magnificent five-wicket win over world champions England in the final ODI at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Realizing that he needed to step up as the fourth medium-pacer or fifth bowler after India lost their No. 1 pacer Jasprit Bumrah to back spasms, Pandya, exploiting the bounce on the rock-hard surface, made the short ball his 'WMD', returning career-best figures of 7-3-24-4, with a first spell that read 4-2-2-2. This, by far, was his best spell with the white ball for India.

Batting at No. 6, he then rescued India from certain defeat, guiding the younger Rishabh Pant throughout their match-swinging 133-run fifth-wicket partnership, while blazing his way to a glorious 55-ball 71.

'He was in shock when MI didn't retain him'

Quite simply, Pandya has been a different player ever since MI preferred to release him ahead of the IPL-15 mega auction earlier this year. Determined to prove his worth, the Baroda man has just taken in his kit bag to England the sizzling form he showed in the IPL.

"It shocked him when he was not retained by Mumbai Indians," former India coach Ravi Shastri said on air. "It was tough." The responsibility of captaining Gujarat Titans, Shastri felt, also changed Pandya as a cricketer.

'Worked hard on his fitness before IPL'

What has really given teeth to 'Hardik Pandya 2.0' is his efficient bowling. Since the time he took 3/17 against Rajasthan Royals in the IPL final, he has just got better and better.

It has helped is that this is the fittest Pandya has ever been. It means he's a yard quicker than before. In England he clocked in the 140s a few times, which means his short ball isn't cannon fodder for batsmen anymore. For someone who essentially played for almost two years as a pure batsman after undergoing major back surgery in London in Oct 2019, Pandya's journey as an allrounder of superstar quality is inspirational stuff.

"A lot of people wrote him off as a bowler. His comeback as a bowler is great news for Indian cricket. His return improves the balance of the team," former India wicketkeeper Kiran More, at whose academy in Baroda the Pandya brothers learnt their cricket, told **TOI**.

What is it that seems to be suddenly working for Hardik the bowler? "He has 'realigned' his action, which is better now," said childhood coach Jitendra Singh from Baroda. "He worked hard (on his fitness and game) before IPL-15. Good form has seen him grow in confidence and you can see that in his body language."

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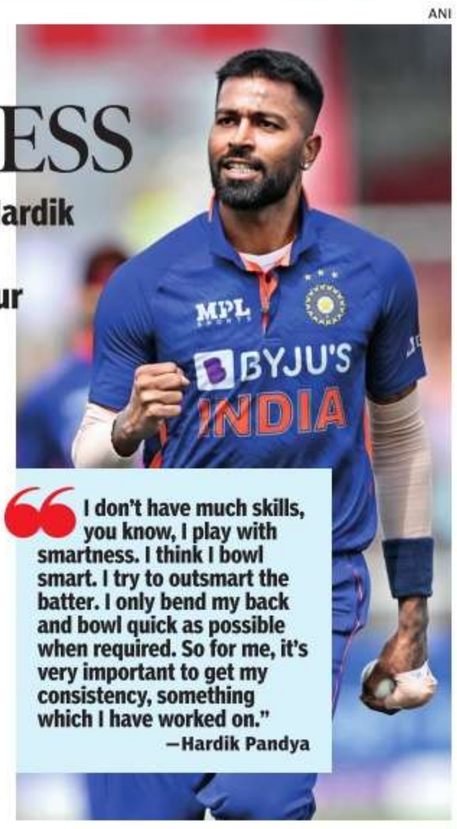

"I don't have much skills, you know, I play with smartness. I think I bowl smart. I try to outsmart the batter. I only bend my back and bowl quick as possible when required. So for me, it's very important to get my consistency, something which I have worked on."
—Hardik Pandya

WILL CONTINUE TO BACK VIRAT, SHIKHAR: ROHIT

ROHIT SHARMA

Manchester: India captain Rohit Sharma has acknowledged that the top order didn't come to the party in the ODI series but said he would continue to back the experienced duo of Shikhar Dhawan and Virat Kohli up the order. Chasing 260 to win the series-deciding third ODI, India reached their target with five wickets in hand thanks to Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya's heroics. "Moving forward there are things we need to improve," Rohit said. "It was a good pitch, but we do understand it's not going to be easy if we lose wickets upfront. We played some not-so-good shots. I still back those guys (Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan) to come good. (It was) one of those series where the top order hasn't come to the party. On the positive side, these guys haven't batted much in the middle overs. I know the quality they bring to the team." PTI

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