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French President Macron says Israel must stop killing babies and women in Gaza, adds, 'These old people are bombed and killed. So there is no reason for that and no legitimacy'

Two premature babies die due to power cuts at Gaza's largest hospital Al-Shifa. Meanwhile, Israeli military says it will help evacuate babies from the hosp, P 19

Iceland declares a state of emergency, compelling authorities to ask residents to evacuate the coastal town of Grindavik due to an increased risk of a volcanic eruption triggered by **800 quakes in just 14 hours,** P 19

Delhi Police cyber unit files FIR in case of 'deepfake' video of Rashmika Mandanna, asks Meta to disclose the URL of the social media account that posted it, P 14

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SI booked, loses job for raping junior's daughter

A 54-year-old sub-inspector, Bhupendra Singh, has been sacked following his arrest in Dausa, Rajasthan, for allegedly raping the five-year-old daughter of a junior cop Friday. An FIR has been filed under IPC section 376 (rape), Pocso and provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act as the girl is a Dalit. BJP lashed out at the Gehlot government, saying "perpetrators of such heinous crimes have become fearless" due to its inaction. P 8

Moody's cuts US outlook to -ve

Credit rating agency Moody's has lowered its outlook on the US to "negative" from "stable", citing large fiscal deficits and a slide in debt affordability, drawing criticism from the Biden regime. The move follows a rating downgrade of the sovereign by Fitch earlier this year. P 19

IIT-B panel to probe 'inflammatory' lecture

The IIT-Bombay director on Saturday appointed a fact-finding panel to inquire into the alleged "inflammatory" lecture by visiting speaker Sudhanwa Deshpande and the screening of a documentary. A police complaint was also filed against a professor and the guest lecturer for allegedly backing Hamas. P 6

UP ATS arrests 4 suspected IS men

The UP Anti-Terrorist Squad on Saturday arrested four suspected IS terrorists identified as Raquib Imam Ansari, Naved Siddiqui, Mohammed Noman Gaffar and Mohammed Nazim. Special DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said the accused were planning a terror strike. P 17

Mahadev app duo accused of fixing

In an interesting turn in the Mahadev app case, Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal – identified by the Enforcement Directorate as key players in the betting racket -- are now alleged to be involved in a match-fixing syndicate via a 'subsidiary app' named Mahadev Khiladi. P 6

6 killed as buses collide head on in TN

Six people, including a woman, died and more than 60 were injured in Tamil Nadu on Saturday morning when a state transport corporation bus jumped the median and collided head on with a private bus on the Chennai-Bengaluru highway at Chettiappanur in Tirupattur district. P 10

There will be no edition of **The Times of India** on Monday as our offices will be closed on Sunday on account of Diwali. For news updates, log on to **timesofindia.com**

PM vows panel to look at SC sub-quota demand

Backs 30-Yr Stir At Madiga Rally In Telangana

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Hyderabad: PM Modi declared Saturday a committee would be formed to consider the demand for sub-categorisation of scheduled castes (SC) during his second public meeting within a week in Telangana which votes for a new assembly on November 30.

This has been a long-pending demand of the Madiga community in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The announcement, made at the Madiga Vishwaroop Sabha organised by the Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti in Secunderabad, is expected to have nationwide ramifications, bringing the issue of reservations and the creamy layer into the spotlight this election season, and in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The Madiga community, constituting nearly 50% of the SC population in Telangana, has long sought distinct quotas, arguing the benefits of reservation have disproportionately favoured other SC groups like the Malas. PM Modi acknowledged the 30 years of non-violent agitation by the Madiga community.

▶Calls BRS anti-Dalit, P 11

Photo: IANS

PM Modi with MRPS founder Manda Krishna Madiga at a rally organised by the community in Secunderabad

"I am a supporter of this great struggle (for sub-quota) taken up by **my younger brother**, Manda Krishna Madiga (MRPS founder). I assure you the govt will make sure a committee will look into your justified demand. A court battle is going on, we will see that **this committee assists you in all manner**

I know **many govts in the past have promised many things,** but nothing happened. I belong to the political class, and I am ready to atone for the sins they committed —PM Modi

In MP, BJP promises free ration, jobs for families

Six days before polls, BJP chief JP Nadda released the party's manifesto in Madhya Pradesh, promising to continue the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for another five years, and provide pulses, mustard oil and sugar at concessional rates. It also promised to provide at least one job or self-employment to every family. Beneficiaries of Ladli Behna Yojana and the Centre's Ujwala Yojana will get LPG cylinders at Rs 450. P 11

IT'S INDIA VS NZ, SA VS AUS IN SEMIS

India take on Kiwis in the 1st semifinal of 2023 World Cup at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium on Nov 15 in a repeat of the 2019 semifinal, but will be hoping for a different result (NZ had won that game by 18 runs)

ROAD TO LAST 4

INDIA: Played 8, Won: 8, Lost: 0 (Play Netherlands today in last league game)

➤ The league toppers have dominated all their opponents and are **overwhelming favourites to lift the trophy, but will be wary of having a bad day** in the knockout matches

Top Run-Scorer: Virat Kohli (543 runs, avg 108.6, strike rate 88.3)

Top Wicket-Taker: Mohd Shami (16 wickets, avg 7, economy rate 4.3)

NZ: P: 9, W: 5, L: 4

➤ A topsy-turvy campaign saw them win their first 4 matches, then lose the next 4 and finally clinch a semi spot by beating Sri Lanka by 5 wickets. On paper, the 2019 runners-up would seem to be outmatched, but have **often proved to be India's bogey team** in ICC tournaments

Top Run-Scorer: Rachin Ravindra (565 runs, avg 70.6, strike rate 108.4)

Top Wicket-Taker: Mitchell Santner (16 wkts, avg 24.9, economy rate 4.8)

FULL COVERAGE P 21, 22

SECOND SEMIFINAL: S AFRICA vs AUS

Date & Venue: Nov 16, Eden Gardens, Kolkata

➤ In the 1999 WC semifinal, the two teams played a match that was **widely considered the greatest ODI ever** till the 2019 WC final came along. Cricket lovers will be hoping for another thriller

S AFRICA: P: 9, W: 7, L: 2

➤ The South Africans were not considered among the frontrunners before the tournament began but have proved to be a surprise package, with their **power-packed batting complementing a well-rounded attack.** But an upset loss to the Dutch and a 243-run drubbing by India show there are **still chinks in their armour**

Top Run-Scorer: Quinton de Kock (591 runs, avg 65.7, SR 109.2)

Top Wicket-Taker: Gerald Coetzee (18 wkts, avg 19.4, economy rate 6.4)

AUSTRALIA:
P: 9, W: 7, L: 2

➤ Lost their first 2 matches, but rebounded to win the next 7 in a row, including a narrow 5-run win over NZ after scoring 388 and a miraculous 3-wicket win against Af after Glenn Maxwell scored an unforgettable double ton. The **5-time world champs are always formidable opponents in pressure matches**

Top Run-Scorer: David Warner (499 runs, avg 55.4, SR 105.5)

Top Wicket-Taker: Adam Zampa (22 wkts, avg 18.9, ER 5.3)

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

CBI seeks LG's nod to probe extortion charges against Satyendar Jain

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New Delhi: CBI has sought permission from lieutenant governor V K Saxena to probe allegations against Satyendar Jain of extorting money from "high-profile" prisoners lodged in various city jails during his tenure as jail minister in the AAP government.

Jain has been in judicial custody in a money laundering case since May 2022. Sources said CBI sent the request, a copy of which is with **TOI**, on Friday, and sought permission under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

No immediate reaction was available from AAP or the Delhi government. The LG's secretariat said it was yet to see the communication from CBI.

▶For probing officer, P 4

Atishi seeks files after CM forwards plaint against CS

A day after CM Kejriwal forwarded a complaint against chief secretary Naresh Kumar in a land acquisition case in Bamnoli village, vigilance minister Atishi wrote to the vigilance director and divisional commissioner Saturday and sought related files.

Sources said the vigilance directorate replied, saying the minister had no authority to inquire into the case, already being probed by the CBI. In her communication, Atishi said the role of the chief secretary, whose son is said to be employed in a company belonging to relatives of the landowner, was yet to be probed. P 4

U'khand plans spl assembly session post-Diwali to introduce UCC bill

The Uttarakhand government is all set to hold a special session of the state assembly post-Diwali to clear the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) bill that would pave the way for its implementation in the state, highly-placed sources confirmed to **TOI** on Saturday, **reports Kautilya Singh.** Once implemented, Uttarakhand will become the first state to adopt the UCC post-independence. At present, Goa is the only state that has a civil code that was introduced during Portuguese rule. A five-member panel led by retired SC judge, Justice Ranjana Desai, has completed the draft report for UCC implementation in Uttarakhand and the report is expected to be handed over to the state government in the next few days, a source said. P 14

Maratha quota: Rush for family tree record-keepers

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Kolhapur: Prakash Appaso Helavi's days are extremely hectic these days with requests pouring in from hundreds to trace their family roots, particularly if they have Kunbi lineage by any chance.

Ever since the Maharashtra government moved ahead on reservations for Marathas with evidence of the Kunbi lineage, the phones of the Helavis, the tribe of family tree record-keepers, have not stopped ringing. Their references could provide vital clues to get documents needed to prove the Marathas' Kunbi status. Prakash (32) is a member of the nomadic tribe from the Maharashtra-Karnataka border. Tribe members have been maintaining such records, dating back a few centuries.

▶Some still ride oxen, P 14

TOI

Some elderly members of a nomadic tribe, who have been maintaining family records, still travel by oxen in western Maha

Girls from Maha villages helping India chak de!

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Mumbai: Not long after setting down her hockey stick in Ranchi last Sunday, Satara-based defender Vaishnavi Phalke picked up an ice-cream stick. Having sworn off sweets for rigorous training, the 20-year-old allowed herself the frozen butterscotch delight past midnight after India's flawless 4-0 victory against Japan in the final of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy.

Inspired by the Shah Rukh-starrer 'Chak De! India', Phalke is the youngest of the crop of daughters of farmers, mechanics and daily wagers from the state powering the national hockey team. A majority of these new queens of synthetic grass — Akshata Dhekale, Rutuja Pisal, Kajal Atpadkar, Pooja Shendge, Swati Jadhav, Bhagyashree Shinde and Pragya Bhonsle — grew up among the dried natural grass in drought-prone Phaltan taluka.

Akshata Dhekale and Vaishnavi Phalke, both from Satara

▶A local teacher, P 17

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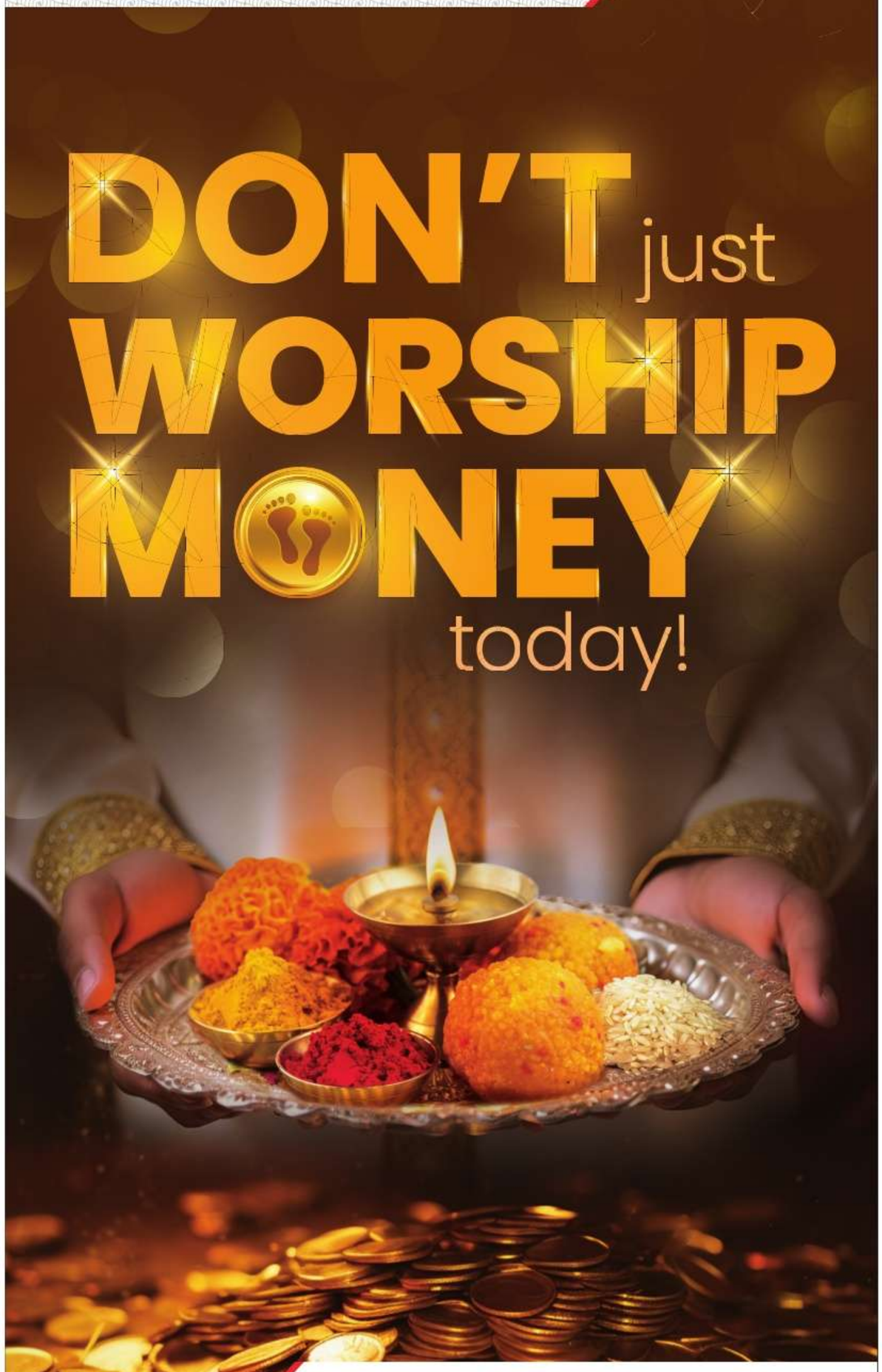

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Crackers In Check? Cops To Conduct Flag March Today

Police Also Talk To RWAs, Market Bodies For Cooperation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Like in recent years, fireworks are banned on Diwali this year. In a bid to enforce the order, Delhi Police will take out flag march on Sunday. While no specific number of teams to check firecracker bursting was announced by Delhi government, it had earlier stated that it had constituted 385 teams to check vehicular pollution, 13 special teams to check pollution at 13 hotspots, 611 teams to check open burning and 66 teams to check industrial pollution.

On September 11, environment minister Gopal Rai announced a blanket ban on all fireworks this Diwali and throughout winter in a bid to control pollution levels. Rai said the decision was taken while preparing this year's winter action plan, and the blanket ban was announced early to allow for better preparation to curb sale, storage, manufacture and online delivery of all kinds of fireworks, including green crackers, in the capital.

The minister said Delhi Police would be directed not to issue any licence to store, sell or manufacture fireworks and urged NCR states to follow suit. "It will primarily be the responsibility of Delhi Police to curb the sale and use of fireworks this Diwali. Delhi government also already has a number of teams on the ground for this, including a team from Delhi Pollution Control Committee," revealed a government source. Earlier, it had been reported that selling, storing or bursting fireworks would attract action under the Indian Penal Code's sections 188 and 286 along with section 5/9B of the Explosives Act.

Firecrackers cause pollution to spike and the emissions include some heavy metals. The major spurious pollutants in firecrackers include oxides of nitrogen, arsenic and carbon monoxide while their combustion leads to a sudden spike in PM2.5 pollutants.

Accordingly, police have formed teams to ensure that there is no sale or bursting of firecrackers in the city. They have held meetings with RWAs and market associations, seeking their support in ensuring that the prohibitory orders were complied with. "We are conducting flag marches also informing residents about the Supreme Court's order regarding the crackers ban," an officer said. The cops have also carrying out foot patrolling in the markets and asking shopkeepers not to sell crackers.

Suman Nalwa, Delhi Police PRO, said that the force was making all efforts to ensure that the Supreme Court's ban on crackers was fully implemented. They have also asked people to report any instances of people bursting crackers.

"Local police are patrolling their areas to ensure that there is no sale or bursting of crackers. Several raids have resulted in the recovery of crackers. We also request citizens to say no to firecrackers and to report any information about them to our helpline at 112," the PRO said on Saturday.

▶Cracker haul, P3

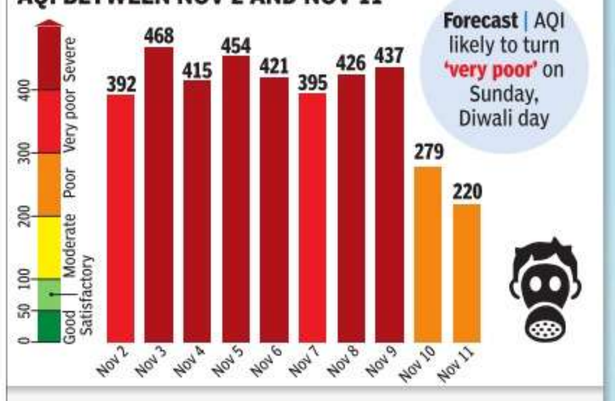
File photo

WHERE WE STAND

FIRE COUNTS RECORDED ON SATURDAY

PUNJAB	HARYANA	UTTAR PRADESH
104 against 6 on the previous day	**27** against no recorded incident on Friday	**35** against 30 the day before

AQI BETWEEN NOV 2 AND NOV 11



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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium	253
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Bawana	246
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Dwarka Sector 8	244
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North campus- DU	240

AQI AT 4 PM	
Okhla Phase 2	240
Patparganj	240
Rohini	230
Mandir Marg	225
IGI Airport (T3)	222
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Burari Crossing	208
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NSIT Dwarka	198
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Alipur	178
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HOW WAS DELHI'S PRE-DIWALI AIR

➤ Cleanest chhoti Diwali since 2015
➤ Diwali day likely to be less polluted than previous years
➤ Rain on Thursday and Friday, strong winds on Saturday improve air quality
➤ Share of stubble burning slowly picking up after a drop due to rain

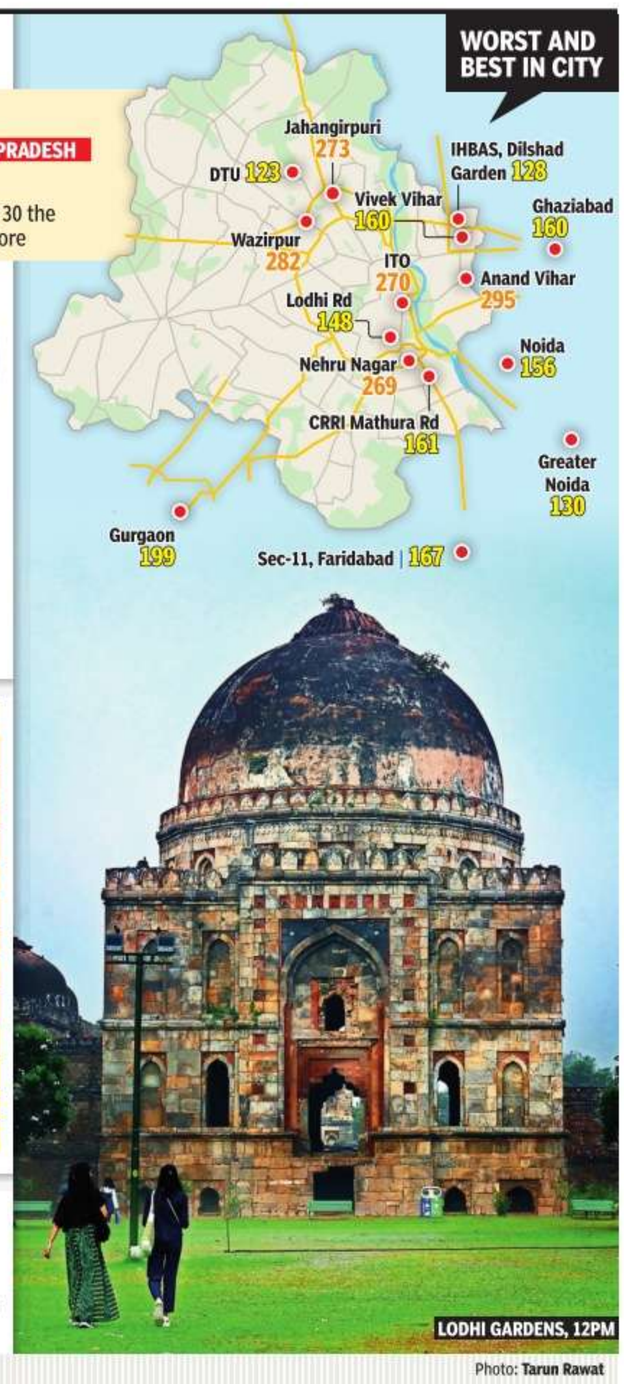

Photo: Tarun Rawat

PRE-DIWALI AQI

2015	2016	2017	2018
No firecracker ban | AQI 353 on Nov 10, a day before Diwali	No firecracker ban | AQI 404 on Oct 29	SC bans sale of crackers in Delhi for the first time | AQI 302 on Oct 18	SC imposes nationwide ban on crackers; only green crackers allowed | AQI 338 on Nov 6

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Ban on cracker stays. After rain and strong winds | AQI at 220 on Nov 11	Ban on crackers flouted | AQI 259 on Oct 23	Ban on crackers flouted | AQI 314 on Nov 3	Complete ban on crackers in NCR, but widely flouted | AQI 339 on Nov 13	Green crackers allowed in Delhi from 8-10pm | AQI 287 on Oct 26

Farmer held in Chhawla over stubble burning

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In an apparently first such instance, a farmer in southwest Delhi's Chhawla was arrested on Friday for stubble burning. The farmer's neighbour had filed complaint regarding the incident, police said.

After receiving information about the incident on Thursday, police reached the spot to find that the stubble burning was limited to a small portion of the field. "Basically, the farmer's neighbour was aggrieved that his tube well pipe also got burnt a little in the process and that's why he complained. Following an inquiry, Om Prakash was charged under sections of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act and other relevant sections of Indian Penal Code and was later let off," said a senior police official.

Stubble burning is not practiced in Delhi as most of the farmers plant primarily two varieties of Basmati - PUSA1121 and PUSA1502 - which has soft stubble and is used as cattle fodder. Since September 15, as per remote sensing data only four instances of stubble burning have been recorded in Delhi as against over 23,700 in Punjab, over 1700 in Haryana and over 1500 in Uttar Pradesh.

This year, Delhi government sprayed PUSA bio-decomposers over 5000 acres of paddy free of cost.

Youth dies at home while trying to make crackers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 21-year-old died after an explosion at his house in Shahdara's Welcome on Friday. The blast occurred when Himanshu was allegedly trying to mix chemicals to manufacture crackers, police said.

After receiving information around 2pm on Friday that an explosion has taken place on the third floor of a residential building in Welcome, police rushed one critically injured person to Jag Pravesh Chandra hospital where he succumbed to his wounds the same evening. The deceased's family was informed, and his body sent for postmortem, a police officer said.

"Crime and forensics teams were also called for a detailed inspection of the house. Preliminary probe, depending upon the material found, suggests that Himanshu was apparently mixing sulphur and potash to make firecrackers at home. It looks like that the explosion took place during this and he was injured," said the officer.

Police are also trying to find if Himanshu was making crackers for sale in local area markets. "We are also checking from where he had procured sulphur and potash. His family members and those known to him are also being questioned following the ban on manufacturing of crackers and their sales in Delhi," added the officer.

Biomass burning may be up to 29% today

▶Continued from P1

According to IITM's decisions support system, the contribution of biomass burning to the overall PM2.5 levels of the city on Saturday was 10% and is expected to rise to 29% on Sunday. As per data, transport contributed to 14.7% of the overall PM2.5 level for Saturday.

"Saturday saw a constant flow of winds at 15-16kmph under the impact of western disturbance. The wind speed however is likely to drop slightly from Sunday afternoon onwards from 15-16 to 5-6 kmph. The minimum temperature will hover around 13-14°C while the maximum may hover around 28-29°C over the next 3-4 days. There are chances of shallow fog on Sunday during the morning hours which will become moderate from Monday," said Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist, IMD.

Meanwhile, the impact of rain, which had affected the stubble burning, began to fade as the instances are rising again. On Saturday, 104 instances of stubble burning were recorded in the city against six a day earlier.

The PM2.5 index too dropped from 157.9 micrograms per cubic metres at Friday 5pm to 82 micrograms per cubic metres at 5pm on Saturday which was slightly higher than the safe standard of 60 micrograms per cubic metres.

Meanwhile, after days of hazy smog in Gurgaon, clear skies on Saturday was a welcome respite for residents with air quality improving (AQI) to moderate category at 199 on Saturday. In Noida, the AQI was recorded at 156, it was 130 in Greater Noida and 160 in Ghaziabad.

MCD issues 1.1k challans

New Delhi: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) issued 383 challans for open burning violations and 823 challans for violations at construction and demolition (C&D) sites, said officials.

According to MCD's report, a total amount imposed reached Rs 1.72 crore in the national capital for C&D waste. Moreover, the teams removed or broke 887 tandoors as part of their enforcement efforts between November 1 and November 10, 2023, officials informed further.

Earlier, Mayor Shelly Oberoi had informed that open burning of garbage would be strictly monitored day and night across the city and 175 teams had been formed for monitoring during the day and 124 teams for checking it at night.

According to her, on the lines of Delhi government, a winter action plan is being implemented for the first time by MCD. TNN

2.6-magnitude quake hit Delhi: A 2.6-magnitude quake hit Delhi on Saturday afternoon, said the National Center for Seismology. The epicentre was near Burari. No damage was reported. PTI

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Executive Engineer (Agri-Mechanical), Midnapore (Agri-Mechanical) Division invites e-tender for Excavation of 2 nos. WHT & 1 no. Re-Excavation of WHT at Gopiballavpur-II and Sankrail Blocks in the District of Jhargram under Midnapore (Agri-Mechanical) Division Jalatirtha-IX programme, Bid reference no. WBWRDD/EE(AM)MID/eNIT-34/2023-24 Tender ID- 2023_WRDD_603567_1, Last dropping date 01.12.2023 (upto 18:00 Hrs). Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http/wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer(A.M),
Midnapore(Agri.Mech.) Division
ICA- T23116(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD.e-NIT
e-tender has been invited against NIT No. 16 of 2023-24 by the Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech), Cooch Behar (Agri-Mech) Division for the works of Annual Maintanance Contract (AMC) of Coochbehar Inspection Bungalow (Nandan) under Coochbehar (Agri-Mech) Division, Coochbehar vide e-Tender Id 2023_WRDD_603803_1. Last date & time of Bid submission is 22.11.2023 up to 6.00 pm. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board & in https://wbtenders.gov.in website. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Coochbehar (A-M) Division
ICA- T23119(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Divn., P.H.E Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. **WBPHE/EE/NIT42e/2023-2024 and ID: 2023_PHED_600209_1 to 2023_PHED_600209_9** for different type electro mechanical works at different w/s scheme under Asansol Mechanical Division, P.H.E Dte. For details visit website: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date submission of tender is **21-11-2023** upto **11.30 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.**
ICA- T23126(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Divn., P.H.E Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. **WBPHE/EE/NIT41e/2023-2024 and ID: 2023_PHED_599913_1** for Electro mechanical works under RCFA-II w/s scheme under Asansol Mechanical Division, P.H.E Dte. For details visit website: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date submission of tender is **28.11.2023 upto 09.30 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Asansol, Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.**
ICA- T23125(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte. On behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/JD/e-NIT-29/2023-24 and Id: 2023_PHED_601206_1 to 2023_PHED_601206_6 for FHTC and Water distribution network in Jalpaiguri Division PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website: wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 24.11.2023 upto 16:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T23122(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
JALPAIGURI ZILLA PARISHAD
JALPAIGURI
Memo No. 1290/Eng
Date: 10.11.2023
1st Corrigendum to NIT No. WBZP/40-DE/JLP/23-24 (2nd Call) for 1 (One) no. work vide Tender ID No. 2023_ZPHD_594328_1& 1st Corrigendum to NIT No. WBZP/ 42-DE/JLP/23-24 for 1 (One) no. work vide Tender ID No. 2023_ZPHD_595169_1 is invited. **Last Date of Submission of Bid has been extended upto 5.00 P.M. on 23.11.2023.** Details may be seen in at our website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & simultaneously this office Notice Board during working hours.
Sd/-
District Engineer
Jalpaiguri Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 150(3)/ADVT/DICO/JAL
Dated : 10.11.2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-I & II
WBMSCL/NIT- 601/2023, Dated-10/10/2023
1. Tender ID: 2023_WBMSC_591416_1
2. Tender ID: 2023_WBMSC_591416_2
1. "Planning, Design and Construction of 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at State Pharmacopoeial Laboratory and Pharmacy for Indian Medicine (SPLPIM) Compound, Kalyani, and Nadia in the State of West Bengal on Turnkey Basis." **2.** "Planning, Design and Construction of 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at Niramoy TB Sanitorium Compound, Dubrajpur, Birbhum in the State of West Bengal on Turnkey Basis." Some important terms & condition has been changed and Important Information Date & Time Schedule has been extended in the Tender Document. Details of the tender corrigendum will also be available at wbtenders.gov.in & wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to krishnajit76banerjee@gmail.com & cpec@wbmsc.gov.in **Sd/- Managing Director WBMSCL & Senior Special Secretary to the Govt. of W.B., Health & Family Welfare Department.**
ICA- T23105(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte. On behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/JD/e-NIT-30/2023-24 and Id: 2023_PHED_601365_1 for Installation of Iron Elimination Plant in Jalpaiguri Division PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website: wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 24.11.2023 upto 16:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T23121(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-TENDER No.: WBPWD / KWD / EE-II / NIT-31 / 23-24
E-tender under jurisdiction of Kolkata West Division, PWD is invited from bonafied outsiders having sufficient work experience of similar nature in Government works. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 15.11.2023 from 1.30 P.M. Tender ID: 2023_PWD_602447_1. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app Sd/-**Executive Engineer-II, PWD Kolkata West Division N.S. Building.**
ICA-T23093(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Divn., P.H.E Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. **WBPHE/EE/NIT39e/2023-2024 and ID: 2023_PHED_599810_1 to 2023_PHED_599810_3** for different type electro mechanical works under Asansol Mechanical Division, P.H.E Dte. For details visit website **https://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date submission of tender is **23-11-2023** upto **11.30 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Govt. of West Bengal.**
ICA- T23123(3)/2023

Department of Health & Family Welfare Samity South 24 Parganas
TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are invited by the CMOH & SEC.DH & FWS,S24PGS for Additional Electrical Installation works & DG base for newly constructed BPHU (Civil & Electrical) of Health & Wellness Centre's under different Blocks of S24pgs. Details will be available in the website- **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.spghealth.gov.in, www.s24pgs.gov.in**, from 11.11.2023
Sd/-
Secretary
DH&FWS, S24Pgs

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
NIEQ 29 Elec. of 2023-24 Sl No. 1 to 3 and NIET 30 Elec. of 2023-24 Sl. No. 1 to 4 for E.I & other allied work at Nungi & CLC, Bantala, Substation, SITC of Lift. Solar Work at Nungi, Mahestala, AMC at Kharagpur and S & I High Mast at Purba Medinipur and S & I of AC Machine at Shilpa Sadan have been invited. For details, logon to www.wbsidcl.in & www.wbtender.gov.in and see in our office notice board within 01.12.2023 and 17.12.2023 upto 2.00 pm respectively. Sd/- Assistant Engineer (EI.)- in charge, The WBSIDC Ltd.
ICA-T23113(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of H&FW Deptt
Memo No. of DH&FWS/ASL/23-24/1011 dt. 09-11-2023 and
Tender ID: 2023_HFW_602650_1.
e-Tender is hereby invited from intending bidders for the **"Supply of outsourced Manpower for various UPHCs of Paschim Bardhaman 3rd Call."** Bid submission closing date: **25/11/2023 at 6.00 PM.** Other details may be seen from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in and office notice board. Sd/- CMOH, Paschim Bardhaman, Dept. of H&FW, Govt. of W.B.
ICA- T23104(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Divn., P.H.E Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. **WBPHE/EE/NIT40e/2023-2024 and ID: 2023_PHED_599900_1** for electro mechanical works at RCFA-II under Asansol Mechanical Division, P.H.E Dte. For details visit website **https://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date submission of tender is **28-11-2023** upto **09.30 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Govt. of West Bengal.**
ICA- T23124(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Re-e-TENDER NOTICE
Re-e-Tenders are invited by Commissioner of Police, Kolkata from Bonafide Dealers / OEM/ Traders having experience in **Supply and maintenance of different types of Filter (4 wheelers & 2 wheelers) & Miscellaneous Items for the purpose of repairing of Kolkata Police Transport Fleet.** Last date of submission of tender is on **28.11.23** up to 3 PM. The NIT Document and other details are o9available in the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in & https://www.kolkatapolice.gov.in.**
Sd/- for CP, Kolkata
ICA- T23114(3)/2023

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santaldih Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/STPS/CC - 929 Date : 06.11.2023
NIT No.: WBPDCL /STPS/NIT/E3355/23-24
E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Rate contract for two (2) years regarding Cable Laying & misc. Electrical Jobs, at CHP under CHP-E/M Dept., STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 09.11.2023 from 11:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 04.12.2023 within 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. K. K. Dutta. **Mobile :** 8336903918. **E-mail:** cc_stps@wbpdcl.co.in /kdutta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T23094(3)/2023

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-931 Date : 06.11.2023
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E2728/23-24
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **'Supply and delivery of Wear Resistance Plates required for Unit#6 Overhauling for Kolaghat Thermal Power Station'. Tender Document Download Start Date:** 10.11.2023 at 02:00 PM. Bid Submission End Date: 08.12.2023 at 03:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Das, Sr. Manager & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T23096(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL POLICE RECRUITMENT BOARD
ARAKSHA BHAWAN (5th FLOOR), 6th CROSS ROAD, BLOCK - DJ, SECTOR - II, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700 091
RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF CONSTABLES/LADY CONSTABLES IN KOLKATA POLICE - 2022
Advertisement No. 20/2023/WBPRB
The date of Final Written Examination for recruitment to the post of **Constables/Lady Constables in Kolkata Police - 2022** has been scheduled on **03.12.2023 (Sunday)**. The e-Admit Cards will be available on the websites of **West Bengal Police Recruitment Board** (**https://prb.wb.gov.in**); **West Bengal Police** (**www.wbpolice.gov.in**) and **Kolkata Police** (**www.kolkatapolice.gov.in**) from **18.11.2023**. Candidates are requested to download their e-Admit Cards on keying of their **Application Sl. No.** and **Date of Birth**. Paper Admit Cards will be issued in respect of offline candidates only. The candidates are strongly advised to follow the instructions given in the Admit Card and to visit the above-mentioned websites for getting further update.
ICA- N 599(6)/2023

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/KTPS/CC-930 Date : 06.11.2023
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E2589/23-24
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **'Procurement of one (01) number of 35MVA, 33/6.9KV Station Auxiliary Transformer (SAT) along with Supervision of Erection & Commissioning at KTPS, CAPEX FY 2023-24'. Tender Document Download Start Date:** 09.11.2023 at 14:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 09.12.2023 at 15:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Das, Sr. Manager & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T23095(2)/2023

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bandel Thermal Power Station
P.O. Tribeni, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/23-24/BTPS/CC- 932 Date: 06.11.2023
NIT No.: WBPDCL /BTPS/NIT/E2339/23-24
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager BTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 02 (two) Part bid system for **'Procurement of Laboratory Items and Fine Chemicals for Chemical Laboratory, BTPS'. Tender Document Download Start Date:** 10.11.2023 at 15:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 05.12.2023 at 16:00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mrs. Ranjana Bhaduri, Dy. General (M&C), **Phone:** 033 2681 2311. **E-mail:** purchase_btps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T23097(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Lumbini Park Mental Hospital
115, Dr. G S. Bose Road
Kolkata - 700 039
Recruitment of three (03) Clinical Psychologist and three (03) Psychiatric Social Worker under NMHP on contractual basis. For details visit www.wbhealth.gov.in
Sd/-
Superintendent
Lumbini Park Mental Hospital
ICA- N 595(2)/2023

Robots all set to firefight on D-Day

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Fire Service has stationed its firefighters at more than 35 places across the city to prevent untoward incidents during Diwali.

The fire tenders have been deployed at Bara Tooti Chowk, Tilak Nagar, Central Market in Lajpat Nagar, Lal Kuan Chowk, Lahori Gate, Nangloi, South Extension, Sonia Vihar, Mehrauli, Ghitorni Metro Station, Alipur, Rani Bagh Market, Gandhi Nagar Market, Mahipalpur Chowk, Sangam Vihar, Mundka Metro Station, Chhatarpur Near Tivoli Garden, Azad Market Chowk, Jaipur Golden Hospital, Paper Market in Ghazipur, Yamuna Vihar and Radha Soami Satsang, among other places.

DFS CHIEF SAYS

Around 2,500 firefighters with 200 tenders and 79 officers will be on alert during the festival. The firefighting robots will also be on standby, and if required, they will be immediately taken to the place where the fire incident takes place

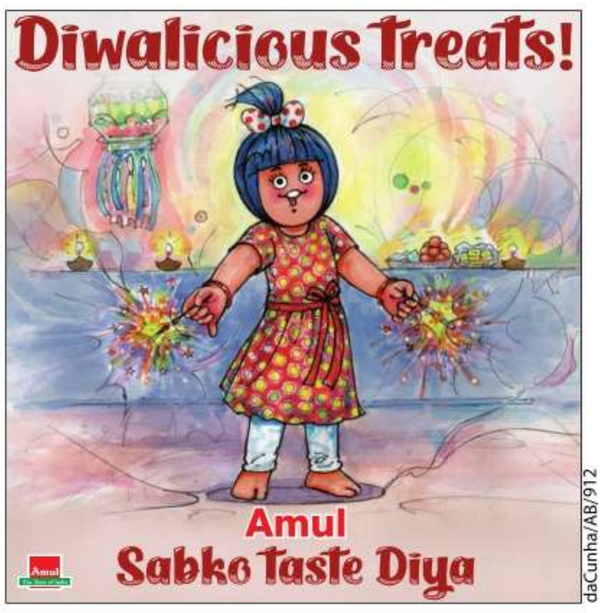
Quick response teams have been deployed at Connaught Place, Safdarjung, Shankar Road, Laxmi Nagar, Janakpuri, Paiwalan and CBD Shahdara. Bikes have been positioned at 10 places, including Ambedkar Nagar, Kapashera and Paharganj.

An officer said that these places were identified based on their vulnerability and people movement. "Around 2,500 firefighters with 200 tenders and 79 officers will be on alert during the festival," the officer added.

The firefighting robots will also be on standby, and if required, they will be immediately taken to the place where the fire incident takes place. DFS has also conducted drills for firefighters with different equipment, including sky lifts and telescopic rescue poles.

"People light up earthen lamps and put up different kinds of lighting during Diwali, so there are always chances of fire. Every year, we come out with a detailed deployment plan to make sure no untoward incidents take place," said DFS director Atul Garg.

Last year, DFS had received 201 calls during Diwali. While 140 of these calls were related to fire, the rest to animal rescue, accident, house collapse and others.



Construction Ban To Delay Infra Projects

Ventures Hit Include Flyovers, Hosps, Roads

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New Delhi: Several public infrastructure projects being built are likely to face delays because of the ban on construction activities after the spike in air pollution. The 30 or so projects of the Public Works Department, including flyovers, hospitals and underpasses, are among the affected ventures.

In Anand Vihar, east Delhi, PWD is constructing a 1.4km flyover that is expected to reduce traffic congestion in Surya Nagar and nearby localities. The deadline for completion of the work is the year-end, but will now likely move to March next year, leaving the motorists in the area facing problems.

In southwest Delhi, the Barapullah Phase II, which has already missed several deadlines, has also come to a stop.

This project, which is more than 90% completed, has been hobbled by several hurdles, one being the work site's location on the Yamuna floodplain. In the monsoons, the work site was flooded. Now the construction ban has stretched the deadline for completion scheduled for December to next year. With the delay, the target of providing signal free connectivity between Mayur Vihar and south Delhi remains unachieved.

In central Delhi, the Pragati Maidan underpass No 5 is unlikely to meet its current deadline of December. Without the completion of the underpass, traffic congestion in the main tunnel of the transit corridor will continue to plague motorists.

In west Delhi, the Punjabi Bagh flyover is another project where work has been affected. The six-lane elevated corridor being built from ESI Hospital to Punjabi Bagh Club Road was to have been finished by January next year, but officials are wary now about giving out information about a new deadline.

Almost scheduled to be completed in December was Delhi's tallest hospital building with 21 floors on the Lok Nayak Hospital campus. The structure may be up now only by next year. Similar is the case of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, where a five-storey building with a capacity of 1,912 beds has already missed a 2022 completion date.

Photos: Piyal Bhattacharjee & Tarun Rawat

MILESTONES DELAYED

Barapullah Phase 3
Work started | **2015**
Last deadline | **March 2023**
New expected deadline | **October 2024**

Pragati Maidan transit corridor
Work started | **2017**
Last deadline | **August 2023**
New expected deadline | **March 2024**

New block at GTB hospital
Work started | **2021**
Initial deadline | **August 2022**
➤ Work likely to delayed by two months, but no new deadline known

Anand Vihar flyover
Work started | **2022**
Expected deadline | **December 2023**
➤ Likely to be delayed, to be completed next year

DIWALI CHEER!

Tarun Rawat

LAST-MINUTE RUSH: People throng the Lajpat Nagar market on the eve of Diwali

Home delivered, crackers get past curbs, may put up a show

Ankita.Anand@timesgroup.com

Gurgaon: Despite a near-blanket ban in Delhi-NCR, a grey market has been operating for months to ensure that firecrackers reach their customers in time for Diwali, much of them picked up directly from manufacturers or warehouses and delivered straight to homes.

The cracker business in NCR has found a way to circumvent bans, strict licensing rules and court orders by going inconspicuous as traders move away from setting up stalls, which are often set to spot and can be raided.

Sellers have been taking orders on calls or on WhatsApp chats. Crackers are packed with fake 'green' tags just in case they get stopped at checkposts. Green crackers are allowed in Haryana, though Delhi has banned all types of crackers.

Sellers in hubs such as Gadoli, Pataudi and Farrukhnagar in Gurgaon told **TOI** on Saturday that they started their business as early as August and sold most of their stocks.

The crackers were transported from warehouses to NCR cities without having to put up stalls. In many cases, the distributors were grocery store owners who purchased the stocks months earlier and discreetly sold them to their customers.

"We keep all kinds of firecrackers, but we use the packaging of 'green' crackers to evade police checks and prevent our consignments from being seized. Everything from the logos to barcodes are forged," a wholesale vendor in Gadoli said.

Suppliers who work on the outskirts of NCR have also hired delivery persons, who travel on their own vehicles or in buses and trains to drop off the crackers.

"The customer has to make a full payment in advance, or purchase a large order, in which case we ask for half the payment in advance. We have delivered across NCR and in nearby districts too," the seller added.

The same method was used in other NCR cities. Another vendor in Ghaziabad's Delhi Gate said he bought the crackers from outside NCR. "We have our customer base and they order in bulk. Some even pay us extra for doorstep delivery and some others meet us midway to collect the crackers," he said.

Gurgaon deputy commissioner Nishant Yadav iterated that the administration was carrying out regular checks and inspections to stem the sale and use of crackers.

(With inputs from Advitya Bahl in Ghaziabad)

Postmortem: Swiss woman strangled with iron chain

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has received the postmortem report in the murder case of Swiss national Nina Berger. The report says the woman was strangled with an iron chain and that the death was homicidal.

"Asphyxia by constriction of the neck (strangulation) with iron chain and assisted by masking of the face by a polythene bag led to suffocation," a source quoted the report as saying. The killer used two iron chains — one to secure her hands, which caused bruises on her arms, and the other to strangle her.

TOI had reported on October 22 that the victim had been strangled to death.

The alleged murderer, Gurpreet Singh, has proved a tough nut to crack for the cops. "He initially claimed he murdered her when she refused to marry him. He then changed his statement several times," a police source said. "Singh then confessed that he killed Berger after she failed to pay him over Rs 7 lakh for rituals and occult practices he had performed at her home in Switzerland. When she finally gave him his money, Singh took her in his car on the pretext of occult practice and murdered her."

Delhi Police had conducted psychoanalysis tests on Singh and found him showing signs of "disturbed behaviour".

Police are trying to identify other foreigners Singh might have been in contact with. Initially, the accused had told the cops that he was in touch with foreigners in connection with the gems and astrology business run by his father. However, police have not taken his claims at face value and are corroborating his versions with available evidence.

Berger was killed on October 18 in a Santro car. She had met Singh in 2021 through a dating website when the latter was visiting relatives in Switzerland. Delhi Police had filed two cases, one for murder and another under the Arms Act for possession of firearms against Singh. The cops had also sent a questionnaire to Berger's family via the Swiss embassy seeking information about the victim.

Police said so far they have not been able to contact the accused's father, who is believed to be in a foreign country.

11,000kg firecrackers seized ahead of Diwali

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Over 11,000kg of firecrackers were seized by police ahead of Diwali, the largest haul of around 2,702kg being in the North district. The state government has imposed a ban on the sale, storing and manufacture of crackers in the city because of their adverse impact on air quality.

From the beginning of October till November 8, around 11,249kg of firecrackers were seized by the cops, with those in the North district making the largest seizures, followed by their counterparts in North-East district and in the Crime Branch.

In north Delhi, police had tied up with market associations and also deployed men in plainclothes in various markets to identify unscrupulous people involved in the sale of fireworks. A senior police officer said, "Seizures in large volumes in North Delhi were largely done from godowns. We had deployed officers in plainclothes while also getting information from market associations to help us in raiding such godowns. Most of the people who were trying to sell the banned incendiaries had earlier acquired a licence to sell them."

According to data provided by Delhi Police, 96 cases were registered and 95 people were arrested with regard to the firecracker seizure.

In North-East Delhi, crackers were seized from people who were selling it clandestinely at their shops. The district police seized around 1,690kg of crackers and arrested nine people. A police officer said that some people who vended wares from carts were trying to sell fireworks in small quantities in the lanes of residential areas.

"Some seizures were made after we were informed by the locals about people selling the banned stuff. In some cases, we found that the accused first took the order and then later brought the purchased items from their storage location and delivered them," a police officer revealed.

Several teams of Delhi Police as well as other units have been on the ground to ensure fireworks are not sold in the open market. Foot patrolling and special teams have been deployed in various marketplaces to ensure the ban is enforced across the city. The cops will also prosecute those found violating the ban on Sunday, when Diwali is celebrated.

MAXIMUM CASES IN SOUTHWEST DIST

DISTRICT	CASES REGISTERED	PEOPLE ARRESTED	CRACKERS SEIZED (IN KG)
North	6	7	2,702.1
Central	5	8	397.5
North West	2	3	234.8
Outer North	8	8	190.8
Rohini	1	1	22.1
New Delhi	0	0	0
South West	20	17	280.3
East	10	7	1,170.1
Shahdara	5	6	345.7
North East	10	9	1,690.8
South	7	7	1,380.9
South East	1	1	10
Dwarka	9	7	1,053.4
Outer	8	10	298.6
West	1	1	16
Crime Branch	3	3	1,456
Total	96	95	11,249

Homebuyers complain, EOW files FIR against ATS, directors

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Economic Offences Wing has registered an FIR against the directors and promoters of ATS Infrastructure Limited after homebuyers alleged that they have been duped their investment in the company's project named 'Marigold'.

Around 1,860 people claimed to have been cheated of Rs 12.9 crore causing mental agony and economic distress to those who invested in the said project. No arrest has been made and investigations are underway, police said.

TOI sought a response from ATS but they refused to comment.

According to the FIR, ATS director Getamber Anand was looking for people to invest in 'Marigold' project located at the land measuring 11.1 acres in village Harsaru, falling in Sector 89A of Gurgaon, being constructed and developed by the company. In 2018, in collusion and connivance with other directors of ATS RBPL, Anand allegedly induced the complainants to invest in the 'project'.

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"It is submitted that the accused persons presented a rosy picture of the project inducing the complainants to believe that the project would be one of its kind with impeccable facilities. The accused persons offered to the complainants a buyback scheme whereby they undertook to buyback the apartment(s) after a certain period of time at a stipulated price," the FIR stated.

A case under sections of cheating and other relevant sections was registered at EOW on November 2.

21-year-old shot at in Alipur, cops probe gang war angle

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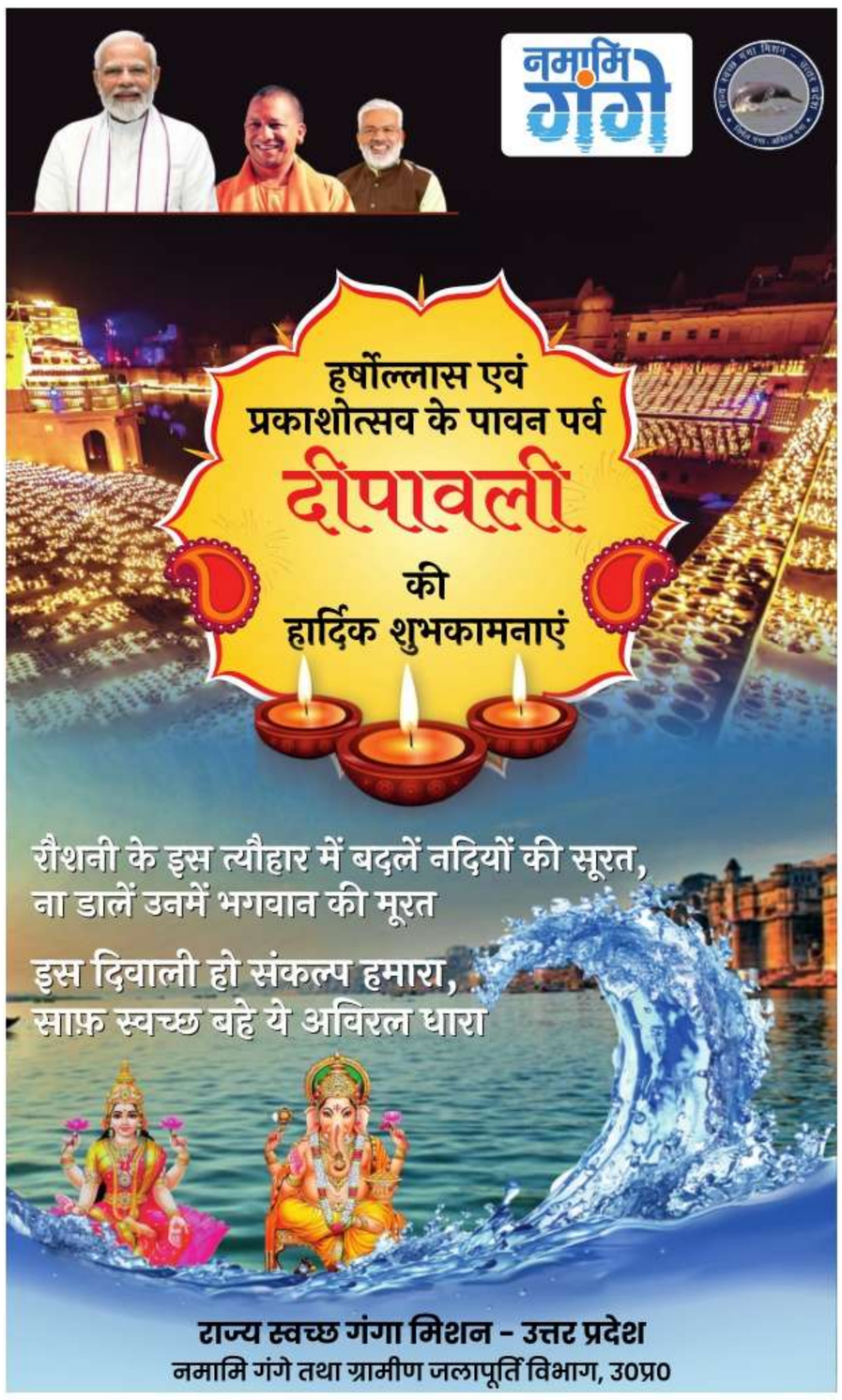
New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was shot at near a gym in Alipur by three motorbike-borne men on Friday. No arrests have been made so far. The victim, Piyush Mann, a resident of Holi Chowk in Alipur, has undergone surgery at a hospital in Shalimar Bagh and is out of danger for now.

Police received a call regarding the incident at 7:45 pm. The crime team inspected the spot and collected evidence. Further inquiry revealed that the accused conducted a recce before the shooting. As soon as the man arrived at the spot, they opened fire indiscriminately.

DCP (Outer North) Ravi Kumar Singh said that the injured victim's statement had been recorded, in which he alleged that three men on a motorcycle had fired several rounds at him outside the gym. "The victim was shot three times—in the shoulder, near the stomach, and the thigh," the DCP added.

Another officer said they were investigating whether the shooting was the result of a gang war. "We learned that the victim knew a member of the Gogi gang. We had also questioned him in the past in connection with cases of extortion and other crimes. He was questioned by police in another state too. We are investigating all aspects of the case," the officer added.

A case under sections 307 (attempted murder) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 25, 27 of Arms Act has been registered at Alipur police station.



Clean Yamuna: Deadline In Sight, Govt Plans 2 Studies

Experts To Check Microplastics, Cause Of Frothing In River

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New Delhi: With the deadline to clean the Yamuna given by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal inching closer, Delhi government has decided to get experts to assess the presence of microplastics in the river and also suggest the ways to prevent frothing caused by toxic chemicals.

Officials said two separate studies would be commissioned soon to help devise short, medium, and long-term strategies to clean the highly polluted river and infuse some life into it.

Cleaning the Yamuna has always been one of the top priorities of successive Delhi governments, but the efforts so far have failed to produce desired results. In run up to the 2020 assembly polls, Kejriwal had promised that if re-elected, his government would make the river so clean by 2025 that Delhiites would be able to take a dip.

According to officials, the microplastics' presence would be studied in two parts – one of river Yamuna and other of the groundwater.

"Microplastics ability to linger in their environments for decades or longer likely has cumulative detrimental effects on both the organisms and quality of the ecosystem. Their chemical threat stems largely from their ability to transport harmful compounds on their surfaces; when organisms at the base of the food chain ingest microplastics, they ingest the toxins, too," a government note read.

"As larger organisms consume the smaller ones, the toxins can build up (a process called bioaccumulation), eventually resulting in responses like organ dysfunction, genetic mutation, or death," it added.

The proposed study would help in developing various action plans and for policy and decision-making purposes.

Microplastics are ubiquitous in the environment and have been detected in a broad range of concentrations in marine water, wastewater, fresh water, food, air, and drinking water. Officials said the data on the occurrence of microplastics in drinking-water was limited at present, with few fully reliable studies using different methods and tools to sample and analyse these particles.

The second study, said officials, will be commissioned to closely look into the problem of foaming – often found in the area around Kalindi Kunj regulator – which is caused by toxic chemicals, pollutants, and untreated waste.

The experts would be asked to develop short, medium, and long-term action plans for minimising frothing in the Yamuna and also look at possible alternatives to household products that cause the problem. The experts will have to find the sources and reasons behind the froth on the river surface which reflects deadness of the water and indicates complete absence of dissolved oxygen in it.

"The froth has phosphate, which leads to eutrophication. These phosphates are also responsible for the alarming amount of foam that appears on the surface of the river, similar to the foam created by detergents," the note mentioned.

"In a healthy flowing river, the phosphates can get diluted overtime and the froth disappears. If the amount of such compounds is too high in the water, the river cannot clean itself," said an official.

Both studies will have to be completed within a year from the date of signing of memorandum of understanding between Delhi government's environment department and the respective agencies undertaking it.

WHAT'S UNDER SCANNER

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1 STUDY ON MICROPLASTICS IN YAMUNA AND GROUNDWATER WILL

- Assess quality of groundwater in the Yamuna with reference to the presence of microplastic
- Identify potential source of microplastic contamination in groundwater in each district of Delhi and the Yamuna
- Analyse leaching impact of microplastic on the banks of the river
- Map major hotspots
- Develop an action plan, including clear enforcement strategies, to reduce the concentration of microplastic in groundwater and the Yamuna

2 STUDY ON YAMUNA FROTHING WILL

- Find reasons behind frothing and correlate it with the outflow of different drains
- Assess and identify froth sources in Najafgarh Drain – from upstream Dhansa regulator to Wazirabad -- and supplementary drains
- Identify major drains accounting for maximum pollution, load responsible for froth and parameters exceeding permissible limits
- Find area sources such as colonies, industrial areas, etc, contributing to pollution load responsible for frothing
- Find out relative quantification, nature, source and characteristic of pollutants and identify source hotspots
- Develop short-, medium- and long-term action plans, including enforcement strategies and possible alternatives to household products responsible for it

Atishi seeks land row files, officials say CBI probe on

Times News Network

New Delhi: A day after chief minister Arvind Kejriwal forwarded a complaint against chief secretary in a land acquisition case, vigilance minister Atishi on Saturday wrote to the vigilance director and divisional commissioner and sought all related files.

In her communication to the two officers, Atishi said although the directorate of vigilance had already conducted an inquiry into the alleged irregularities and the district magistrate was even suspended, the role of chief secretary Naresh Kumar, whose son is said to be employed in a company belonging to the relatives of the owner of the said land, was yet to be probed.

In its report submitted to lieutenant governor VK Saxena in September this year, the directorate of vigilance had alleged that the then district magistrate of southwest Delhi had enhanced the compensation of a 19-acre land parcel in Bamnoli village from Rs 41.5 crore to Rs 353.7 crore to benefit the landowners. The land was being acquired by National Highway Authority of India for a road project.

Atishi has been requested to provide a copy of the complaint received by the chief minister to ensure that it can be pursued as per the guidelines, sources said

The complaint alleged that the chief secretary's son was employed by a relative of a landowner.

While asking the divisional commissioner and vigilance director to provide all the files related to the land acquisition by 7pm on Saturday, Atishi also directed that no file concerning the case should be processed through the chief secretary, since "he was the subject of inquiry and therefore has a conflict of interest".

Reacting to the complaint, Kumar had told **TOI** on Friday that it was him who took a proactive action, including the initiation of a CBI inquiry, against the district magistrate who had arbitrarily enhanced the compensation amount.

"The disgruntled elements against whom vigilance action was taken are undertaking such mudslinging (against me)," he had said.

The minister in her note to the two senior officers of the government said that the complainant had alleged that the two landowners were family members of a business associate of the chief secretary's son.

Sources said the vigilance directorate replied to the note of the minister later during the day. It cited various laid-down guidelines, including Vigilance Manual of 2021, and stated that she had no authority to inquire into the matter that was already being probed by the CBI, they claimed.

Sources further said the minister was also requested to provide a copy of the complaint that was received by the chief minister to ensure that it can be pursued as per the laid-down guidelines of the central vigilance commission.

However, the vigilance minister has been provided a certified copy of all the files related to the land acquisition case for consideration, sources added.

Sisodia meets ailing wife, performs puja at home

Times News Network

New Delhi: Former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia met his ailing wife on Saturday after permission by a city court.

Currently placed under judicial custody in Tihar jail in a case related to alleged excise policy scam, Sisodia had moved an application and sought permission to meet his wife, Seema, who is suffering from multiple sclerosis, for five days. Though the CBI and ED opposed the application, questioning the legal provisions under which the permission was being sought and added that Sisodia should have filed an interim bail application, a Delhi court granted him permission to meet her for six hours on Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

Sisodia leaves for jail from his residence on Mathura Road

Accompanied by the police personnel, Sisodia reached his residence at Mathura Road in a prison van. Following the directions of the court, the AAP leader did not interact with the media. He spent the time allocated to him with the family. Sisodia was also seen performing a puja with his family members.

In June this year, Delhi HC had allowed Sisodia to meet his wife at his residence. But he had to return disappointed after his wife had to be admitted to the emergency ward of Lok Nayak Hospital following deterioration in her health.

While permitting Sisodia to meet his ailing wife, the court had directed him not to talk to mediapersons or indulge in any political activity. Sisodia was arrested by the CBI in the alleged liquor scam case in February this year.

Health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj told ANI that Sisodia's wife was quite unwell and under a lot of mental stress since the former deputy CM's bail plea was rejected.

CBI seeks nod to probe Danics officer for 'extorting prisoners'

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Jain allegedly took protection money from various prisoners, including money laundering accused Sukesh Chandrashekhar, they added.

CBI sources said the LG's nod has also been sought to conduct a similar investigation against Danics officer Raj Kumar, who was posted as jail superintendent of central jail number 4 in Tihar prison complex. Kumar allegedly aided the then director general of prisons in extorting money from Chandrashekhar.

Raj Kumar refused to comment on the development.

CBI, in its communication, said **Satyendar Jain** allegedly "extorted and received Rs 10 crore from Chandrashekar in various tranches between 2018 and 2021, either himself or through his accomplices, as protection money" to help him "live peacefully and comfortably" in jail.

Currently lodged in Mandoli jail, Chandrashekhar was earlier lodged in Tihar and Rohini jail complexes as an undertrial in judicial custody. CBI souces said it was also alleged that a "high-level corruption and extortion racket was being run" by Jain along with the then director general, the additional inspector general of prisons, and their accomplices.

The note added that the two top prisons officials, who have been suspended by the Union home ministry for dereliction of duty, also allegedly extorted and received Rs 12.5 crore from Sukesh in several tranches during 2019-22 as protection money.

Raj Kumar, who is currently posted as secretary to the Delhi legislative assembly, is facing disciplinary proceedings in a case related to alleged irregularities in construction of Rani Jhansi flyover in north Delhi.

The CBI communication alleged that Raj Kumar "misused his official position" as a public servant in the capacity of the jail superintendent of central jail-4 and "aided" top jail officers in extending undue favour and advantage to Chandrashekar and other high-profile inmates "in lieu of valuable considerations" from him.

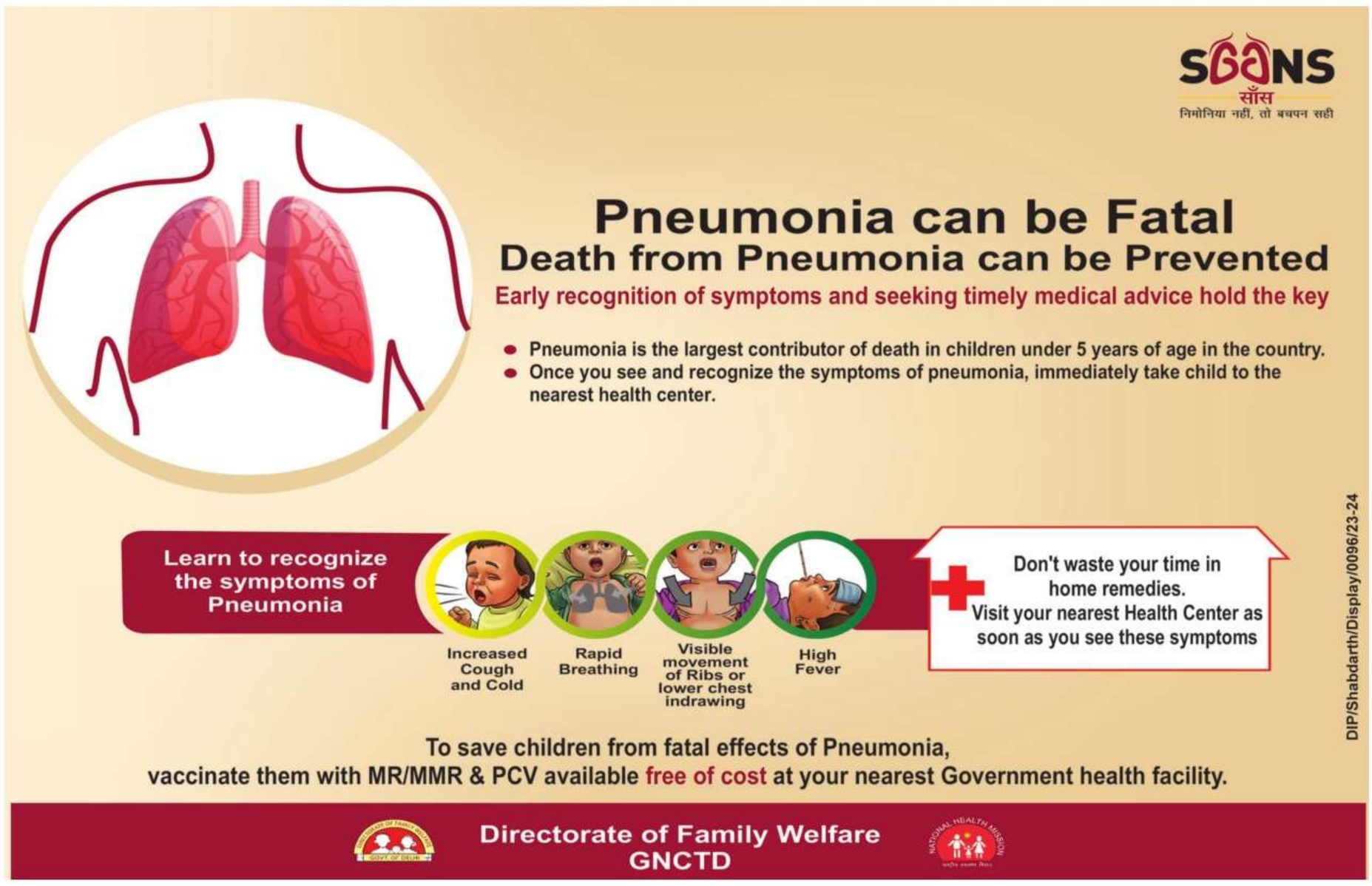
Man held for robbing cab drivers and fleeing with vehicles

New Delhi: The crime branch of Delhi Police has arrested a man, who along with his associates, robbed cab drivers and snatched their cars. The accused, Virender (36), worked as a labourer and was arrested from Burari.

Virender and his associates, Sonu and Khaniya, hired a taxi from the Ghaziabad bus stand on November 5 with the intention of stealing it. In the middle of the journey, they forced the driver out of the car at gunpoint, robbed him and dumped him at Kundli in Sonipat.

Special Commissioner of Police (crime) Ravindra Singh Yadav said the cops received information that Virender would be visiting Burari, so they laid a trap and caught him.

After the robbery, they planned to sell the stolen car. Virender's associates are still absconding. TNN



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Internal Affairs In Disarray: How City's Colony Roads Mirror Broken Promises

Reunification Of MCD Fails To Give Succour To Residents With Just 20 Stretches Recarpeted This Financial Year

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New Delhi: Residents of D block in East of Kailash have had an unending wait for their colony roads to be re-carpeted. Unlike in the neighbouring areas like Greater Kailash I and Kailash Colony that had their roads repaired in the recent past, stretches in East of Kailash are still broken, unpaved and potholed. People in other parts of Delhi have similar tales of woe.

Faced with a continual financial crisis, the municipal bodies looking after the north,

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south and east regions of the city failed miserably to meet residents' expectations of better roads. When the civic body was unified and elections were held in December last year, people renewed their hope.

But in the current financial year, only 20 projects related to dense carpeting of roads in eight of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's 12 zones and covering 22km have been completed. These were taken up under various schemes such as the Mukhyamantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna (MSPY), according to civic officials. The mayor did not provide comment on the matter.

MCD has allocated Rs 79.4 crore for 97 more projects covering 170km this fiscal. There are 15,582km of internal colony roads measuring 12ft or under that have to be maintained. The citizens, therefore, find the numbers too minuscule to meet their expectations. "We approached MCD several times for the repair of our road but were always told there were no funds," said Karan Agarwal, general secretary, D Block RWA, East of Kailash. "What is worsening the problem are the damaged and clogged drains in the area. Filth overflows and accumulates on the uneven roads for days."

In Safdarjung Enclave, the people are frustrated with the eroded roads. "We shared a list of works that needed to be done on priority with the MCD councillor after the elections last year," said Pankaj Agarwal, general secretary, Delhi RWA Joint Front. "While the pruning and cleaning were carried out immediately, the road carpeting is still pending. Our colony is considered to be among the posh areas of south Delhi, looking at the road that is hard to believe."

Prior to elections, MCD had taken up repair work at some places under the 'One road per zone per week' scheme, but no specific fund was allocated for the exercise and officials had to do whatever they could with the available resources.

In Arjun Nagar, nine decrepit roads were carpeted recently. "Three of these were those along which DJB laid pipelines a long time back and remained unrestored," disclosed ID Sharma, president, Arjun Nagar. "We have been assured by the local councillor that work on the roads will be taken up soon."

Another RWA member told TOI, "Four months ago, MCD officials asked us to list the roads that needed immediate carpeting and also carried out a survey. This had raised our hopes and we expected road restoration to start anytime. But nothing has happened so far. Many hawkers and vegetable vendors have occupied space on the roads. They wash their wares there and have further damaged the roads."

Green Park councillor Sarita Phogat agreed that residents were asked to share a list of damaged roads. "But we are first taking up the roads in extremely poor conditions under MSPY. All roads will eventually be covered, but that will take time," she said.

Model Town III in north Delhi can be described as a well-off locality, but the inner roads there too are in tatters. The Vaishya traders and Punjabi communities living there are not a happy lot. "A few roads were repaired in patches with MLA funds, but most are still in a shambles," complained Sanjay Gupta, member, Model Town Residents' Society. "We have repeatedly asked for the revamp of the main road with 200 houses on it, but there's no action yet."

An MCD official elaborated on the work done till now. "We have spent Rs 12 crore in dense carpeting of 22km of roads. Two projects in Karol Bagh and Shahdara (south) zone covering 4.8km were done with MSPY funds," the official said. Four roads were restored in the Sadar Paharganj, Rohini, Shahdara south and central zones with MLA funds and covering 3.6km. The rest were in the south, west, Keshavpuram and Najafgarh zone with funds under MCD's non-plan head.

In east Delhi's Krishna Nagar, the condition of the main Road No. 57 and other connecting internal roads need immediate attention. "Recently, the road was partially repaired, but the work was left unfinished," revealed BS Vohra of East Delhi RWAs Joint Front. "The uneven road not only makes driving a pain, but also increases chances of accidents."

MCD claimed that in the coming days 97 road repair works would be taken up, including 40 under MSPY in the Karol Bagh, central, west, south, Shahdara south and Shahdara north zones with a budget of Rs 47.7 crore. Around 47 in the Karol Bagh, Rohini and Keshavpuram zones will employ Rs 10.7 crore of MLA funds. "Despite the fund crisis, we are repairing roads from time to time," said an official.

NO RESPITE YET FROM BUMPY RIDES

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Safdarjung Enclave

Krishna Nagar, near Mohammadpur Village

East of Kailash

HC tells govt to do security, social audit of DUSIB homes

Times News Network

New Delhi: The high court has directed Delhi's chief secretary to undertake security and social audit of all DUSIB shelter homes to ensure they are occupied by only those eligible and the needy.

The court, granting six weeks to the top official for completing the exercise, noted that many Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) shelter homes are plagued by security issues as they are occupied by many ineligible people. It was, therefore, necessary to collect quantifiable data, Delhi High Court stressed in a recent order.

Taking suo motu cognizance of the matter, HC passed the order on the issue of non-payment of dues to Akshaya Patra Foundation which was providing food at all night shelters in the national capital. The court had earlier sought an explanation from the principal secretary (finance) of Delhi government why pending dues had not yet been cleared of the organisation, which was still providing food on court orders.

The senior official then informed the court that requisite sanction has been granted for making payment to the Foundation up to March 2024, and all outstanding dues will be cleared immediately.

Delhi government's counsel also said a decision will be taken within six weeks for streamlining the process of supply of meals to DUSIB shelter homes and the payment mechanism for such supplies.

The court placed on record its appreciation for the efforts made by the principal secretary (finance) in getting the funds to the Foundation released. In an earlier hearing, HC had directed DUSIB's CEO to appear in person in case the board fails to make payment to the Foundation, which submitted that it was owed over Rs9 crore.

Earlier this year, HC had taken cognisance of news reports about people at these homes being deprived of cooked meals and directed the Foundation to continue providing food to all Rain Baseras (night shelters) on the existing payment basis.

Four die on Delhi-Jaipur highway as oil tanker hits car, pickup van

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Gurgaon: Four persons died after an oil tanker broke past a divider to the other side of the Delhi-Jaipur highway and collided with a Datsun Go and a pickup van on Friday night.

The car went up in flames after its CNG cylinder exploded under the impact of the crash, killing all three occupants in their 30s. The fourth victim was the driver of the pickup van into which the tanker collided.

Police said three engineers of JSG InnoTech Pvt Ltd in Sonipat were on their way to distribute Diwali gifts among the private company's vendors when the accident occurred near Triveni Hotel. They were identified as Jitendra Singh from Panipat, Lokesh Saini of Jind and Pawan Dubey, who was from Bihar.

According to cops, the tanker was at such speed that the driver failed to control the vehicle even after it jumped the divider and crashed into the car. The truck did not stop and rammed into the van that was on the service road.

The front portion of the tanker — which was on its way to Delhi — got stuck in the bonnet of the van, whose driver, Trilok Sharma, died on the spot. The truck driver fled, leaving the vehicle behind.

Sandeep Singh, Jitendra's brother who lodged a police complaint, said he had met the three engineers around 9pm at Rajiv Chowk. "As part of Diwali ritual, they were going to distribute gifts among vendors of the company where they worked. A couple of hours later, I got a call from police that my brother and his friends had met with an accident. I rushed, hoping to take them to hospital at the earliest. But by the time I reached, they had burnt to death," he added.

Police said they were scanning footage from nearby CCTV cameras to trace the tanker's driver. "He was speeding towards Delhi and lost control of the vehicle. The truck jumped the divider and went to the other carriageway. It crashed into the Datsun Go coming from the opposite side and then rammed the van on the service lane," said Arvind Yadav, the SHO of Bilaspur police station.

The car caught fire after the CNG cylinder exploded, Yadav said. "The occupants were likely to have been stuck inside because the doors got jammed. The vehicle then went up in flames."

The legs of the van driver were almost severed, the SHO said, adding that it took them almost an hour to bring him out. "He, too, had died by the time we reached him," he added.

Commuters said they could do little but watch the car go up in flames.

"The flames were leaping out of the car along with thick plumes of smoke. The doors were locked too. So, it was difficult to go near it. We were also scared that the vehicle might explode any time," said Ved Prakash, a passerby.

The four bodies were taken to a mortuary and relatives were called to identify them. "Three of the bodies had 90% burns. DNA samples were taken for conducting forensic tests," said Mohit, a worker at the mortuary.

An FIR was registered at Bilaspur police station against the tanker driver under sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (death by negligence) of the IPC on Saturday.

Vinay Gupta

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BJP, AAP spar over salaries to MCD workers

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Saturday claimed that thousands of contractual staff, regular employees and pensioners were facing a "black Diwali" this year.

Sachdeva alleged that the Kejriwal government had not paid salaries to thousands of its contract teachers, civil defence volunteers, mohalla clinics staff, hospital guards, etc. "Thousands of old DTC pensioners are not getting their pension. In MCD, thousands of teachers apart from group C, B & A employees have not received their salaries till Diwali day," he claimed.

Earlier, during the day, mayor Shelly Oberoi said that for the past 15 years when BJP was in power, MCD employees had been observing a "dry Diwali".

"This is the first Diwali after AAP came to power in MCD. Now, they are getting their salaries on time. We have also given them a bonus, and the process to regularise them has also started," the mayor said. TNN

'Trust issues affecting your ties? Analyse the root cause behind them'

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

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■ I am a 20-year-old boy who has a lot of trust issues. Recently, I trusted a female friend who was very close to me, and she made new friends and changed her priorities. I tried to tell her what I felt, but she never understood me. My self-esteem and confidence has decreased too, while my self-doubt has increased. I am so confused in my life and I feel that not a single thing is going well. Please help me.

— Anonymous

Firstly, it's essential to recognise that one's worth isn't defined by others' actions. People change, and it's not a reflection of one's value as a person. Certainly, trust issues often stem from deep-rooted experiences, shaping our perception of relationships. These challenges can hinder our authenticity in social interactions, preventing genuine connections. Moreover, relying solely on social relationships for validation can profoundly impact one's sense of self-esteem when these connections falter. Recognising these patterns is crucial. To overcome trust issues, it's vital to delve into underlying experiences and understand the root cause. Simultaneously, fostering self-esteem and self-confidence is essential. Pursuing hobbies not only provides a sense of fulfilment but also reinforces self-belief. Ultimately, the journey towards overcoming trust issues involves acknowledging past pain, building internal validation, and embracing self-love, empowering us to forge healthier, authentic connections.

■ I am 30 years old. I got married and planned a baby but I agonise daily about not having done anything in life. I wanted to do something big since childhood. I think time has passed away and it causes anxiety and stress. Sometimes I even think of dying by suicide. What should I do?

— Anonymous

If you're grappling with thoughts of suicide, it's crucial to take immediate action. Start by seeking help from a clinical psychologist who can diagnose any underlying depression and recommend appropriate treatment. It's vital to remember that you don't have to face this alone. Additionally, confiding in someone you trust can provide you with much-needed emotional support. It's natural to ponder on the "what ifs" and the paths not taken, but dwelling on these thoughts may contribute to your distress. Remember, you are not defined solely by your past choices, and your future remains open to new possibilities. Working on acceptance and embracing your current reality can be empowering. Focus on the aspects of your life that are within your control and identify small, achievable steps to nurture your personal and professional growth.

■ I am a 19-year-old currently pursuing my B. Tech degree. I live with two roommates. Both of them, along with their friends, bully me. I cannot fight back as they are my roommates and they are in a group while bullying. They even beat me while I am asleep. Please help me.

— Anonymous

Sometimes the fear of retaliating or standing up to your perpetrator can feel very overwhelming. However, in this situation, your safety is paramount. Firstly, it's crucial to ensure your immediate safety. If you are in immediate danger, please contact the local authorities or campus security. Next, consider talking to a trusted faculty member, counsellor, or a staff member at your university or open up to your caregivers about the situation. Reporting the bullying you're facing is essential for your well-being. It's not a sign of weakness, but courage. It's a way to hold the perpetrators accountable and prevent them from causing further harm to you or others. Remember, you deserve to live in a safe and respectful environment. Additionally, consider seeking support from a mental health professional. Bullying can have severe and lasting effects on mental health.

■ I'm a 15-year-old girl. I usually don't feel like talking to anyone and I isolate myself whenever even a minor inconvenience is caused. I've started losing interest in everything and I tend to forget a lot of things. I'm not able to figure out what I should do. Please help.

— Anonymous

This sounds like a challenging time for you, but it's commendable that you've reached out. It's completely normal to have moments of feeling down or withdrawing from others, especially during your teenage years. However, when these feelings persist and start affecting your daily life, sharing your thoughts and fears can be a significant relief. It's important to explore the root causes of your distress and identify triggers and coping strategies. It's crucial to consider discussing these feelings with a trusted adult, like a parent, teacher, or school counsellor, who can support you in seeking professional help if needed. Your difficulty remembering things may be related to stress and anxiety, which can impact cognitive functioning. Engaging in physical activities like walking, jogging, or dancing boosts blood flow to the brain and enhances cognitive abilities. Reducing excessive time spent on electronic devices and social media is crucial, as prolonged screen time can negatively impact attention and concentration. Additionally, exploring your interests and passions can help reignite your enthusiasm.

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Men enter ATM, paint CCTV, flee with ₹5 lakh

Times News Network

New Delhi: Unidentified men used a gas cutter to break open an ATM in Moti Nagar, west Delhi, on Friday and fled with over Rs 5 lakh. Police said the robbers sprayed black paint on the CCTV camera inside the ATM kiosk. No arrests have been made.

Police received a PCR call at 7.20 pm about the incident on Friday. A team from the local police station rushed to the spot, near Sudarshan Park in Moti Nagar. "The landlord of the premise informed us that the machine was tampered with," police said.

Deputy commissioner of police (West) Vichitra Veer said during spot inspection they found that the ATM was damaged.

"The ATM had over Rs 5 lakh and the machine was refilled on Friday," police said.

Police are scanning CCTV cameras of nearby areas to find out the routes the accused took to flee. The accused sprayed black paint on the CCTV camera inside the ATM kiosk. Hence, their images were not captured. An investigator said they suspect that three people were involved in the crime. "We suspect that two men entered the kiosk while a third suspect waited outside to alert the others if police came to patrol," the officer said.

The ATM had no guard, and it is suspected that the accused conducted recce before committing the crime. "A few months ago, we held a meeting with bank officials and told them to keep guards at their ATMs, especially during evening and night hours," police said.

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A case under sections 457 (lurking house-trespass or house-breaking by night in order to commit an offence punishable with imprisonment) and 380 (theft in dwelling house, etc.) of the IPC was registered at Moti Nagar police station.

This is not the first time such an incident has happened in the city. An entire ATM of a public sector bank, containing at least Rs1.4 lakh, was uprooted and taken away by miscreants in Narela in August. On July 2, unidentified men had targeted the ATM in Sarai Rohilla and made away with more than Rs 19 lakh.

In another case, a 40-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing cash after breaking open an ATM in north Delhi in July.

50-year-old CAG employee hangs self in Paharganj hotel

New Delhi: A 50-year-old man allegedly hanged himself in a hotel room in central Delhi's Paharganj on Friday. The victim, a CAG employee, lived in RK Puram, police said.

Upon receiving a call from the hotel around 10pm that a man was not opening the door of his room, police and a fire brigade teams broke open the door to find the victim hanging from the ceiling fan. He was rushed to the hospital, where he was declared dead, an officer said.

Investigation revealed that the suicide victim checked into the hotel at noon and told the staff that he would checkout at 9pm. "When the victim did not checkout at 9pm, hotel staff knocked on his door repeatedly but got no response," said the officer.

There was no evidence of foul play and proceedings under section 174 CrPC were initiated, the officer said, adding, "We are trying to speak to the family to know the reason behind the extreme step".

If you are depressed and need any kind of support, you can connect the helpline number-14416. TNN

Three held in Delhi Waqf Board case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate arrested three alleged associates of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan on Saturday in connection with a money-laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the recruitment of staff for the Delhi Waqf Board, sources said. Zeeshan Haider, Daud Nasir and Jawed Immam Siddiqui have been taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act). PTI

Now, FIR links Mahadev app duo to cricket match-fixing

Maha Cops File Case Against Chandrakar, Uppal On Court Order

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According to a complaint, cricket matches were 'manipulated' via the Khiladi application and other portals, generating crores per day

Raipur: In an interesting turn in the Mahadev app case, Saurabh Chandrakar and Ravi Uppal — identified by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as key players in the betting racket — are now alleged to be involved in a match-fixing syndicate via a 'subsidiary application' named Mahadev Khiladi.

An FIR was lodged by Maharashtra Police in this matter on Friday on the orders of a local court. The network deals in Bitcoins and its operations span several cities, including London, Kolkata and Mumbai, apart from parts of Chhattisgarh.

Chandrakar and Uppal are natives of Bhilai but have moved to Dubai from where they are running the Mahadev Book betting network, say police. The Chhattisgarh Police have issued lookout notices for them.

Chandrakar and Uppal have denied the allegations and say they are cooperating with the ED. They deny any links with the alleged cricket match-fixing racket.

On November 6, the Mumbai metropolitan magistrate's court directed police to initiate a case following repeated complaints by social worker Prakash Bankar, who alleges a fraud of Rs 15,000 crore via the app since 2019. The FIR was registered under IPC charges, Maharashtra Prevention of Gambling Act, and the IT Act.

According to the complaint, cricket matches were "manipulated" by the syndicate. Of the 32 names in the complaint, at least five are Chandrakar's known associates, who are operating from various parts of the country and the Middle East to "fix" matches. They operate via the Khiladi App and other portals, generating crores per day, which is distributed through hawala or Bitcoin wallet, says the complaint.

The Maharashtra Economic Offences Wing is likely to take over the 'Khiladi App' probe, and could reach out to Chhattisgarh Police to investigate alleged match-fixing links in the state, sources say.

Shubham Soni, who claims to be the owner of Mahadev App and has made direct allegations against Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel, is alleged to be one of the administrators of Khiladi App, say sources. In a social media video a few days ago, Soni sought to implicate Baghel, one 'Verma', and some police officers, triggering a political storm in the poll-bound state.

Chandrakar and Uppal have now issued a statement from Dubai refuting all the allegations made by Soni. They have also denied any involvement in the betting racket, and said that the allegations are "baseless, and lack credible evidence".

Chandrakar and Uppal have named Soni as the 'central figure' behind the Mahadev Book betting app and shared details on Soni's association with 'Mahadev Book Markets Limited'. They claimed to have been "unfairly made scapegoats" due to their growing presence in the UAE real estate market.

Chandrakar and Uppal have said that they are cooperating with the Enforcement Directorate (ED), providing all the necessary information and documents, and "demonstrating their commitment to assist with the investigative process". They claim to be participating in the legal proceedings and have appealed to the media and the public not to label them as absconders.

A DELIGHTFUL DIWALI

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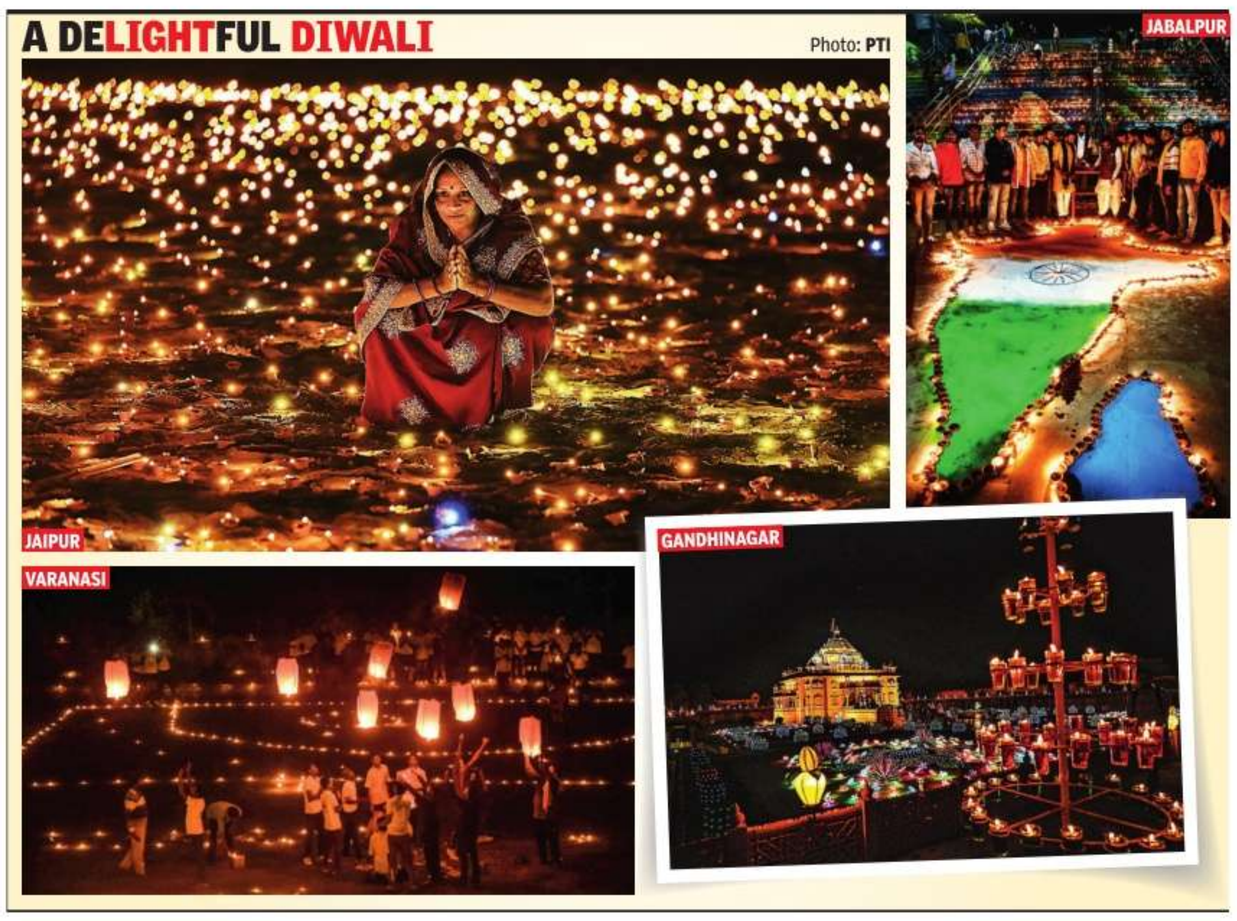

Gender skew in schoolkids lower among Muslims: Data

But A Steady Worsening In Total Enrolment

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There is greater gender parity in the enrolment of Muslim children in school than in total enrolment with more Muslim girls than boys being enrolled in upper primary, secondary and higher secondary levels. While there are fewer Muslim girls than boys enrolled at the primary level, even here the gender parity is better than for all students.

This was revealed in a report titled State of Muslim Education in India based on UDISE (Unified District System of Education) data, which is a system of collecting data from all recognized and unrecognized schools in India developed by the department of school education of the education ministry.

According to the data from 2012-13 to 2021-22, though the gender parity was better among Muslim at the primary level (class I to V), there has been a steady worsening of the skew among Muslims as in the total enrolment. While the report does not explain why, one possible reason could be the worsening sex ratio at birth during the years preceding this period. India's sex ratio at birth was 905 in 2008-10, which would be reflected in the children joining primary education in 2012-13. This ratio kept worsening till a low of 896 in 2015-17 from where it improved to 910 in 2018-20, according to the sample registration system (SRS) conducted by the census commissioner's office.

GENDER PARITY INDEX IN SCHOOL ENROLMENT

	Muslims		Total	
	2012-13	2021-22	2012-13	2021-22
Primary	0.97	0.95	0.94	0.92
Upper primary	1.06	1.01	0.95	0.94
Secondary	1.04	1.04	0.89	0.92
Higher Secondary	0.99	1.10	0.87	0.94
Total	**1.00**	**0.99**	**0.93**	**0.93**

Note: Index value indicates number of girls for every boy

Since the children attending primary level in 2021-22 would be those born between 2011 and 2016, a period when the sex ratio at birth was steadily worsening, it is logical that there would be far fewer girls joining primary level than boys over the years. The improvement in sex ratio at birth from 2016 onwards should reflect in greater gender parity in primary enrolment in the coming years. Though Muslims have higher sex ratio than the overall population, it has been going down among Muslims too, which could be why the gender parity index is falling for Muslim enrolment too.

The data highlights that though enrolment at the primary level might be high, Muslim students seem to face greater challenges in transitioning to higher levels of education. Smaller shares of Muslim students, whether girls or boys, transition from one level to the next at all levels, from primary to upper primary, elementary to secondary and then to the higher secondary level, compared to the share of total students transitioning. However, among Muslim students, a higher share of girls makes it to the next level compared to boys, which could explain why there were more girls than boys at all levels except at the primary level.

"Retention rates are vital indicators of an education system's effectiveness in keeping students enrolled and engaged throughout their academic journey. The education system must identify and address the factors leading to these drop-offs to ensure a smoother student transition between different academic stages," said Prof Arun C Mehta, former professor in NUEPA (National University of Educational Planning and Administration), who had done the analysis for the report.

12-year-old girl gets stuck in lift while playing, dies in MP town

Times News Network

Indore: A 12-year-old girl died after her head got stuck between a lift and the door in a three-storey house in Cantonment area of Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

Riddhi Balani went into the non-functional lift to hide while playing with her friends at her home in Jawahar Nagar area of the city, Superintendent of Police Amit Tolani said. The channel gate of the lift got stuck and she couldn't get out. When she screamed for help, her family members tried to rescue her, but the lift dropped a little, trapping her head between the floor and the lift, Tolani added.

Her kin and some neighbours desperately tried to rescue her, but she couldn't be saved. By the time they could retrieve her from the lift and take her to hospital, she was already dead. Her last rites were carried out on Saturday evening.

Police are investigating the tragic death, added the SP.

Denied loan, Kerala farmer kills self

A paddy farmer from Kerala's Kuttanad died by suicide after banks allegedly denied him loans citing a pending paddy receipt sheet loan. In a suicide note, K G Prasad, a resident of Kunnumma in Thakazhy panchayat, accused the state government of forcing him to take the extreme step. TNN

Lalu's aide held in laundering case in 'jobs for land' scam

Times News Network

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday arrested Amit Katyal, a close associate of former railway minister and RJD supremo **Lalu Prasad**, in a money laundering case in connection with the 'jobs for land' scam. A special PMLA court remanded Katyal in ED custody till November 16.

ED sources said Katyal was called for questioning on Friday and later arrested for being allegedly evasive in his statements relating to the money trail.

The agency has already questioned Lalu's children, including Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav, in connection with the alleged scam.

Katyal, according to ED, is a "close associate" of Lalu and an ex-director of A K Infosystems Pvt Ltd. A K Infosystems is allegedly a "beneficiary company" in the case and its registered address is a residential building in New Friends Colony, which was being used by Tejashwi Yadav during his visits to Delhi.

Earlier this year, ED had carried out multiple searches across several cities, including Patna and Delhi. Tejashwi Yadav was present at the New Friends Colony premises of AK Infosystems Pvt Ltd when the ED official reached.

The Delhi high court had recently rejected his plea to quash the ED summons against him in this case.

The job-for-land scam pertains to the period when Lalu was the rail minister and involves his alleged misuse of office to hand out jobs in exchange for lands that were transferred at nominal cost to the kin of the RJD boss.

CBI has also questioned Lalu and his wife Rabri Devi, besides their children, in the 'jobs for land' scam.

IIT-B forms panel to inquire into 'inflammatory' talk

Times News Network

Mumbai: The director of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay on Saturday appointed a fact-finding committee to inquire into the alleged "inflammatory" lecture by visiting speaker Sudhanwa Deshpande and the screening of a documentary. The committee will also look into the actions of students and "strict action" will be taken against those found guilty by the panel.

Immediate action will be taken against students who were protesting, added director Subhasis Chaudhuri.

The institute is also working on a policy for organising public events or lectures, and a code of conduct for students, faculty and staff.

"On the morning of November 11, some of these students along with outsiders organised a protest outside IIT with outside persons, where slogans of death to traitors were raised. Such actions, potentially putting the life of a faculty member at risk, are completely unacceptable regardless of what was said in class," said Chaudhuri.

Meanwhile, Vivek Vikhar Manch's Maharashtra chapter has demanded the arrest of a faculty member of IIT-B and her suspension.

The body demanded that IIT-B professor Sharmistha Saha from the humanities and social science and Sudhanwa Deshpande of Jan Natya Manch be probed by central investigative agencies and the police to understand their "motive.

A police complaint was filed against a professor and a guest lecturer for allegedly expressing support for Hamas and terrorists. "Sudhanva Deshpande described the jailed terrorist as – an "Incredible Man, Visionary and Legendary Fighter" and his terrorist activities as a "Freedom Struggle"," it read.

TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, DHANORA
DISTRICT - GADCHIROLI

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.-TKSS/ DHANORA /01/ 2023-2024(Online)

TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, DHANORA DISTRICT - GADCHIROLI invites online percentage rate E-tenders in for the following work from reputed, experienced & Eligible Contractors of Maharashtra State. The Blank tender form will be available on www.mahatenders.gov.in The other details are as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time limit for Completion	Cost of e-tender Form Fee Rs.	Date of upload to last date of submission of tender	Date of Pre bid meeting	Last Date of submission of bid on line
1.	Construction Of Various Sports Facilities at Taluka Krida Sankul Dhanora, Distt.- Gadchiroli	Rs. 4,08,35,307/-	Rs. 4,08,353/-	12 Months (Including Monsoon)	Rs. 3,540/- (Non-Refundable 3000+18% GST)	10-11-2023 to 28-11-2023 up to 3.00 PM	21-11-2023 @12.30 Hrs	28-11-2023 UPTO 3.00 PM

Tender form cost, EMD, conditions of contract, specifications can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of Government of Maharashtra i.e. www.mahatenders.gov.in. All above tender will be opened in the Office of DSO TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, DHANORA DISTRICT - GADCHIROLI on 29-11-2023 at 3.30 PM. The TSCC, DHANORA has right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The pre-bid meeting will be held on Date 21.11.2023 @ 12.30. Hrs. in the presence of bidders who wish to attend in the office of the TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE, DHANORA DISTRICT GADCHIROLI.

Sd/-
Taluka Sports Officer & Secretary
TALUKA KRIDA SANKUL SAMITTEE
DHANORA

Sd/-
District Sports Officer
District Sports Office
Gadchiroli

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Letter No:-DRM/C/AGRA/Parcel/E-AUCTION Dated:-10.11.2023

E-Auction Notice

On Behalf of the President of India, The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager-North Central Railway-Agra invites E-Auction as per categories given as under:-

Category: Parcel **Auction Catalogue No.** : AGRA-LEASING-27

Asset Details	E-Auction Start Date and Time	E-Auction End Date and Time
1. 01 (R1) SLR Unit in Train no.19818 .	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-11:30	Date: 27.11.2023 Time:-12:00
2. 01 (F2) SLR Unit in Train no. 12195	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:00	Date: 27.11.2023 Time:-12:10
3. 01 (F1) SLR Unit in Train no. 12195	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:10	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:20
4. 01 (F2) SLR Unit in Train no. 19818	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:20	Date: 27.11.2023 Time:-12:30
5. 01 (R1) SLR Unit in Train no. 12195	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:30	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:40
6. 01 (F1) SLR Unit in Train no. 19818	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:40	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:50
7. 01 (F2) SLR Unit in Train no. 05914	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-12:50	Date:- 27.11.2023 Time:-13:00

Note:-Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction Leasing Module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. **1838/23(DG)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 23/74 Dt. 10.11.2023

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders:

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1.	30233158	Semi Permenent Coupler	32 Nos.	30.11.2023
2.	30232832A	Polymer Spring Pad Assembly	808 Set	04.12.2023
3.	30231752A	203.2 MM X 95.25 MM Bogie Mounted Air Brake Cylinder	300 Nos.	05.12.2023
4.	30232620A	Bogie Frame Arrangement	43 Nos.	05.12.2023
5.	70232383	Solid MIG/MAG Welding	3300 Kgs.	14.12.2023
6.	80235110	Ball Bearning	432 Nos.	12.12.2023
7.	63235520	Manufacture and Supply of PSC Sleeper for Switch Expansion Joint 60 Kg. RDSO Drg.No.T-4149	2398 Nos.	08.01.2024
8.	63235515	Wider Base Bridge Guard Sleepers RT-8970	4198 Nos.	15.01.2024
9.	63235184	Manufacture and Supply of Prestressed Monoblock Concrete Sleepers Sets Fan Shaped Turn Out 1 in 8.5 as per RDSO Drg.No.T-4865	72 Set	22.01.2024
10.	20233463A	Bearing 6206ZRC3	580 Nos.	01.12.2023
11.	20233537A	Bearing 6205ZRC3	420 Nos.	01.12.2023
12.	20233742C	Ball Bearing 6308C3	40 Nos.	01.12.2023

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For any change/ corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. **1835/23 FA**

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Pune Municipal Corporation
CHIEF ENGINEER ROAD DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (N.I.T) YEAR 2022-23.
INVITATION FOR CONSULTANCY WORKS FOR DEVELOPMENT ROAD IN PMC LIMITS.

Tender Sale Date : 13/11/2023 to Date 07/12/2023 upto 2:30 PM
Bid Submission Start & End Date : 13/11/2023 to Date 07/12/2023 upto 2:30 PM
Technical Envelope Opening Date : 11/12/2023, 3:00 PM (If Possible)

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Cr.) put to the Tender Excluding GST	NIT Mode	EMD Amount Rs.	Work Period	One Envelope/ Two Envelope	New Work/ Re-tender Work	Concern Contact Person
1	PMC/ROAD 2022/332	TO APPOINTMENT CONSULTANT FOR PRE AND POST TENDER ACTIVITY RELEATED TO CONSTRUCITON AND DEVELOPMENT 12 M WIDE DP ROAD ROADS AND BRIDGES UNDER KATRAJ S NO 42 50 AND ADJACEMENT TO THE DRIAN FROM KATRAJ S NO 45 44 41 43 AND 42 FROM WAGHIJAI NAGAR TO GUJRWADI MAIN ROAD ON PPP MODULE AGAINST DEVELOPMENT CREDIT NOTE UNDER PUNE MUNCIPAL CORPORATION	40,00,00,000.00	B-2	500/-	24 Months	Two Envelope (B-2)	New Work	Mr. Manoj Chavan 9689931756

A) All details of Terms & conditions of above works are incorporated in tender documents which is available on website www.mahatenders.gov.in Sale & acceptance is available by online system only. B) If sales or submission not been available on last day also & it is not been submitted will be sole responsibility of tenderer. C) Online tender process information will be available at Road Department, Pune Municipal Corporation. D) As per office order No. 32, dated 22/04/2016 EMD deposit amount will be acceptable through Online Banking only. Tender rate for above post tender activity works & appointment of consultant for (PMC) Project Management Consultancy to be filled on Company letter head as per financial bid in (Envelope 2) to be uploaded will be considered only.

sd/-
(Anirudh Pawaskar), Chief Engineer (Road)
Pune Municipal Corporation

Advt No. 3/1244, Dt. 9/11/2023

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
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Notice No. B-1 LTR-22 For 2023-24 E-Tender

Online tenders for following Sanctioned works are invited by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Latur from the contractors registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriated class. Tender Documents can be download from web site of http://mahatenders.gov.in Right to accept or reject tenders is reserved with Executive Engineer Public Works Division Latur.

The Blank Tender forms can be download from date 13.11.2023 to 29.11.2023 upto 18:55 hrs. Download tender will be submitted online on or before date 29.11.2023 upto 18:55 hrs. open after date 01.12.2023 at 11:00. The prebid for sr no 01 and 02 work is on 22.11.2023 at C. E. Public Works Region Office Nanded place at 3.00 pm.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Work Division, Latur

Note -
1. Details of Tender Documents Will be available on website http://mahapwd.com, http://mahatenders.gov.in
2. For details contact - 24 x 7 Help Desk Toll Free No. 1800 3070 2232 Mobile No. +917878107985/86 +917878007972/73 Email eproc.maharashtra@gmail.com cppp-support@nic.in
3. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without any reason thereof.
4. We are not responsible for any problem crop up during the Online E-tender process.

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HC slams TN, hands murder probe to CBI

Debunks CB-CID Probe, Raps Wrongful Detention Of Five

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Madurai: A Pongal-eve murder aboard a train at Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu about 16 years, will now be probed afresh by the CBI, as Madras high court has debunked the CB-CID investigation and ordered a total of Rs 1.1 crore compensation to be paid to five persons framed by police.

In stinging remarks against the state government, Justice B Pugalendhi said the manner in which the investigation was transferred to CB-CID suggested that "powerful persons" were behind the move. Without naming DMK, the judge said the party that was in government in 2008, when the murder took place, was in power at present also.

Rajesh Prabhu, a youth from Madurai, boarded the Nagercoil-Tirupati-Mumbai Express at Nagercoil on January 13, 2008. After the train left Tirunelveli junction, he was found dead. Railway police registered a case based on the TTE's complaint. The case was later transferred to Tirunelveli CB-CID.

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In 2010, five persons were charged with murder, with cops claiming that they killed Rajesh following a quarrel, when he boarded the reserved compartment without a reserved ticket. Police relied on the statement of three "eyewitnesses".

In November 2011, the Tirunelveli trial court acquitted all five accused saying the three witnesses were planted by inspector Marirajan, either to help the real culprits or to close the investigation.

Rajesh's father filed an appeal against the acquittals, but the high court dismissed it in 2016, following which the five persons moved the court seeking compensation for wrongful prosecution. They also demanded a CBI probe.

Acceding to both the pleas, Justice Pugalenthi noted that the probe by railway police was proceeding in the right direction when the case was transferred CB-CID. The judge said the second investigating officer recorded in the case diary about an illicit relationship between the deceased and the wife of a politician. Then, a third investigating officer stepped in, but he went on leave and Madurai CB-CID inspector Marirajan took charge of the case.

The court said Marirajan framed innocent people in the case. "The investigation agency has been used as a tool to bury the truth and thereby, a grave injustice has been done to innocent people," Justice Pugalenthi said.

Reprimanding the state government for deputing the advocate general to defend the delinquent inspector, he said: "The state is not supposed to protect its officers alone. It has a duty towards ordinary citizens as well."

On SC order, officials arrange admission in new school for boy who was slapped

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Agra: Acting on Supreme Court's direction regarding the school slapping incident, officials in Agra facilitated the victim's admission to a reputed school in Muzaffarnagar. On Friday, district officials took the boy to the school to complete the paperwork.

Talking to **TOI**, the boy's father Md Irshad said, "Several officials, including the SDM, visited our house on Friday and took my son to the school. They assured us that all study expenses would be covered by the administration. The admission process is underway, I'm hopeful that he'll be back in school soon."

Irshad expressed gratitude to the Supreme Court for addressing their struggle with admission. "After the incident, we faced difficulties getting our son admitted to a new school. Now, I see a ray of hope for his future. The admission procedures at Shardein School are almost complete with the help of local officials," he said. Irshad also raised concerns about the delay in the accused teacher's arrest, mentioning the possible involvement of politicians.

The Supreme Court also instructed the UP home department to arrange for an expert agency to counsel the victim and other students involved in the incident. Shubham Shukla, the Basic Shiksha Adhikari in Muzaffarnagar, said, "Tata Institute of Social Sciences will be counseling the boy, and we are in contact with the institute."

A policeman said, "The teacher, Tripta Tyagi, accused of asking students to slap their classmate, has been charged under the stringent IPC Section 295-A for deliberate acts intended to outrage religious feelings. A chargesheet will be filed in court soon."

HC flags dominance of husbands over women sarpanchs in Odisha

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New Delhi: Though reserving minimum one-third of panchayat seats for women was aimed at empowering those at the grassroots level of democracy, more often than not men made their wives become sarpanchs and held the reins of panchayat affairs as well as the purse used for developmental work, including wages under the national rural employment guarantee scheme.

Months after a parliamentary standing committee flagged the overarching control of the sarpanch-patis (husband of sarpanchs), the Orissa high court took a different approach and asked the state government to specify the steps taken in the past three decades, since one-third of panchayat seats were reserved for women, to empower the female panchayat heads and members to handle local governance challenges. Odisha provides 50% reservation for women in panchayats.

Staying the dismissal of a person employed as a village-friend in a panchayat allegedly by a sarpanch-pati, Justice Sanjeeb Kumar Panigrahi said the egregious phenomenon of sarpanch-patis "undermines the spirit and purpose of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992... and violates the constitutional rights and dignity of women, who are reduced to 'faceless sarpanchs' at the grassroots politics. It deprives them of their agency, autonomy, and voice in public affairs".

"The patriarchal attitudes in the veil of proxy sarpanch and practices greatly hinder women's participation and empowerment in public life," the single judge of the Orrisa high

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court said and felt that the government could examine the need for a framing policies to "prevent and punish sarpanchpatism and other forms of proxy politics".

"Sarpanch-patis defeat the purpose of reservation for women in the panchayati raj institution. Since proxy sarpanchs are managing gram panchayats, especially where women are sarpanchs, the government through appropriate department has to deal with such matters seriously or else, the grassroots of the democracy would be in peril," he added.

Guj HC pulls up Pocso court in acid attack case

Ahmedabad: Gujarat HC criticised a Pocso court in Anand for not awarding full compensation to an acid attack survivor merely because she didn't have facial injury marks, terming the sum awarded as "a mockery of justice".

Justice JC Doshi raised the compensation from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 4.5 lakh, observing that the Pocso court erred in holding that since the victim had not suffered a visible facial injury, she could not be considered for full compensation payable to acid attack victims. "...The compensation is a right of the victim and an obligation of the state due to the lack of the ability of the state to protect," the HC said.

In December 2020, the survivor was sexually assaulted by a neighbour in Anand and when she resisted, he forced her to ingest acid. TNN

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ONGC Q2 net profit slips 20% to ₹10.2k cr on crude price fall

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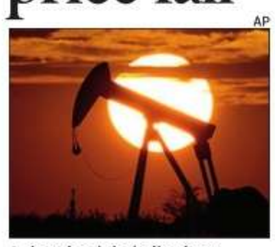
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A drop in global oil prices coincided with marginally lower production during the July-September period

New Delhi: Flagship explorer ONGC recorded a 20% decline in its second quarter net profit at Rs 10,216 crore compared to Rs 12,826 crore a year ago as a drop in global oil prices coincided with marginally lower production during the July-September period.

Company director (finance) Pomila Jaspal said lower crude prices reduced earning from each barrel to $84.8 against $95.5 in the year-ago period. She expected the situation to reverse in the December quarter with the KG-DWN-98/2 block off the Andhra coast coming onto production this month.

Besides, she said last year earnings were boosted by a Rs 1,900 crore reversal of impairment, while this year there was no such exceptional income.

Global oil prices had surged in the April-June period of 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which led to higher earnings. But prices have fallen this year and were in the $80-90 band during the second quarter.

Sequentially, this is the second consecutive quarter of decline in profit for ONGC, which posted a 34% drop in the April-June period, when realisation per barrel dipped to $76.4 in the preceding quarter.

Gross revenue fell 8.2% to Rs 35,162 crore mainly because it realised lower oil prices. "The reduction in production output can primarily be attributed to decline in some of the matured fields and marginal fields," the company said.

Man suffocates to death in train during Chhath rush in Gujarat

Surat: A special train going from Surat to Bihar's Bhagalpur saw an unprecedented rush on Saturday morning, leading to the death of a 30-year-old man who got caught up in the crowds. At least four others — two men and two women, including the deceased's brother — fainted due to suffocation.

The deceased Ankitkumar Birendra Singh was administered CPR by police officials present at the spot but could not be revived. Railway officials said Singh was carrying a reserved ticket and heading home for the Chhath festival.

Western Railway officials informed that the bereaved family would be given ex-gratia compensation of Rs 10 lakh. "Police have registered a case of accidental death, and the body has been sent for postmortem," said a GRP official.

Among the four who fainted, Singh's brother Ramprakash (40) and another woman, Suija Prajapati (40), were admitted to SMIMER hospital for treatment, where their condition was stated as stable. TNN

Row over minor's rape takes political turn in poll-bound Raj

Congress Govt In State Stands For 'Rapists Bachao': BJP

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PTI

BJP cited some comments of Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot to accuse the state government of victim-shaming

New Delhi: A day after the rape of a five-year-old Dalit girl by a sub inspector in Dausa district of poll-bound Rajasthan, BJP on Saturday lashed out at the Ashok Gehlot dispensation, saying the crime reflected the "poor" law and order situation in the state where "perpetrators of such heinous crimes have become fearless" due to the inaction of the authorities.

At a press conference, BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla questioned the silence of Congress leaders over the gruesome crime and said while the Centre believes in "beti bachao" (save daughters), the Gehlot-led government stands for "rapists bachao". He alleged that the rising number of cases of atrocities against women and children, including those involving police and government officials, pointed to rapists having "high confidence" in the state.

The BJP spokesperson alleged that the FIR was registered only after protests erupted amid efforts to save the guilty and remove evidence. The state government's action is marked by incompetence and connivance, he said.

Protectors have become predators because the state government has a "pro-active" and institutional system to help save rapists, he alleged, adding that family members of some Congress leaders have been involved in brutalisation of women. "This is the guarantee of the Congress government in Rajasthan," he said.

Alleging that Rajasthan had become number one in cases of atrocities against women and Dalits, he also cited some comments of Gehlot and minister Shanti Dhariwal to accuse the government of "victim-shaming". Taking a jibe at Congress' Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who had come up with slogan "ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon", Poonawalla said women in Rajasthan are asking "ladki hoon, bach sakti hoon?"

BATTLEGROUND RAJASTHAN

Assembly elections are due in Rajasthan on November 25.

The BJP spokesperson also referred to the recent controversial comments made by Congress ally Nitish Kumar in the Bihar assembly where the CM was highlighting his government's efforts to bring down fertility rate. Congress and other opposition parties suffer from this "Nitish mindset" in their stand on women-related issues, Poonawalla added.

Cop accused of raping girl arrested, axed from job

Jaipur: A 54-year-old Rajasthan police sub-inspector, identified as Bhupendra Singh, lost his job late on Saturday following his arrest in Dausa for allegedly raping the five-year-old daughter of a junior police personnel the day before.

On the directions of DGP Umesh Mishra, Jaipur range IGP Umesh Dutta issued an order terminating the accused SI from the police service, an officer said.

Singh was assigned to a flying squad involved in operations related to the November 25 assembly elections, and was suspended immediately after his arrest on Friday. An FIR has been registered under IPC section 376 (rape), Pocso, and provisions in the SC/ST Prevention Act as the girl belongs to the Dalit community.

Singh has been accused of raping the girl in the house he rented in the Rahuwas police station area, where hundreds of villagers gathered following the discovery of the alleged crime. BJP Rajya Sabha MP Kirori Lal Meena alleged that local police tried to avoid writing the complaint. TNN

M&M Q2 PAT up 6% to ₹2,348cr, revenue grew 15% year-on-year

Mumbai: Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on Friday said its consolidated profit after tax grew 6% to Rs 2,348 crore in the September 2023 quarter.

The Mumbai-headquartered company had posted a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 2,209 crore in the July-September period of the last fiscal, M&M said in a statement. The company's revenue grew 15% year-on-year to Rs 34,436 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal, it added.

The company said it has witnessed a robust performance across all businesses, except Tech Mahindra, impacted by weak demand and exits from non-core accounts.

It is expecting the domestic tractor market growth to be flat this fiscal against an estimate of a low-single-digit growth earlier.

Tech Mahindra had a tough quarter. The company is now initiating the transformation journey in the business, he added.

In the automotive sector, the company said, its revenue grew 20% year-on-year to Rs 18,869 crore in the July-September quarter.

"We delivered yet another robust performance in this quarter. We have maintained our SUV revenue market share at 19.9% while further improving our auto standalone PBIT margins," M&M Executive Director and CEO (Auto and Farm Sector) Rajesh Jejurikar said at the company's post-earnings call.

He said that raw material prices have softened somewhat but they are not yet anywhere near the 2019-2020 commodity price levels in auto and farm business. PTI

American on road trip in India dies in accident

Haridwar: A 30-year-old US citizen, Corbin Michael, was found unconscious in a pit on the Haridwar-Delhi highway near Patanjali Yogpeeth, police said on Friday, reports **MS Nawaz**.

The accident took place on Thursday when Corbin, a resident of California, was coming to Uttarakhand on a bike he had taken on rent from Delhi.

Indications are Corbin was overspeeding and lost control of his bike, said Bahadurabad SHO

SHO of Bahadurabad police station, Naresh Rathore, told **TOI**, "The man was shifted to a private hospital where he died during treatment. It is not clear whether he was hit by a vehicle but indications are he was overspeeding and lost control of the bike. The body has been sent for postmortem and the US embassy has been informed for further action."

Corrigendum

The report on HC staying graft probes entrusted to ex-CBI officers carried in **TOI**'s edition dated November 11 erroneously mentions Punjab government in the headline instead of Haryana government. The error is regretted.

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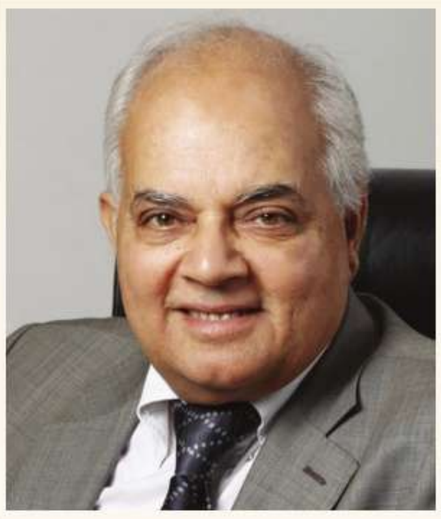

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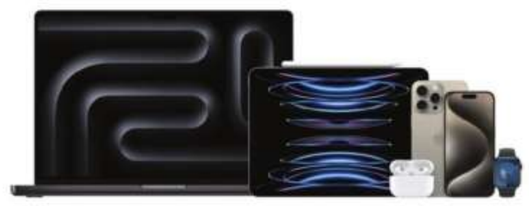

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2.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (extended)	25/11/2023 : 02:00 P.M.
3.	Online Technical e-Bid opening date and time (extended)	28/11/2023 : 02:00 P.M.

A detailed Corrigendum in this regard will follow this Extension Notice.
Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain same.

NO: IT&CD/ExtensionNotice/J/192-96
Dated: 08-11-2023
DIP No:DIP/J-3895-P/23/10.11.2023

-Sd/-
Executive Engineer
IT&C Division, JPDCL, Jammu.

Office of the Superintending Engineer
Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr

No-8058/96M(iv)-BSR Circle/2022-23 Dated: 02.11.2023

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Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakh)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (In Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
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EAM on 5-day visit to UK, to hold talks with Cleverly on boosting ties

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Jaishankar and Cleverly are expected to explore the possibility of a visit this year by PM Rishi Sunak to conclude the negotiations for a free trade agreement, said the government in a statement

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar on Saturday embarked on a five-day visit to the UK, looking to provide a fresh impetus to the growing bilateral ties. He is expected to hold discussions with his counterpart James Cleverly and other dignitaries during the visit.

Jaishankar and Cleverly are expected to explore the possibility of a visit later this year by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak amid efforts to conclude the ongoing negotiations for a free trade agreement.

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Table I

01	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	**09.11.2023**
02	Date of downloading of bidding documents	**From 10.11.2023 (10.00 AM) To 24.11.2023 up to (02:00 p.m)**
03	Bid Submission Start date	**10.11. 2023 From 10.00 AM**
04	Date of Pre-bid meeting	**18.11.2023 (at 02:00 pm)** In the Office of the :- Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal/Sgr. (HQ: Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal)
05	Last date of submission of bid Queries	**21.11.2023 up to 03.00 PM**
06	Bid Submission end date	**24.11.2023 up to 02.00 PM**
07	Date & time of opening Bids (Technical Cover)	**25.11.2023 at 11.30 AM** In the Office of the :- CHIEF ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPARTMENT KASMIR HQ : ENGINEERING COMPLEX SILK FACTORY ROAD RAJBAAGH SRINAGAR KASHMIR

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer PHE RWS Division Ganderbal /Sgr (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal) I (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st) **& all other requisite documents mentioned in the Detailed / Uploaded Tender document of the Project work.** Bids will be opened in the Office of the **Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Kashmir (HQ: Engg. Complex Rajbagh Srinagar Kmr) on 25.11.2023 at 11:30 AM.** If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue:

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Er. Samiullah Beigh
Executive Engineer, JS (PHE)
RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

Buses collide head-on in TN, 6 killed

Tirupattur: Six persons, including a woman, died and more than 60 were injured in Tamil Nadu on Saturday morning, when a state transport corporation bus jumped the median and collided head-on with a private bus on the Chennai-Bengaluru national highway, at Chettiappanur near Vaniyambadi town in Tirupattur district.

Police said the driver of the State Express Transport Corporation bus, on its way from Bengaluru to Chennai, lost control and veered into the opposite lane, leading to the collision. The two bus drivers were among four persons who died instantly.

A highway patrol team and cops from Vaniyambadi taluk police station rushed the injured to the government general hospital, where two passengers died. More than 25 injured passengers were referred to Vellore government medical college hospital. TNN

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MP election to decide fate of Bharat too: Shah

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Amit Shah at a rally in Badnawar in MP's Dhar district on Saturday. After Diwali, Congress will be wiped out from the state, he said

Indore: The Congress will be wiped out in Madhya Pradesh, Union home minister Amit Shah said at multiple election rallies on Saturday and urged voters to "press the BJP button with so much force that the electric shock is felt in Italy."

Shah addressed rallies in Manawar, Badnawar, Ghaar and Depalpur and held roadshows in Manawar and Gandhwani.

"After Diwali, the Congress party, which sowed the seeds of corruption and dynastic politics, will be wiped out from MP. This election is not only about electing an MLA, it is about deciding the fate of Bharat and Madhya Pradesh. It is the election to decide whether, in the next five years, the reins of Madhya Pradesh and Bharat will remain in the hands of Rahul Gandhi's Congress or Modi Ji's BJP," Shah said.

"The Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath duo ruined Madhya Pradesh and made it a BIMARU state, pushing it into an era of darkness. But in 18 years the BJP brought transformative change to the state. On one hand, there is the 53-year-long rule of the Congress and on the other hand, there is the 18-year-long rule of the BJP," he said.

He accused Congress of hindering the construction of Ram Temple for 70 years. "Rahul Baba used to mock me, saying 'mandir wahi banaynege tithi nahi batayenge'. But today I am announcing the 'tithi'. It is January 22, 2024. But I know he will never visit the temple. The BJP government introduced the pilgrimage scheme but the Congress stalled it. When we formed the government again we re-introduced it. I have come here to say that once you form a BJP government here again we will take all of you to Ayodhya for pilgrimage in turns," he said.

"If you want to secure the nation then you have to form a Modi government at the centre and BJP government at the state. Sonia Gandhi has projected Kamal Nath as Congress leader. But will he work for your welfare? Never. He has only one goal in his mind — and that is making his son Nakul Nath the chief minister. On the other hand, Sonia Ji wants to make her son Rahul Gandhi the prime minister. The people who only work for their children can never do good for the nation," Shah said.

BJP pledges free ration, jobs, AIIMS-type hospitals in MP

Says No Family Will Remain Homeless

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BJP chief JP Nadda welcomes senior leader Akhand Pratap Singh Yadav, who joined the party in Bhopal on Saturday

Bhopal: Six days before polling, BJP national president JP Nadda on Saturday released the party's election manifesto, promising not only to continue the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for another five years, but also to provide pulses, mustard oil and sugar at concessional rates under the scheme.

The manifesto focuses on improving health facilities in the state by starting medical colleges in tribal districts and starting AIIMS-type Medical Sciences Institutes in every division. It also promises IIT-style Madhya Pradesh Institute of Technology. The party manifesto promises to provide at least one job or self-employment to every family.

At election rallies, PM Narendra Modi has repeatedly announced that the free ration scheme for the poor, which started during the Covid crisis and was scheduled to end in December 2023, will be extended for five years to benefit 80 crore people.

The manifesto also says that no family in Madhya Pradesh will remain homeless if the party returns to power. The BJP government will launch Chief Minister's Jan Awas Yojana, which will build houses for the poor along with the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The 1.30 crore beneficiaries of Ladli Behna Yojana will get priority in housing schemes, it says, adding that their monthly allowance will continue.

BATTLEGROUND MADHYA PRADESH

Beneficiaries of Ladli Behna Yojana and the Centre's Ujwala Yojana will get LPG cylinders at Rs 450, and financial assistance under Ladli Laxmi Yojana will be increased from Rs 1.43 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.

BJP has promised to spend Rs 3 lakh crore for the empowerment of tribals. The party promises free education till class 12 for all students from poor families. Now breakfast will also be served in government schools along with mid-day meals. Girls from poor families will get free education from nursery to post-graduation. If the party comes to power, BJP says it will construct six new expressways.

122 seats covered, Shivraj to campaign on Diwali too

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Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan lights lamp with his wife Sadhna Singh to celebrate Dhanteras on Friday (in pic). Voting in Madhya Pradesh is on November 17

Bhopal: The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh inherited 7,000 kms of potholed roads but is now building Metro rail networks in Bhopal and Indore, chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Saturday, aiming to show how his administration has transformed the state.

Now, Chouhan is burning up the miles on the road and in the air as he races the clock to cover all 230 constituencies in the state.

With four days to go for the end of campaigning, chief minister Chouhan has covered 122 constituencies over the past month. A close aide said that Chouhan aims to cover 180 seats before campaigning draws to a close on the evening of November 15. Voting in MP is on November 17.

Chouhan is campaigning on Diwali, as well. His schedule shows he will address four election meetings in Malthon (Khurai), Berasia (Bhopal), Kukshi (Dhar) and Udhamkhedi (Sarangpur), said the aide, adding that he addressed 11 election meetings on Dhanteras after which he spent the evening shopping in Bhopal's Chowk Market with 'Ladli Behnas'. There are days when he has campaigned at 8-10 places.

Before the model code of conduct came into place on October 9, the chief minister had addressed meetings in 30 assemblies during Vikas Parv, which ran from July 15 to August 14, and attended women's conferences in 53 constituencies till October 4.

BRS, Congress & INDIA bloc anti-Dalit, says PM in T'gana

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi consoles Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi chief Manda Krishna Madiga, who got emotional during a public meeting in Secunderabad, Telangana, on Saturday

Hyderabad: PM Narendra Modi on Saturday targeted BRS, Congress and INDIA, saying they were anti-Dalit, and cited Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's outburst against his predecessor, Jitan Ram Manjhi, in the assembly.

"Look at the chief minister of Bihar (Nitish Kumar). He talks about suppressed communities. What did he do when there was an opportunity to make Ram Vilas Paswan a Rajya Sabha member? He did not support him. I could see the pain in the eyes of his son Chirag Paswan. Nitish Kumar even insulted a former chief minister of the state and a Dalit son, Jitan Ram Manjhi, in the assembly. Only BJP believes in social justice, this is the only government that believes in 'Sab ka saath sab ka vikas'," he said at a rally organised by the Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti in Secunderabad.

He criticised CM K Chandrasekhar Rao for not fulfilling the promise of making a Dalit chief minister during the Telangana agitation. "He occupied the chief minister's seat for nine years. Congress too does not favour Dalits. They defeated Babasaheb Ambedkar when he contested elections. They did not even announce a Bharat Ratna for him. His photo was not even displayed in Parliament's central hall. It was the BJP-led governments that brought change," Modi said.

BATTLEGROUND TELANGANA

Backing the Madigas' demand for sub-categorisation of scheduled castes, Modi pledged to rectify historical injustices, emphasising his commitment to social justice. "I know many governments in the past have promised many things, but nothing happened. I belong to the political class, and I am ready to atone for the sins they committed," he said.

"I am a supporter of this great struggle taken up by my younger brother, Manda Krishna Madiga (MRPS founder). I assure you that the government will make sure a committee will look into your justified demand. A court battle is going on, we will see that this committee assists you in all manner," he said.

In September, the government said in Rajya Sabha that out of 20 states and two Union territories, 13 states had opposed sub-categorisation. The issue is also pending in SC, where a bench of seven or more judges is expected to hear the case challenging the validity of sub-categorisation.

Modi's announcement, while addressing a specific regional demand, may have broader implications for the national discourse on reservations and the nuanced categorisation of SCs, igniting a debate that has simmered beneath the surface for decades. The concept of sub-categorisation emerged in 1975 when the Punjab government divided its 25% reservation for SCs and STs into two categories, allocating each half to specific groups.

However, this practice faced legal challenges, notably in 2006 when the Supreme Court invalidated a similar law in Andhra Pradesh. The court ruled that only the President had the authority to create sub-categories, and state legislatures lacked this power. The judgment emphasised that the Constitution views SCs as a homogeneous group, and treating people from the same group differently would violate the right to equality.

In 2006, Punjab passed another law and reintroduced the preference in reservation to Balmikis and Mazhabis. The Punjab and Haryana high court struck it down in 2010, and an appeal is pending in Supreme Court.

Didn't expect son to be made K'taka unit chief: BSY

Bengaluru: Veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said he did not expect that his son B Y Vijayendra would be appointed the party's Karnataka unit president, and he had never asked for it with the party leadership in New Delhi.

The former CM expressed confidence that Vijayendra will take every one in the party together to strengthen the organisation, and ensure that BJP wins more than 25 out of the total 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state, during the upcoming polls.

He said the final decision was taken by PM Modi, home minister Amit Shah and BJP national President JP Nadda. "I had no role in between."

The BJP on Friday appointed Vijayendra as its state unit president. He was until now the state vice-president of the party.

Responding to a question about Congress calling Vijayendra's appointment — a proof for 'dynasty politics' in BJP, Yediyurappa said, "Let them make such allegations, no issue. After travelling across the state and looking at the response of the people, let them react." PTI

No. A-41020/01/2023-Admn.III
Union Public Service Commission
(Administration-III Section)
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road,
New Delhi - 110069.
VACANCY

Union Public Service Commission invites applications from the Central Govt. servants who have retired as Assistant Section Officers or equivalent- level from any Ministry/ Department or its attached/ subordinate offices for preparation of panel for engagement as Consultants at Assistant Section Officer Level in the Office of UPSC. The last date for receipt of applications is November 20, 2023. For more details please visit **https://upsc.gov.in/.**

Sd/-
(R.K. Sinha)
Under Secretary (Admn.III)
Union Public Service Commission
CBC 55103/12/0014/2324

Tel : 0191-2476091 e-mail : tptcommissionerjk@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, J&K, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Proposals are invited from eligible Central/State/UT Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for selection of Implementation Agency for Development, Customization, Deployments & Management of Vehicle Location Tracking Platform (VLTP) for safety and enforcement as per AIS-140 in UT of Jammu and Kashmir under Nirbhaya Framework meeting minimum requirements of the Scheme issued by MoRTH under Communication No. RT-16011/1/2018-T, dated 15.01.2020 and amendments thereof, if any.

The detailed itemwise proposals covering Technical and Financial aspects within frame work notified by MoRTH vide scheme No. RT-16011/1/2018-T, dated 15.01.2020 along with running the said project for two years should reach in the office of Transport Commissioner, J&K, Jammu through Courier/Speed Post or e-mail by or before **20.11.2023 upto 5:00 PM** failing which no proposal shall be entertained under any circumstances.

The Central/State/UT PSUs which have already submitted their complete proposals in the recent past need not to submit the proposal again.

(Vinay Samotra), JKAS
Joint Transport Commissioner, J&K
Rail Head Complex,
Jammu-180012

No. TC/JK/Gen/495/2023/4510-12
Date : 09.11.2023
DIP No:DIP/J-11015/23/11.11.2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Mahesh S/o Sh. Hari Singh, R/o- Village- Palla, Tehsil Kama, Distt.- Bharatpur, Rajasthan** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 94/2021 U/s 279/304A IPC PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Mahesh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mahesh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mahesh** of case **FIR No. 94/2021 U/s 279/304A IPC PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **05.01.2024**

By Order,
Sh. Ankit Karan Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-08,
West, Room No. 30,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.

DP/12831/OD/2023 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sanjay** S/o Rajpal Singh R/o **1.** 554/1014, Bhim Wali Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi **2.** H.No. 33/18, Gali No. 16, Bhikam Singh Colony, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi **3.** 554A/1014, Bhim Wali Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, **4.** H.No. 727, Kadhi Chawal Wali Gali, Jheel, Khureji, Delhi **5.** H.No. 870, Mandir Wali Gali, 25 Feet Road, Harsh Vihar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence vide case FIR No. 08/2016 dated 05.01.2016 u/s 498A/506, IPC P.S. Mansarovar Park, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sanjay** cannot be found and whereas it has been show to my satisfaction that the **Sanjay** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 Cr.P.C. is hereby made that the **Sanjay** accused of FIR No. 08/2016 dated 05.01.2016 u/s 498A/506, IPC P.S. Mansarovar Park, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **12.12.2023.**

By Order: Ms. Nidhi Bala
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court-03)
Room No. 8, Karkardooma Court,
Shahdara, Delhi

DP/12888/SHD/23

Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Camp office, Jammu
E-mail :- sec.jkaacl@jk.gov.in.

No:- JKAACL/2023-24/2458 **Dated :- 11.11.2023**

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR J&K TABLEAUX-2024

J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages invites Expression of interest from the agencies empanelled by Government of India Ministry of Culture ZCC Section Vide No:- F.No.12-5/2023-ZCC and endorsed by MOD vide No:- 1(III)/1/2023/D(cer) dated : 10.11.2023 for the design and fabrication of the Jammu and Kashmir Tableaux for the year 2024. We are seeking innovative and skilled agencies with a deep understanding of the culture, history, and development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to create a tableau that will "Showcase **the theme**

"VIKSIT BHARAT"

SCOPE OF WORK :-

The selected agency will be responsible for :

1. Conceptualizing and designing the J&K Tableaux for the Republic Day Parade 2024.
2. Executing the fabrication of the tableau, ensuring attention to detail and adherence to quality standards as laid down by MOD.
3. Incorporating elements that showcase the cultural diversity, historical significance, and developmental achievements of Jammu and Kashmir.
4. Collaborating with our team to ensure that the final Tableaux aligns with the overarching theme and vision for the Republic Day Parade.

QUALIFICATION :-

Interested agencies should demonstrate :-

1. Previous experience in the design and fabrication of tableaux with a focus on cultural, developmental and regional representation.
2. A proven track record of understanding and successfully incorporating the cultural, historical, and developmental aspects of Jammu and Kashmir in their previous projects.
3. Creative and technical expertise in bringing concepts to life through the design and fabrication process.
4. Capacity to adhere to strict timelines and deliver a high-quality Tableaux within the specified timeframe.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Agencies interested in participating are requested to submit the following documents :-

1. A covering letter expressing interest in the project.
2. Company profile, highlighting relevant experience in designing and fabricating tableaux.
3. Portfolio showcasing previous projects, particularly those related to Jammu and Kashmir or similar cultural contexts.
4. Details of key team members involved in the design and fabrication process.
5. A brief note along with concept design of Tableau depicting the agency's approach to incorporating the cultural, historical, and developmental elements of Jammu and Kashmir into the Tableaux as per the theme **"VIKSIT BHARAT"**
6. The Financial bids in sealed envelopes for designing/ fabrication along with the cost of model /composition & recorded audio music track as per the theme may also be enclosed with the proposal.

The details of other terms and conditions are given in MOD letter No:-1(III) 1/2023/D (Cer) dated:-30.10.2023

Please submit your Expression of Interest along conceptual Design & financial bid by or before 14.11.2023 in the office of Secretary JKAACL Canal Road Jammu/ Lal Mandi Srinagar or at mail **sec-jkaacl@jk.gov.in.**

Late submissions will not be considered.

For any enquiry kindly mail on the above mentioned e- mail address.

(Bharat Singh) JKAS
Secretary

DIP No:DIP/J-3915-P/23/11.11.2023

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 3		
1.	Renovation of Janj Ghar Sector 23, Chandigarh. Head: NRB Est. Cost: Rs. 250.87 Lacs Earnest Money : Rs. 5,01,740/- Time Limit : 12 Months	10.11.2023 To 17.11.2023 upto 12.00 noon	17.11.2023 at 12.00 noon

Note:- All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website https://etenders.chd.nic.in

Executive Engineer
Roads Division No.3, Room No.311, M.C. Chandigarh Ph. 0172-5021482

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Short Term)

MHDJ/e-NIT 172 of 2023-24 **Dated: 09.11.2023**
Due : 23.11.2023

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

S. No	Description of work	Project Authority	Estt	AAA/ TS	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	Up-gradation of Surgical OT No-8 **(Room size 25'3"*20'10"*9'5" (Say 25.5'x21'x9.5')** and No-9 (Minor OT) with **room size 16'5"*14'4"*8'4" (Say 16.5'x14.5'x8.5')** at GMCH Jammu.	**Principal GMC & Associated Hospital Jammu**	108.15 LACS	ACCO-RDED	**Rs. 2,17,000.00** in the Shape of **CDR/ FDR/TDR valid for 12 months pledged** to the Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Jammu	**Rs 3000.00** in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to **0059-PWD** (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal. **OR** The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account no. **0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospital Division Jammu** Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu **Branch Code:0097 IFSC code: JAKA0TNHALL MICR CODE: 180051025**	60 days	OEM/ Authorized /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure **"C"** Similar **nature** of work

THE NIT CONSISTING OF Qualifying INFORMATION, ELGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.jktenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospital Division
Jammu.

DIP No:DIP/J-11013/23/11.11.2023

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tel. 01972-223965 **Email - hp-ham@nic.in** **FAX-** 01972-222286 **Dated :- 09.11.2023**

CORRIGENDUM-I

The starting date for downloading bids, deadline date for submission of Bids and Date of opening of Technical bids for the following PMGSY-III (Batch-I) 2023-24 packages invited vide this office letter No. PW-SE-VIII/Tender-PMGSY-III/2023-24-8690-8720 dated 27-10-2023 and published in various news papers vide RO No. 3583/2023-24 (Classified) is hereby rescheduled on Administrative/Technical grounds which are now as under :-

Sr. No.	Package	Name of Road	Now may be read as			Remarks
			Starting date for downloading Bid	Deadline date for submission of Bid	Date of opening of Technical Bid	
1 (FDR)	HP03174	T07-Harsan lagwan Chheorin Kakriar Road	--	--	--	Online Tenders shall be called separately.
	HP03173	T01-Gandiana to Badhtar road				
	HP03171	T10-Bassi Sarkaghat road				
	HP03172	T09-Jhanikar Badahar road				
	HP03163	T03-Barsar vai Neri to Gujrera Road				
	HP03164	T02-Barsar to Chambeh				
2 (Others)	HP03179	T11-Chouri Ranger Dhail Road	20.11.2023 from 6:00 PM	18.12.2023 at 5:00 PM	19.12.2023 at 11:30 AM	--
	HP03175	MRL03-Chabutra Amroh Road				
	HP03177	T03-Nihari Buhli road				
3 (Others)	HP03180	MRL06-Purli to Bhariyan di dhar road	20.11.2023 from 6:00 PM	18.12.2023 at 5:00 PM	19.12.2023 at 11:30 AM	--
	HP03181	T13-Maheshkwal road				
	HP03178	T03-Main road Jandru to Mehali Bridge via Mehalro				
4 (Others)	HP03176	T02-Hawani Baffrin Narsin Khandera road	20.11.2023 from 6:00 PM	18.12.2023 at 5:00 PM	19.12.2023 at 11:30 AM	--
	HP03183	T12-Patta Gadola Awah Devi road				
5 (CTB)	HP03170	T01-Hamirpur to Baru	20.11.2023 from 6:00 PM	18.12.2023 at 5:00 PM	19.12.2023 at 11:30 AM	--
	HP03168	T04-Hamirpur Bhoranj Jahu Road				
	HP03169	T05-Lambloo Dabrera road				
	HP034565	MRL01-Barara to Bakkar khad via Patnaun road				
6 (CTB)	HP03165	T07-Bhatta Salauni Deotsidh Road	20.11.2023 from 6:00 PM	18.12.2023 at 5:00 PM	19.12.2023 at 11:30 AM	--
	HP03166	T05- Dhaneta Barsar road				
	HP03167	T02-Paniyali Kashmir road				

(i) Time, date & place of Pre-Bid Meeting :- Please refer tender document as and when uploaded.

(ii) Eligibility :- Eligible and approved Contractors registered with HP PWD, in the appropriate class (A) or equivalent category in CPWD/ MES/ Railways and other State Govt. and Central Govt. Departments. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Rest of the terms and condition will remain unchanged.

Superintending Engineer,
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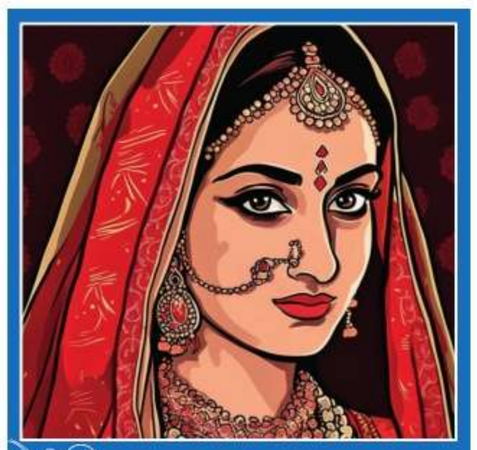

WANTED BRIDES

BY CASTE

AGARWAL-BISA

SM4 H'some 2 Singhal boys both B.Tech, MBA, wkg MNC in NCR, 5'8", 1st 5.3.92 N/M 21 LPA. 2nd Mglk 25.6.93, 20 LPA, Seeks qlfd wkg girl 9811167826

PQM4 Mittal H'some boy 1989, 5'8" Btech NITK + US MBA, wkg Ggn, PwC 50 lpa, Fbd based affluent family, M-7428412009

SM4 Aggarwal Boy only son 1985, 5'8", Divorcee, own House Delhi, Highly Placed in Gurgaon MNC, B.E. NSIT MBA FMS, Mob:9810136685.

29/5'10 B.TECH - IIT MS wrkng with google 1Cr Above father Indust.CasteNoBar, no dowry, rich fmly #9685785503 Email: matbsp1@gmail.com

FIRST attempt CA & CPA, LLB, 30.5.95, 9 AM Delhi, 5'8", affluent Garg fmly based CA practice,400 sqyd kothi,Pref CA girl, prof fmly. W.A- 9811275735

PQM4 nvr married tall h'some Boy, Dec. 88/180cm/ MBA Mngr big4 consulting, Toronto. Noida bsd family, Father Retd. Prof., IIT.Visiting Dec. W'App: 9810204943

B.TECH boy Jan 88/5'5/60Kg/Wkg Biz Head 22LPA Father Retd seeks Prof Qual homely girl #9822204788 agarwalak9@gmail.com

SMART Agarwal, Boy 30/166 cms, B. Tech (IIT), MBA (IIM) Working in MNC, Package- 70+ LPA well reputed family, Seeks qualfd. & B'ful Girl# 7351001184

28/5'10"B.TECH IIT,MBA IIM,Sr.Mng MNC,91LK+ Father Mfg.Ind'lst Aflunt Family,caste no bar,no dowry 9307349193 E: agsagl21@gmail.com

UP bsd Agwl boy Dec.82/ 5'8" B.Tech MBA,I'less Div Wrkg MNC Gurgaon 28 LPA Stld in Delhi Seeks bride # 9871032142 E: agarwaldelhi07@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

BRIDE sought for '89 born boy from Mumbai, working abroad as software engineer. Belongs to a well educated, cultured north Indian brahmin family. Contact +91 9968282116

46/170 cms Sanadhya Brhm. H'some, Never married, lives in NCR. Doing b'ness seeks family oriented, edu. working girl. Cont: 9840335199, 9871790866 seshadribhavana@gmail.com

SANADYA Brahmin H'some B.Tech. MBA, I'Less Divorcee 36/5'8" Ghaziabad Based, Own Business Seeks B'ful Suitable Qualified Girl Cont: 9810130828

USA based 35yr, 5'7", with master's degree in computer science currently working as software developer. Seeking vegetarian girl who is already or willing to settle in USA. Contact: 8839414714

SM4 Delhi Based Brahmin M.Tech Boy 28/5'8"/18LPA Wkg in reputed MNC, Pref Wkg Girl, Mobile No - 9250147208

PQM for KKB Boy (B Tech, Fin Analyst) 6ft born 20.06.1996, Invest.Banker in HSBC bank in Bangalore Father ret.exec from PSB # 9930127567, 8860374549

SM for handsome, smart brahmin boy from very reputed doctors family doing DM after MD 5'10".Medico PG preferred. 9669664560, 9131069378

1992/5'10 B.TECH IIT,M.S (Eng), Software Devp. 1Cr + Father Defnc Oficer ,Elite Famly,caste no bar, 8329144307 E: s9ar7m@gmail.com

MAHARASHTRIAN brahmin boy 32/6'0" Sr. Sftr Engr MNC Hyderabad 45 LPA MP Origin Seeking any Brahmin Girl, father Class I officer. Mob - 9425339204

SM for Netherlands based Brahaman Boy, B-Tech, MBA, July 87 born, '6-1", working in MNC. Father & Mother retired from Govt service. 9911133399.

KKB, 1987/6'0" MBA, 14+ LPA, Financial Services, NCR Based, Divorce Under Process, Pref. Working Girl Reqd. Contact : 9170006440

BENGALI Brahmin boy 30/5'4",B.TechME working in Healthcare sector 8LPA,seeking well educated girl#9927054666

SM4 Tyagi Boy 34/5'10", MCA own Renowned Coaching (Meerut) 45lpa all Bhramins Reputed family. 9760594221,W.A#8791253201

SANADYA NM 1992/5'10" Antya nadi B.Tech (Civil) MBA wrkg MNC Noida. Parents retd class-I Officer Lko..seeks b'ful edu. wkg girl M: 9452778509

SUT Empld M4 Delhi Gr Br Vats N Mglk Bachelor Boy Age abt 31/5'8" BE(H) BITS Pilani, ASO Delhi Govt, (Gr-B) Father Adv Mother Tchr Sibling Yngr Sis Admn Big4 WA 9355621818

SANADYA Brahman 30/5'10" B.Tech, M.Tech, IIT Kanpur, Ph.D (Vancouver). Seeks Ph.D, B.Tech, MBA Girl. Mob. 9415077161

NORTH Brah. hnds 80/ 6' 2"/ issueless div MBA Project Manager sett. in A'bad Edu. fly req. bride grad/pg from similar backgr min ht 5'6" WA 9824315398

M4 aadi nadi h'some NM boy Adv own prac. earn. 6 fig. CS (Ex) MBA LLM 5'10", 23.3.1987, 6:22AM, Del. W'App 8130072844 , vksharma9101951@gmail.com

ALLIANCE Invites Proposals for their Son, CKP Age 32, Height 6', VEG, PG in JOURNALISM, Handsome, staying at Noida, working as Sr Executive at GK2, Media seeks Alliance from Brahmin Girl. Contact: 8979292360, 9820310886

WRITER at Times Now July 87/5'7 Wkg Noida 20 LPA Upper Middle Class Family Seeks Prof. Qual. Girl 7275344173, 9910055329

KUMAONI Br B.tech premier inst. 30/5'8.5" 40Lpa, Sr mngr MNC Dli qlfd fmly, Fthr chairman psu, Mthr Dr seeks prof qlfd Br grl #9810698009.

26 Y Brahmin boy 6 Ft Fair Complexion, Non-Manglik, B.Tech, IIM-L, Director in NCR based logistics company. Mob. 9717752627

T'TTLR veg boy5'8"/05.01.19 92,4am B.Tech M.Tech UPSC, CL1 Gzttd officr wkg AEE SD E(Civil) in PWD Chd. pref. Br veg.T'ttlr wkg grl #7011995105

SM for Brahmin Boy 6'/8 Feb-1994, 11:00PM, B.Tech in CS, SSE in MNC Noida 30 LPA, father retd from AF.Girl preferred from NCR 8527148788

KKB 28/6'/15 LPA, B.Tech (CS) MBA, H'sme boy wrkg in MNC. Ggn seeks b'ful Prof. Qlfd. wkg girl (M) 9452465052, neelabh4032@gmail.com

GR Br Boy 35/5'8 B.Tech, 34 LPA, owns business.owns Rented property.Well educated& settled family.seeking educated girl. Call/Whatsapp 9810052638

M.TECH boy KKB 16/12/91 5'11" working in German Co. Gujrat. Lucknow based family. Preference working girl. Early marriage.M:9463515178

PQM4 North Brahmin boy,6'1",Oct'91,H'some, B.A(Hons) LL.B, LL.M(UK), Ph.D(Law) Scholar, legal profession, bsd in Mumbai, preferably well qlfd LL.M, above 5'7" tall girl in legal field, vegetarian, with values from cultured status fly. Cont & whatsapp 98192 34064.

SM4 Saraswat Brahim boy 5'9" aug1987, BSc (CS), wkng in india (U.S.A firm as Head of success 'web develop.) 94Lpa, caste9bar,w'ap/call 9811865868

SM4 Kumaoni Brahmin B.Tech Jan' 86/ 5'6" I'less Divorcee, Wrkg. MNC NCR. Seeks Qlfd. B'Ful Grl. Send details: W'app: 8745813737

B.TECH MBA (IIT) non-manglik Br.Boy 29/5'7" MNC GGN 15 LPA ftr retd Dy Dir Gen Dlh NCR ,prer BHMS girl BHP Srv Br #+91 88009 08497.

WANTED BRIDE
For Fair, Handsome Brahmin Boy, Born 1991, 5'8". MBA from prestigious Stanford University (USA), BTech (CSE) from NIT (Double Gold Medalist). Heading Family Business - Central India's Oldest and Largest Higher Education Group of Engineering, Pharmacy, Management etc. Colleges and Universities; Multiple Industries and Companies. Bhopal based Nuclear family of IITians/IIMians.
Mob.: 7987594345
dr.sharma1141@gmail.com

GARHWALI

Suitable Match 4 Garhwali Rajput Boy. June 1996./ 5' 8" / MBA. Own Business. Well Settled and Reputed Family. Girl must be high educated and Well culture from North Indian family.
ssrana909@gmail.com
Cont: 9837048623

JAISWAL

KASHYAP Jaiswal Fair Boy, 91/5'8", B.Tech, own business seeks SM well edu, working girl, reputed family, caste no bar. Call 9899955473

JATAV

JATAV 30/5' 10", fair H'some B.Tech NIT Bhopal, MBA Manager in MNC (Delhi) 24 LPA seeks well educated working girl. Contact 7550069363, 8989046586.

KAYASTHA

M.TECH DTU, B.Tech(BIT) MESRA Both GOLD MED, Smart 30Yrs./6'2" Wrkg with Top US based MNC in Noida, 30 LPA, firmly rooted in family Values, Seeks PQM from girl with similar qualities. Father R'td. Sr. Central Govt. Offcr. 9810470681, 9350086929

LOOKING Kayastha girl for Mathur h'some boy Aug. 1987/5'10' BE/MBA Wkg. Sr. Manager 1CICI bank (large corporate sector) 9893764423

SRIVASTAVA 27/5'7" Lko based family Software Engineer MNC B'lore seeks Smart Engineer match. Sub Cast No Bar. # 9651086392 , 9044195540

BTECH PGDIT boy Jan85/5'6 Wkg MNC 40LPA Seeks Prof Qual Girl. Father Rtd, Mother housewife, Married Elder Sister, LKO based family 9565294567/9565789582

KAYASTHA h'some BTech boy 30yrs 6feet wrkg IT MNC Noida 25LPA Father Engr(retd DGM PSU) seeks Prof wrkg girl castenobar wtsapp#9205201705

SM4 Sinha boy 5'8"/93 V.fair B.Tech M.S. Fin IVY LEGUE USA wkg in global investment bank Chicago. Affluent famly Allahabad # 9415289981

DELHI based Boy, 96/5'6" 16LPA, PG Hospitality, MBA. Working in Gurgaon, Non Veg. Father Brahmin ,Mother Kayastha, Upper Cast no bar. Seeks working girl #9899710966/9873365051

PQM B'ful wkg girl for H'some kayastha Delhi Boy 5'7 32 yrs Non Mglk Btech MBA wkg Top MNC High Package Caste no bar 7769099996, 9599113383 matrisaransh@gmail.com

B'FUL edu girl pref convent Teacher & Lko citizen for Saxena April 91/5'11" smart PNB Manager B.Tech CS MBA Finance London Father Retd Class I Ofcr #9415106327

PQM for Smart Fair H'some kayastha/B.E/(Civil)/PGDM (NICMAR) 30/5'5" MNC Plng Mgr.Good Package Upper Caste No Bar M: 8957793020

SM for 10.1.1989/6'2"/11.06 AM Lko, Saxena boy LLM (NALSAR Hyd.) well estblshd practice in Lko. Father Retd. IFS Pref. V eg. M: 7380502999

HIGHLY qualified doctor 5'10,Nov'86,wrkg Oxford(UK):9425530622, npg.ngm@gmail.com

PNB Officer posted in Delhi (transferrable pan India) smart ,never married 33yrs/165cm/72kg ,fair Anshik Manglik from decent family is seeking suitable match. Ph 9999970765/8929855272

KYSTA boy Nvr marid 78/5'8 Qulfd. Hospitality Prfsnl (UK) seeks b'ful educated girl, Vstng India frm 09-30 Nov. Em: gurv78@gmail.com M 9711305722/19.

SAXENA July'94/ 5'8" h'some MCA wkg as Analyst with HCL Tech Lko. seeks PQ beautiful working girl W.App /Call: 9451123615, 7668023615

PQM4 bright,young bachelor, b.tech, hod, reputed ncr software co, 5,11", slim, 39+, wellplcd delhi-bsd saxena fmly, whp-7838306690.

PQM 4 B.Tech MBA Sriv NM h.some boy June 1988/5'7" Sr. Mngr. rptd. MNC Bnglr, 25 lpa wrkng girl pref. 9415368897 ucmarriage@gmail.com

SM4 Smart fair Boy B.Tech. ,MBA Manager in Reputed Firm 10 LPA Sep 93/5'6" Contact No. 9412118316 & 9760777005

SRIV . Feb 88/5'7" M.Tech. E&TC Ph.D (IIT Roorkee) wkg with IMEC Worldwide Leader in R&D in Netherland,seeks well edu.girl.Mob:8709907166

MATHUR Mglk Div 38/ 5'7" MCA, IT MNC currently in USA, NCR Family seeks PQM in India/ USA. Send BHP to-alliance1423@gmail.com

BTECH EE IIT GoldMedal MS wkg in US, 97/6'2", TT 1.9 CrPA. Father Army Offr wntd PQ homely match pfbly CS/EE from repute Institute. WA:9561854762

PQM4 Mathur boy Nov92 5'11" BTech, wkg MNC Bglr, 20+Lpa. Fthr retd Sr offcr. Seeks wkg girl prfb govt job. All upr cast wlcm. M: 9716531842, 9899551842

KHATRI

SM4 for NM- Khatri Boy, Delhi-NCR 36/5'6", B.Tech, WKG MNC Noida, 31 LPA (9873725005, 8810241981)

H'SOME Walia (Khatri) Boy, 28/5'11", B.Tech (CS), Wkg. in Europe based IT company near South of Spain, Pkg. 75 Lakh PA. Seeks B'ful. & Prof. Qual. Girl. Mob. 9478487092

B.TECH Khatri Boy NOV89 6FT IT Professional 37LPA Gurgaon from Rohtak Contact 9896495040

BRIDE WANTED
Reputed well established Khatri Punjabi business family of Jamshedpur seek match for their (clean shaven) boy 34/6'0" very handsome, very fair, convent educated, software engg., MBA having own business. Looking for a very beautiful, very fair, convent educated, non manglik girl of a reputed family. No dowry will be accepted.
CONTACT
6207121650
1988jamshedpur@gmail.com

KSHATRIYA

B. Tech Rajput handsome boy April 95/5'8" Wkg MNC Bengaluru 25 LPA,Parents own hotel & shop in Shimla, Flat in Zirakpur. Seeks PQM, Send BPH, Whatsapp 9805510115

KSHATRIYA (Vats) 27/5'9", Adv.-High Court, Lko. upper middle class family boy seeks well edu., wkg girl. Mob: 93359-13308, E:advsuryak@gmail.com

KUMAUNI

M4 Faridabad based Kumauni Brahmin Boy 28/ 5'7" /MBA, Own business HQ-Delhi Branch-Bglore. Father Wkg PSU # 9818106415

SWARNKAR

SWARNKAR 32/5'8" Sr. Sftwr Engr., Ireland(Dublin), Annual income in 8 digits seeks b'ful well edu. Girl, pref. wrkg Girl Caste no bar. Mobile- 9621843796

TAMIL IYER

TAMIL IYER Vadama, 27yrs B.Tech MSc(UK),working in London, seeks Tamil Brahmin girl working in UK. Subsect No Bar. Mob - 80560 88260

VAISH

JAIN Smart Boy 31/5'11" B.Com, LLB, Own Business in Lucknow, well Family. Seeks B'full well Edu/Cultured,Veg.Girl.#8127517777(W)

YADAV

YADAV Boy May'95, 6'1", B. Tech, MS from Canada, Vegetarian habits, settled in Canada. ayadav0089@gmail.com , 7009743545, 9779012755.

YADAV Boy Divorcee Age 40 Ht 5"10' B.Tech Sr. Manager MNC Noida 38LPA WhatsApp #7302066753

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

SM4 H'some tall Jain 36/6', Director MNC GGN 80LPA. issueless divorcee, Delhi bsd affluent business family, 9810696255

PQM for h'some 29/5'7" boy. Affluent, educated family in South Delhi. SW engr US MNC 45LPA. Seeks qualified working girl. sahil.ag@hotmail.com

REMARRIAGE. Male 48/ 171 cm,Aggarwal,UAE res.CA employed.seeking alliance from family oriented educated Em: shubhmatri@yahoo.com

PQM4 Agarwal Mittal 5'8", 17.11.1992 B.Tech MBA wkg in MNC Mumbai 35Lpa belongs to reputed fmly seeks qlfd. girl. Contact (M): 7018783310

SEEKS beautiful slim fair educated girl for Mittal never married 42/5'9" B.Com, MBA working MNC 10Lpa. Cast no bar. Mobile : 8765583539.

1995/ 6'0", BTech, MS in CS (USA), Working in SF, USA, Seeks working Girl/ Ready to relocate to USA, WhatsApp-9909925337

NM Garg boy 5'10" Well estd fmly, 27-4-90, No smoke drink Law Grad. Family Business of properties at Delhi Gurgaon Panipat. # 9896446064

HSOME Jain/Goel 5'7/68kg, BE(E&C) Sr. Engg Mgr/+75 Lpa US MNC, Live/work in Noida. 21.5.74/4pm/Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

BRDE for Agarwal boy 31/5'8" posted in Mumbai RBI Grade B DR Ofcr B.Tech, NIT Bhopal, fair pref wkg in Public/Finance/Banking Contact: 9450465729, 8707590985

MALE 46/170cm,Agarwal family,Gurugram resident,lawyer, self-practice, financially sound. Seeking alliance from family-oriented educated girl Em: lagnmatri@yahoo.com

Beautiful PQM For H'some Gupta boy sep 89 Meerut 5'6"/MBA Enterprenour well settled Mumbai Affluent Family
Share BHP
W 9219660359/60
rras2012@gmail.com

WANTED GIRL
Professional/Qualified Match for Teetotaler Handsome Boy, 78 born, 167cm, from Agrawal Jain Family, MBBS Delhi, MD Medicine, USA. Working as Doctor in USA, Belongs to Doctors Family, Never married. At present in Delhi.
matrimonyindia2023@gmail.com
+91-9650510142
+91-9667738113
USA number
+14435976541

ARORA

PROF. Qualified bride for fair, handsome Arora boy (31/5'8") Sr. Software Engr. Wkg in Mnc Noida, Well Settled 9501050117

JAT

BRIDE for 28, Jat boy, Tall 6 B Tech, Comp Sc, California Univ, USA, Software Engg, working in Germany. Father IFS, Jt Secy. Ph 9717698410, dr.omchaudhary@gmail.com

JAT 29/5'8" working in top e-comm. company. B.Tech & M.B.A. from premier inst., well known, educated, affluent business family. Residing in GZB for last 6 decades. Looking for like-minded & educated match. Avoid Rana / Malik. Cont. 7048981997, 8766368481 (caste no Bar)

M4 Jat ,26 June 82, 5'11" BA, PGD Banking Operations. Branch Manager HDFC Bank. Originated from UP now Gurgaon Based, Father Retd.DIG, avoid Badhautia/ Sirohi M-9953262664

SM4 S.Delhi bsd boy 37/5'10 MBA(Symb) wrkd with Big4 in India/Doha. Now in Int'l Bank as VP in Canada (PR) seek wkg prof of rptd/edu fmly. Panwar, Kadyan, Dalal. # 9810280462.

SM4 S. Del bsd H'some Jat boy 88/5'10 B.Tech/MBA woking in Germany, father retd CL-1 Offr. seeks wkg prof. reptd/edu fmly Avd Tomar, Bhola.# 9873468615

31/6'1"/ BTech(VIT)/ LLB(IIT)/ Corp Lawyer. Delhi based educated Jat family. Seek working PQM. 9625815325/vgmts1@gmail.com

JAT PQM4 H'some Feb87/ 5'5" Bijnor PhD, Asst. Professor in Haridwar. Avoid Deol, Lehal. W'ap/call: 7500010005, 9719049548

RAJPUT

***HINDU** Rajput* PC Army Officer, DOB Sep 1995, 6 ft ,fair, Athletic built, B Tech. Father Chief Engr Delhi Govt , Settled in Noida#89207 83394 (Mother)

RAJPUT qualified girl for Pune based, Aug 88/6ft tall Boy. PG Marketing from Pune, Self employed as real estate consultant, 25 lacs p.a. call: 9920077134

RAJPUT 31/6'1" Lawyer (NLU) worked in top Law Firm, running own Law Firm with father (Retd IRS) in Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi. High net worth family of Eastern UP # 8335958187

SM4 Pundir Rajput 29/6'0", B.Tech, MBA, working Google Ireland Seeking well edu tall b'ful girl, father retired class-I Officer. Contact: 9999288553

TALL B'ful Educated Rajput Girl for H'some Bisen Rajput Boy 6 feet /BBA / 93 Born Running School in Delhi. Contact # 9891753870

BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

DOCTOR/MS optha/90/5-10/working in Dubai Hospital/Hindu/Sunar/Jewellers/ph9871949199

SM for 6'2", 38 yr, MBBS, MS General surgery, Early marriage & only seriously interested call, Cast no bar, 9826500805

SM 4 Srivastava Doctor Boy Feb 1995,5'7" MBBS(Serving in CAPF)Preference-MBBS girl (All/Kayastha/Upper caste) Mob-8126770999

SM for 1995, 6'0 Brahmin, doctor in paramilitary forces. Based in Jaipur. Seek medico/Paramilitary doctor Upper caste. Ph: 9079844486

Surgeon (DNB), MBBS (UCMS), SR Delhi. Aug'88, 5.8", H'some, Slim, Smart, Caring boy frm Punjabi Ad-Dharmi, Delhi bsd affluent fmly; seeks B'ful, Social, Cultured, proff'ly qual'd, pref. Medico match, frm wel edu'd fmly. Parents doctors. Caste no bar # 9811386820, 9711798887

IAS/ ALLIED SERVICES

PQSM4, Brahmin V. H'some Captain in Army 20 June 1996,162cm, 2 brothers fmly stld Del-NCR Send CV # 7982292431 Em: professsor66@gmail.com

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

SM4 Christian Boy 51 / 5'7" Bsd Agra / Noida. Own House, Car, B'ness Seeks Suitable I'less Girl. W'ap / Call: 99538 39245, caste no bar

HINDU

✔ **SM** for London based 40yrs/5'.9" boy. Divorced with no kids, B.E, MBA Hindu Kannada in MNC seeks beautiful, qualified, cultured girl from decent family. Contact: WhatsApp: +44-7438229032

WANTED qualified and working bride for June 1991 born Non B-Tech IT boy. Father Retired Executive Director Railways, Mother retired teacher. #9811750500

PUNJABI BOY 37/5'6" BS&MS US Wkg Sr.Eng in MNC on H1B. Family based in Delhi.Seeks b'ful qualified Non Veg. girl. Contact: 9838211542

BRIDE for Punjabi Khatri Merchant Navy officer, 30/5'3", 20 LPA, Living in Delhi-NCR & Pune, educated family, Contact Father # 9657707705

40 years/5'7" Unmarried PG groom, self Employed from Hyderabad with 25 Lakhs income Looking for bride. W'ap / Call: 9985637279

SM4 Fair, H'some, Veg. Sindhi Boy /30 /5'11" /Ph.D., MBA /Asst. Prof. Delhi University /Pref: Govt. Service, Lecturer or Teacher in Delhi. M:8447642264.

SM 4 Divorced CA Aggarwal boy (85 born), Girl preferably non working cont: matriagg2023@gmail.com

MUSLIM

BTECH+MBA, LKO SUNNI SHEIKH 35/ 5'11,OWN BUSINESS.FATHER RTD SR GOVT OFFICIAL 9559923982

SUNNI Syed Lko based family seeks Btfl Eductd prof girl from decent family, for 35 Hndsm boy UK Eductd Self-Employed - 9651642001

DATA Engineer (M.S.) based in US (32 yrs/ 5'10) from reputable Sheikh family from Lucknow seeks qualified match. Late Father rtd. Lecturer, Mother homemaker. Call/WhatsApp 9305697358, imran.kdc@gmail.com

USA/ SM Parents Seeking for Doctor H'some Son 6'/ 26 Yrs., a Well Educated Tall Girl 5'6" ft & above holding Islamic Values, from Respected Elite Muslim Family. WhatsApp Photo & Details to +1 (908) 367-0493

SM4 Sunni Syed Boy 39/5'10" Post- Doc,UK, PhD, MBA, Professor in Univ. Edu fmly, early mrg w.app.CV & Photo # 63987 49494 mhusain333@yahoo.com

SUNNI, 37year, 5'6", Sr Elec. Engineer in Qatar Energy seeks educated, beautiful, cultured match. 9599395748, 9582397579. Caste no Bar

BRIDE from Educated&Deeni Syed/Pathan/Sheikh family is required for handsome Boy, Govt. Employee from Zamindar family in Meerut. 9319844934

SIKH

AMARPAUL SINGH BHOGAL BORN:LONDON UK HEIGHT: 6:1" AGE :44 PROF:CHARTED ACCOUNTANT COMPLEX :FAIR CAST:RAMGARHIA CONTACT :9814792013

MATCH for Sikh H'some boy 30/5'8"/MBA, working MNC in Delhi, Package 56 LPA seeks Good looking Qulfd Girl. W'sap: 9871019504

SIKH boy 1996, 5'-9", B.Tech, working EY Gurgaon, 27.5 LPA, Chandigarh home town. Seeks professionally qualified girl. 99888-21050

GURSIKH in USA 29y 6ft well Edu Ambitious Software Engg kind hearted with Fmly values Seeks a Gursikh, Smart, Edu, Wkg, NRI girl. Call: 9810264842

SUITABLE Match for a very Good Looking 6' Tall, **Clean Shaven Sikh,** Delhi Based Bachelor, **Aged 34 years, Well Qualified,** Working in a reputed MNC. Income 24 LPA, **Girl preferably Sikh / Punjabi, below 32 yrs** from Delhi / NCR **Mobile : 9818321751.**

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

AVP IT MNC Bangalore, 5'11"/45, S/o Air Force Officer, Seeks Beautiful Cultured Girl, Caste No Bar 9989433355 JSM7212@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN Bengali, 42y, lawyer in Brisbane, seeks 25 - 32y educated, W App +918582987200, Kar.Brisbane@gmail.com

33/5'8 doctor dhobi boy only child of lawyer father n retd officer mother caste no bar 9826036504,9098493267

MATCH for 37/5'10" Vishwakarma,Bihari, MTech, Phd, Working in Intel, USA. #9472808695, Email dranan53@gmail.com

NIGAM kysth 1994/5'8" (lko) , B.Tech.+ M.S(Chicago) Wkg. in MNC(Chicago) Caste no bar, wel edu. Wkg girl (non mglk) 9450450011,9450502275

NRI GERMANY 54LPA IT-Security Professional, Punjabi-Hindu BOY Aug 94/5'10" seeks HOMEMAKER GIRL, contact: +91-8447067801 / +91-9211356977

B-TECH Boy Mar93/5'6 Wkg MNC Gurgaon 11.5-12.5LPA . Noida based, seeks Prof. Qual girl (Manglik), 8826456067, 7042147767

SM for MS Engineer 32 /5'6" fair,handsome Senior Position in MNC seeks slim,beautiful compatible match from decent family.phone: 8976495038.

SM 4 kayasth, 5'2"/ March' 83, B.Tech, MBA, Residing in US, Wife died of Kidney Cancer,Son aged 10 yrs.seeks a professional girl(USA preferred). 9835126790,8800522007.

SRIVASTAVA - 43/5'11" Handsome B.Com, PGD. Busi. Divorcee seeks Tall Edu. Girl. Early Marriage. Caste No Bar. 9305966147 (M) Whatsup.

HANDSOME Ht:5'10", Born: 85, CA, Working in Dubai. She is willing to work in Dubai, Edu: MBBS, CA, CS, BE. Prefer working Girl. We r Tamilian, C: 9518360267/ 7276379105

SM4 handsome Kayastha boy 84/6'2" BE-IT, MBA, Vice President in US bsd top investment bank, Mumbai. CTC 80.00 lacs. Contact: 8080586600, 9022404996

BUSS. H'some,convt'MBA.boy 90/5'10"GGN bsd fmly, Own Kothie/shop,fath'r retd.col. pref. delhi ncr bsd respt.cult. fmly Girl w'ap/call 9953307112

DELHI based h'some Punjabi boy 5'10" / 23 Dec 88. B.Tech wkg Wipro, 21 +LPA seeks well qlfd girl #9654813081, devindergosain@gmail.com

PQM 4 hindu, fair smart Feb 95/5'11" BE MBA-IIM B'galore AVP in rptd UK bsd bank Ggn Cast no bar, Seeks slim qlfd prof girl # 9717098440

SRIVASTAVA Boy/ 32/ 5'10"/ B.Tech, MBA/ Working at Deloitte. 30 LPA , Anshik Manglik. Seeks Edu Girl, Job prefer. # 8957248222, 9415535698

PQ Wkg Girl for PB Khatri ISHU'LES DIVO. GGN bsd Boy, BE,35LPA MNC.,7/8/84,11:30 AM, Delhi, 5'9"/72, Cast No Bar. F/M Govt.Retired # 8800817839

SM4 Jatav Boy 5'8"/July 85, IIT, IIM Working as VP in Pvt. Co. Banglore. above 80 LPA. Parents Residing at Ghaziabad. Cast No Bar # 9971589999

40/5'11" v h'some, fair Kayastha boy. Mutual divorce-no kids no alimony. currently self employed. 8 Fig fmly income,influential Delhi based. US MBA (Ivy League).Seeks very b'ful very fair unmarried ethical girl below34. WhatsApp: 9818199225

HANDSOME sikh khatri Boy 30/ 5'10" . Done masters in software engineering from usa.working in mnc at Chicago earning six figure salary in USD. only child . Alliance invited from beautiful, professionally qualified girl. Contact 9855027129

Tall, Beautiful and Fair girl for Handsome, 28 yrs, 5'11, C.A., Noida based Jain boy, involved in Family Business, High Income family with Modern Outlook
WhatsApp at:
+91-9810042091

MANGLIK

WANTED a working girl for Punjabi boy(Manglik),26Aug 1987/5'5",B.Tech(Delhi),settled in Bangalore inc:35+LPA. No cast bar. Call:9818532677/01141525379

REQUIRED Manglik Girl cultured with family values for I.T. Graduate, 28 years, Manglik, 5'10" height, serving abroad with attractive package. Caste, religion, creed of little significance. # 9899268456, 6394061250

SECOND MARRIAGE

SINDHI I'less Div Fair H'some boy 51/175/12Lpa B.E. (incomp) Comp Dip M'ngr in Pvt Ltd Co Living alone in own house seeks wrkg girl. +91 93153 73045

AGARWAL 1988 5'4" BTech MBA Wkg Mngr MNBank B'lore Pkg 40LPA I-less Div seeks PQ Pref Wkg girl Parents LKO based M 7737638155

PB. Khatri Nov72/5'8 mutual Divorce. highly qlfd, Wkg in Govt. as officer seek Wkg girl. Cast no bar W'ap/ph 9810-835104, E:molgm @yahoo.com

ACCOMPLISHED girl for issuless divorcee Shrivastav kayasth Manglik 1972 born 5'10" MBA USA MS Canada teaching hospitality in Vancouver holding PR. Whats-App 9820081120 with full details

PB Kh Smart Boy 38/5'10" wkg Airlines 11LPA Divorce twice, I'less, 1st Divorce in 4 months due to illness of Brain, 2nd in 2 yrs. due to Fraud seeks b'ful wkg girl. 9999497463, 9654999188

SM4 Punjabi, Hindu Khatri boy 39, 5'11" B. Tech/MBA issueless Divorcee wkg Boston USA as Finance Manager .Caste no bar.Visiting India November 2023. Parents Delhi 9982236639

RETIRED Military Officer in good health, widower, affluent, seeks healthy companion between age 55-65. Prefer military background. jyotiramay547@hotmail.com

B'FUL Well Educated M4 fair, H'some 33/6'/31 Lpa B.Tech MBA,Delhi b'sd Div.I'less Kanyakubj Brahmin, Father retd Director Govt 9899937205

Capt H'some Sikh khatri boy I'less,Div.36/5'11 Mum/Hyd wrkg in reputed airlines seeks B'ful/edu Bride. caste no bar 7233060606

RELIGION NO BAR

39/5'10 Agarwal unmaried boy B.Tech- IIT ,MBA-IIM Sr. Manager MNC 80 Lpa accept div &widow rich family Caste No bar 7489923862 ,9179132579

PUNJABI Unmarried boy 31 Year 5'10" B.Tech-IIT MBA-IIM Wking MNC 50.00 lakh caste no bar, no dowry Afulent fmly,7987144206,8889682789

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

BENGALI Bharadwaj Brahmin, 37, 5ft8", comp engr with MBA(USA) working with big co. in Mumbai seeking well qualified bride of gen caste. Ph: 9711361508/9051335198

BENGALI Kayastha boy 92/5'7" B.Tech.-CSE wrkg with German MNC in Germany, Prof'ly Qlfd prefer Engr/MBA Girl M: 8009986261, 7704900328

BENGALI Karmokar Boy 37/6'4" double M.Sc Finance Mumbai Probashi preferred above 32Deb/Debarigon only. Non manglik # 9987986442

BENGALI Brahmin - Baidya boy 40/6' MS(Presidency & ISI) working as SVP MNC Bank B'lore name sake marriage (Divorced) seeks suitable girl within 35 willing to settle in B'lore. Caste no bar. M: 9433026426 /9874242525

PUNJABI

BHATIA Pb Mglk Boy 33/5'9", MBA wkg MNC,8 LPA, residing GGN (HR). Suitable match required. Kundli can be matched with Mglk/N-Mglk # 9810361542

SM for PB Khatri Boy 43Yr, 5'7"/ Divorce/ CFA, L.LB, MBA/ Co-Founder & CXO/ 25+LPA, Seeks Prof'nly Qlfd, Pref. Delhi NCR bsd. Call/ W'App: 9873415138

SM For Tall 6'2" H'some Khatri boy only child may 1990 MBA, PGDM runs two Colleges, Divorced short Marriage, Affluent family, Father reputed Cardiologist in Gurgaon Mother Govt. Doctor, Seeks alliance with Tall, Fair, B'ful, Edu. girl from Delhi NCR. Send details with Photo W'app: 9999303003

SM4 N.Mnglk only Son 43/ 5'11"/Divorcee/Master in B'ness Mgmt from premier Institute. Affluent High income group, Seeks highly Edu. Veg. B'ful. Girl, Pref'rd in Edu. field (Lecturer/ Tcher in reputed School)W'app 7678544948

PBI B'ful W/NW girl below 43 for Pb. Khatri never married 47/177/90 LPA status Delhi fmly, Photo must. 8700376245. Email: sach4098@gmail.com

PUNJABI Arora Boy 30/5'11" handsome,BE MS,Wkg with MNC in USA. Looking for qualified, B'ful, working Punjabi/ North Indian Girl, 25 to 30 yrs 9820432301 / 9769119494

PB khatri unmarried boy 88 born 5'10" CA MBA Working in top MNC as CEO package 57 Lakh/A seeks good life partner caste no bar 8595725194

PQM for 38/5'11", Engineer MBA, Never Married Boy, Working in U.K. Belongs Punjabi Family. Girl Willing to relocate or in U.K. Boy Visting Delhi. # 9911228816, 9868201028.

SM4 H'some Pb Br Boy 5'6" Oct-82 B.Tech MBA Mngr MNC Ggn 40LPA. Seeks Slim b'ful girl, working Del /NCR pref. 9971691935, 9312831787

SM4 Khatri H'som, 1.3.94/1:51 am/5'10" N.Del, BA.LLB(Hons) LL.M,Indpt Practice,Own office 15+Lpa, Resi. GK-1, Seeks wkg b'ful qlfd girl. Gujral 9810264493

SINDHI

PQM 4 Mumbai bsd Sindhi Boy 43/5'5" B.E. working in top consulting firm. wedlock80@gmail.com 9820303313

BY NATIONALITY

NRI/ GREEN CARD

SM4 H'some Sindhi 6'1"/35 in Jakarta as Head of Operations in Coal Co. Wrkng/Nonwrkng willing to move Indonesia # +91 7428510695

RAJPUT Raghav boy 6'2"/ Nov90, MS (Cyb Sec) USA, wkg USA Texas on H1. Lko bsd fmly seeks upper caste USA/ Canada wkg girl. WApp/Ph: 9452857245

CANADA Citizen, IIM MBA 32 yr / 5'11", Punjabi Khatri Boy, Wkg with an MNC seeks beautiful career drvn cult'ed partner. W

Scientists to train sign language interpreters to open up world of STEM for deaf students

Ambika.Pandit
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TIMES VIEW: This move will aid young students and must be taken up seriously, especially since India now has over 60 million people whose hearing is affected to varying degrees.

New Delhi: To give wings to the dreams of deaf science aspirants, the central government has got on board scientists and deaf special education experts to train sign language interpreters and create signs on terms and concepts on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) for enabling higher education in the Indian Sign Language (ISL). This is in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) that has sought standardisation and development of currciculum in ISL for inclusive education.

As per Census 2011, there are more than 50 lakh deaf and hard of hearing people in India. However, one rarely sees any of them in STEM-related fields with lack of accessible learning resources being a key factor.

"To bridge this gap, CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH) in Chandigarh and Delhi-based Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) have joined hands to build a network of ISL interpreters equipped in STEM terminology and concepts," said Rajesh Aggarwal, secretary, department of empowerment of persons with disabilties.

The two organisations will work on creating terms and concepts in ISL for classes 9 to 12 students. While all NCERT school textbooks for classes 1 to 6 are available in ISL including science, most deaf students fail to find schools willing to offer science stream at the plus-two level due to the lack of adequate learning resources in ISL.

Showing the way forward is the first project in the country 'Indian Sign Language Enabled Virtual Laboratory' (ISLEVL) under the CSIR's 'JIGYASA' programme under which experts are creating specialised digital content to educate the deaf by ISL translated contents in STEM.

'Bee warriors' to help BSF keep intruders, smugglers at bay on Indo-Bangla border

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TIMES VIEW: Engaging border villages to stop intruders and smugglers while providing them employment is a positive idea. Using bees as frontline warriors in this task is certainly out-of-the-box and eye-catching even though only a proper audit after some time will provide a clearer picture of its efficacy.

New Delhi: Prospective infiltrators and smugglers who try to cross from Bangladesh into India may soon get a stinging response and a swollen face, with the Border Security Force (BSF) launching a combined scheme of beekeeping and medicinal plant cultivation as a pilot project along the fence on the Indo-Bangladesh border.

Under this scheme, bee boxes will be installed along with fencing, keeping them slightly above the ground. Some flowering plants will be planted around the boxes and a natural habitat created by arranging shade over the boxes. "It is expected that these bees will act as 'bee warriors' to prevent intruders and smugglers from cutting the fence. By attacking them, they will play an important role in preventing the fence from being cut," a senior BSF officer said.

The scheme will benefit residents of border villages by creating new employment opportunities like beekeeping and cultivation of various types of medicinal plants like black tulsi, ekangi, satmuli, ashwagandha, aloe vera etc. The commercial selling price of these plants is higher than normally cultivated products. They will be provided help like seeds, soil testing, technical support and knowhow. Saplings will be continuously provided under various government schemes and the villagers will be assisted in delivering their products to buyers at a good selling price.

The villagers were also briefed about the benefits of honey bee farming and its commercial benefits. This initiative borrows from the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' of the government the villages bordering China.

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BY CASTE

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PQ b'ful fair decent Garg girl 91/5'4" Ansh.Mglk, B.Tech MS (USA) working USA, fmly Delhi bsd,seeks PQM wkg USA upper caste. Call/WAapp: 9818656697

PQM 4 Agarwal MBA BE working MNC Gurugram 45 Lpa 5'5" March 1980, Father Retd. Exec. Eng. WhatsApp 9410666392, 9410407743

PROFESSIONAL boy req. for MBA girl wkg. Noida 6.5 LPA. DOB 14/02/1995, 10:52 pm at Lucknow. 5'3",very slim. Occasional non veg. Well off and known family of Lucknow. Contact 9839022022; 9335912156

BANIYA 29/5'2" B.Tech fair girl wkg MNC 10Lpa & 28/5'7" B.Tech fair wkg MNC 7Lpa A.mglk healthy girl seek w.stld wkg boy. 9560644976, 7835046131

BRAHMIN

BRAHMIN Girl 1991/5'2" IIT, MS, Manager, Top MNC, India. Parents Class 1 Govt Officer, M.P. 9424419272/9329883131

BRAHMIN Girl Good Looking Fair Aug 1993/5'5". BE, MS (CS, USA USF) Working in Tampa Florida. Father Engineer. Mob 9108685249

MATCH for Brahmin Girl, Fair, Slim, 30 yrs / 5'5", Ph.D working as Assistant Professor in NCR (Delhi). Caste No Bar. Mob: 9354084799

KANYAKUBJ Br Bhopal Oct.98/5'2''/BE(Electronics)/ Last sem MS(DataScience) Stevens NJ USA, Send BHP bajpairani72@gmail.com

BRAHMIN B'ful, Fair Girl 30/ 5'1" M.Sc, Sr. Env. Consultant 15Lpa seeks well qlfd. Eq. Estab match # 9868609729, 8178051335 Em: gautamsp71@ gmail.com

MATCH -Bengali Brahmin Girl/ V'Fair, Slim,B'ful/MBA/ 5'6"/ 32Yrs.Job at US MNC in M'bai.Seeking Qlfd Boy. Caste no Bar. WAp 9819873679

SM4 saraswat Brahim girl 5'5" sep.1986, M.S,MBA from USA wkng with IT company in GGN 39Lpa,caste no bar W'ap/cal 9810007402, 9811865868

B'FUL Saraswat Girl 30/5'5" MBA wkg MNC rqrd wkg MBA/Govt officer/B.Tech. Pref. NCR All Brahmin. # 9412550488, 8979191471

SM4 V.Bfull Sa/Br V.fair 83 Born 5'3"M.Sc. Biotech BCIL TR Dy Mnger Med Dli 15 LPA affu/Cul Fmly Girl Pre DLI NCR. 941166647

SPB bhrdj gtr 27/5'4" wheatish Hmly B'ful grl Mtech Wkg MNC NCR 14LPA frm lko prnts Govt. Drs seek 5'8" abv Govt. ofc/Prf Qlf MNC all Br acpt 9415250223

DEL/NCR Bsd PQM4 31/5'2"/Fair/MD(HOM)/A.Mgl k Delhi Girl, wrkg MNC AM(Pharma Anlytics), 18LPA, 9311790400, vka87@aol.com

SEEKS BR. Prof qlfd groom frm rputd fmly pref. stld metro city 4 b'ful 30yrs / 5'1" MBA, Team Mgr MNC Mum, B'nes strategist & entrprenr wp/ph 9644334488, 7697115339

KANYKUBJ (Katyan Gotra), Born1996, 5'5", Beautiful, fair Girl Psychology researcher working in Australian Comp. with masters (Clinical Psychology), renownd family. Send biodata & pics at 9415922660, ssskundali@gmail.com

29/5'1'' Ofcr in Govt Bank Seeks Ofcr Govt Bank/ Cent. Govt, Veg. Non Manglik All Brahmin acptd. No Pvt job acptd . 9936231141, 7499084482

SM4 B'ful Brahmin girl M.SC. / PH.D 36yrs/Ht. 5'5" from well settled family. W'ap /pH: 9650379952 , Email : binnakb.07@gmail.com

BEAUTIFUL fair slim Non Manglik KKB Naadi Upmanu Gotra girl Dec.1990/5'6" B.Tech 12 LPA at Gurugram Rptd fmly of Lko.#9838504610

MS/ MCh / MD/DM Brahmin Doctor manglik match for KKB Brahmin 31/ 5'4" slim, fair girl MS Gynae .Father Doctor M: 9838681342 (W)

JAIN

B'FUL, Veg, smart, talented, caring, Engineer, working MNC, Jain girl(short marriage, no child), 39/160 seeks Veg PQM. M-9258043036

JAIN - Lucknow based Beautiful girl, Age-24 height 5'5"/ weight 64, Gotra- Bahuria Muri Kocchal, Qualification - M Pharma/MBA, wrkg as a Corporate Manager with National company, Monthly Salary- 6 Digit & Brother Businessman, Mother House maker, two younger sister. Seeks professionally educated Groom

Email at: skumar.37095@ gmail.com

Call on: +91 8318300769

JATAV

SM4 Jatav V.fair Girl, Aug. 86 Born, 5'2"/ M.A., B.Ed. TGT Delhi Govt. Seeking Govt. Employee or Pvt. well settled. W'App # 9560028601, 7011329061

SM4 jatav b'ful slim girl DLI 39/4'10", PGDRM, B.Sc, O'Lvl, wkg in s/w co. E:mmtpgd@ gmail.com M:09868927121 Cast No Bar

KAYASTHA

WELL placed professional in private / public sector preferably in MP for Anshik Manglik Shrivastav kayasth good looking fair girl 32 years 5'4" BE working as Grade I officer in public sector bank. Contact with full details Whatsup 9820081120

SM4 Nov96, 5'3" fair Sriv. girl, C.A., Wkg in Top MNC, 20+Lpa, Mumbai. Seeks prof. qlfd. well settled boy wkg pref. in metro city. Send bhp 9820242160

M.SC. Ph.D. nutrition NET SET girl Apr 86/5'4"wkg in uni seeks never married Kayastha match. Contact 7340576282,9828786282

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SAXENA Manglik Fair Girl Div April 1987/5'2" School Principal, Lucknow. Pref. Family from UP and near By. Contact : 9838237505

GIRL 28/5.4, Maglik, CPA (US), Wkg in Gurgaon Big4,18L Cast No Bar, with biodata & phots-deepminu.verma@gmail.com

B'NGLR bsd kayastha boy for very fair b'ful girl MBA wkg in corporate hospital Bangalore born 1993/158/12 LPA.09827210192/09827556505

PQM4 Beautiful, NM, Girl, Dec 97, 5'3", DPS, Eco(H) DU, MBA Top Inst, MNC Mumbai, 8828034175, psri1401@gmail.com

MBA-NIT, wkg top consultng Gurgaon, 25L-35L, 1-2-83, Delhi, CNB, seek well qlfd boy <42yrs, No Divorce, Mob:- 9899778509, Ph. 01135827048.

SM for Beautiful Slim Fair 32/ 5'2" Eye Consultant Doctor working in Max Hospital in Delhi. Pref. Medico/ Non Medico. # 9871592234,9810003534

SM4 Fair 5'3"/91 born girl,Masters in mgmt, wrkg MNC. Pref well educated or settled Boy. caste no bar. 9927673931

MATHUR Fair, Slim Girl June 94/5'5", B.Tech MS (USA), Working at Bangalore Seeks suitable match from reputed family. Contact : 9717339288

PQM 4 b'ful, tall, fair, May 93/5'4" MA journalism graduate from USA, staying in India. From well settled UP (West) based Saxena Doctor Family. Mob : 9837025925, meeta.rn1@gmail.com

M4 26+/5'5" fair, Soft Spoken, topper girl Lko bsd, Grad. frm LSR, N.Delhi, preparing for UPSC. Seeks Class-I Officer only. #9450364282, 8887995055

B.TECH, pursuing MBA, Tech Lead MNC Pune 85/163/ 16 LPA Saxena Gori,slim conv CNB, fthr rtd Lko 09454619900 Email:asxenalko@gmail.com

KAYASTHA GirlJul-85/5'4" B.Sc (Phy Hons) MCA, MBA Delhi Univ,wkg Ggn. Caste No bar (Upper pref) 9871874513, mansi123420@gmail.com

SM4 B.ful Slim whitish Sriv Girl 34/5'4" MBA wkg Pune 24 LPA Erly Marriage Allahabad Fmly. Upper Caste Accept No Buro pls. # 8004375394

SM4 Fair, Slim, Manglik Srivastava Girl 1996/5'3" B.Tech. MBA Professional Pref. working in Air Force or IT Sector. Cont : 8707833803, 9415723272

KAYASTHA very pretty, fair, slim Dec.96 , 5'4" MBA Working at Bangalore seeks well settled handsome Boy Mob.9896993819

BTECH Sri NM Aug88/5'2" Mgr Iqvia M'bai 30-40LPA Lko bsd f'mly seeks w'stld boy, prf M'bai/B'lore wkg early decnt Mrge #9415331617, 9454886600

B.TECH Working MNC Kayastha Girl Oct-87/5'2" Seeks Suitable Match Preferred B.Tech/ MBA Cast No Bar. Mobile No. - 9909020602

KHATRI

PQM for MBA Punjabi Mglk Unmarried Girl Sonika 5'3 12.08.84/10:40PM/Delhi, Own Business.Contact-9962060660; hanishsethi1982@gmail.com

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KUMAUNI

SM for Kumaoni Brahmin b'ful 5'/83 Born, working as Lead IT Consultant. Father retired Class-I Officer. Cont: 9415470807, 9821894255.

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KUSHWAHA

MAURYA /Kushwaha, 162 cms/29yrs, wheatish fair, BA LL.B (Hons.), 12 lakhs p.a., Corporate Lawyer, working in Mumbai. Looking for a suitable groom, willing to settle down in Mumbai/Delhi/Bangalore No.9140776730/9106629968

VISWAKARMA

WANTED Groom of same profession/Govt Employee/-Doctor for Vishwakarma 31/5'4" Doctor (MDS) Girl Mobile : 9174188987

YADAV

YADAV Dr. girl MS (gynae) 29/165 belongs to reputed business family seeks SM MS/MD, civil servants, IT, Businessman from the high status family. # 9837121787

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

SM4 b'ful, fair, Mittal girl 6.7 .90/157cm, B.Tech.wkg MNC Noida,27lpa, fthr Rtd.Ch.Er& Advsr.Sci.C.Govt.9818844694 (12/6pm), 9990581234, Em: mittalmk205@gmail.com

JAIN /Mittal sweet, charming tall & beautiful, Sep. 1992 /5'7", MBBS. MHA, Doctor Girl, preferably Delhi/NCR based Businessman, Professional, Doctor boy from Aggarwal / Jain family. # 9871831448

PQM4 Fair Smart B'ful Nov. 83 Born MD Girl Asso. Prof. Govt. Institute Father Retd Govt Off. Based Delhi/NCR upper Caste If possble Match # 9411911356

FAIR, Slim/1993 born/5'2"/ IRPS Officer(2018 Batch)/- B.Tech Graduate (Computer Engg.) and looking for a suitable groom preferably a Civil Servant, Doctor, IIT/- IIM Graduate, Contact: 9871606871 (parent) Email ID: del_par1@hotmail.com

SM4 B'ful Garg Girl 5'8" MBA (NMIMS) May-97 at 9:16 PM Born/wkng/fmly bsd. in Gurgaon. Service/Business man Preffe'd. Gupta- 9811837038

SM4 Agarwal Goyal Girl 28/5'6" B.Design., MA Visual Arts, UAL London, freelance Graphic Designer & Illustrator, working in Mumbai send BHP Dr Gupta Jaipur. Email: drdgp30@gmail.com

SM 4 Goel girl, Dr, MD Pediatrics Sr Resident Govt Hosp Del 5'5"/11am/21-10-93 pref Dr MD / MS / M.Tech / IIT Del-NCR # 971156 7850

MADDHESHIYA, 5'2"/31, Fair & B'Ful U.P. Govt. Teacher Girl. Seeks an Asst. Prof./Med. Off. or equal to U.P.Govt. Emp. # 9621391359

PQM for Bansal Fair Slim Girl, Sept. 93/5'6", UI/UX Symbiosis, Pune, WKG- MNC 17+LPA, Well Settled Family in Jaipur W'AP/P: 9783063411

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AGRAWAL girl 1991/ Indore/5'8", Anshik Manglik, MBA & CS, Seeking Tall, Educated and Well Settled Hindu boy. Mob: 9425900047

ARORA

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JAT

JAT 31/5'4" MD (Anes) girl, Fellow Nimhans Bengaluru. Pref Doctor/Engg boy. Avoid gotra- Rana, Panwar. Call 8529067701 Jaipur

RAJPUT

MATCH for Rajput girl, Nov 94, doing MPP from Harvard University, major-HBS, 5'5", fair, father IAS, only equally matched. Whatsup 8305443161

Rajput Doctor MBBS, Resident Surgery USA, Fair, Good Looking, 5'5"/96, Father in Business, Mother Senior Govt. Officer, Seeks Educated High Status family IAS/IPS/IRS / Owner Medical College, Upper Caste no Bar

Email at: rajputalliance123@g mail.com

Call on: +91 8602302901

UP based Chauhan Manglik 5'1"/ Nov.1984, CS working MNC bank (Mumbai) seek Rajput boy. All upper caste accepted. 9461212603.

THAKUR- 1987/5'3", Bcom,MBA Wkg MNC Bangalore preference equivalent Wkg in Bangalore, brother in UK no caste bar.8109766861.

GARHWALI Rajput Nov1985/5"3 MCA,Convent Edu.Never Married, Job in Austria, Contact no.-9711477394 rachitarana@gmail.com

BY PROFESSION

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PQM4 Kayastha V'fair girl 29yrs/ 5'4" MD (Psychiatry) Asst. Professor med. college, Pref. medico match. W'ap / Call: 9897548688, 9837029682

RAJPUT Girl MBBS 27 Years, 5.3 Height From Good Family Background. Need suitable alliance only Doctors. Broker Excuse Whatsapp - 9019566631

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ENGINEERS

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MBA/CA

PQM4 BTech+MBA Manglik Rajput Girl, working MNC, 50 lakhs+ pkg, 5'6",8-Oct-90,7:39 AM,Delhi; #9810476472

BY RELIGION

HINDU

SM for Brahmin girl Nov 90/ 5'7" /24 L p.a. , BTech MBA working at Banglore seeks highly educated working (at Bangalore) boy of reputed Hindu family call 9415021748

DELHI based respected punjabi(arora) family seeks alliance for our daughter: slim,fair,beautiful.Sept 1990/5'2 BBE(D.U),MBA reputed institute.Wkg as manager with big4. grovermanorma@ gmail.com ,9810443120.

HINDU-NAI SM4 M.Tech 31/5'1" fair, b'ful Girl, Govt Job at Delhi Educated & well Settled Family Pref Delhi/ NCR caste no bar #9050333763

BENGALI girl Mangalik good looking 30/5'5", MS(Eng) living in Philadelphia seeks groom in US. 9831167954

HIGH STATUS 91BORN5.5 NONVEG,BE,MBA ENTREPRENEUR THAKUR GIRL,DIVORCE ,SHORT MARRIGE BASED AT BHOPAL, LOOKING FOR TALL EDUCATED WELL SETTLED BOY,WATSAPP 6265406944

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SUNNI pathan 24 Y/5'4" BTech/NIT girl wkg MNC.Father IES officer.Seeks well settled boy #6290941723, ruhi041199@gmail.com

SIKH

GURSIKH, Ramgarhia 30/ 5'9", BTech, MBA, Assistant Manager in IOCL girl of Educated family seeks vegetarian, equivalent match.# 9417867162

MBA (distance Learning)PG Dip. from YWCA B'Ful. Sikh girl Aug'84/5'3"/BA (Eng) Hons.wrkg MNC GGN/20 LPA Del ncr pref.W'Ap:9958497871

B.SC, MCA Jat Sikh unmaried girl, fair, charming, b'ful 5'6/May 81, Early decent mrg seeks well edu /stld boy from Delhi/Ncr. #9643508382

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

C'VENT edu. CA girl, 33/ 5'5", K'tha fmly desires edu. groom (CA/CS/Civil Services, Engg.,Doctor). Upper caste no bar. 9814023203

SM4 b'ful, fair girl 5'3"/31, B.Tech,MS (Embedded) from TU Eindhoven,wkg Netherland Vishwakarma Brahmn,educatd affluent family. # 9411070222

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SM4 2 Unmarried PB Br. girls Nov 81, 5'5" MCA, Wkg MNC Mum. 20LPA & Oct 85, 5'3"BE wkg MNC Mum.35 LPA frm w'stld fmly 9039319771

SM4 fair b'ful girl, Rajput Pundir 5'4"/23 Oct 86, MS (CE) taxes USA wkg Kansas cast no bar. Ph: 9098877733, E: rakeshsinghndri@rediffmail.com

BDS DOCTOR girl. 34/5'4"/ 14.12.88 (OBC) Del-NCR seeks well stld, Qlfy boy Doctor/ Engr pref. # 8750057648 Em: mahatos141287@gmail.com

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PQM4 34/5'7", B'ful, B.Tech, Arora Sikh girl. Australian Citizen/open to relocate to US, Canada, UK. Send biodata to sidana89.matri@gmail.com

SHARMA ansk mglk Homeopathy Dr. Girl / own practice/Rental clinic/15.3.94/ 6:54am /5'3"/Delhi/ N.Veg/ sett fmly/seeks edu.boy /del ncr bsd Fmly # 9717100863

PQM4 Rajput 5'3"/Jun88 Good Looking, MBA, PGPXP wrkg Girl, well settled, father Retd. Sr. Bank Exec. Caste no Bar. Call or WA: 9870327714

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COSMOPOLITAN

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U'khand to float UCC in post-Diwali session

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Dehradun: Uttarakhand government is all set to hold a special session of the state assembly post-Diwali to clear the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) bill which would pave the way for its implementation in the state, highly-placed sources confirmed to **TOI** on Saturday.

Once implemented, Uttarakhand will become the first state to adopt the UCC post-independence. At present, Goa is the only state that has a civil code that was introduced during Portuguese rule.

A five-member panel headed by retired Supreme Court (SC) judge, Justice Ranjana Desai, has completed the draft report for UCC implementation in Uttarakhand and the report is expected to be handed over to the state government in the next few days, a source said, adding that "all stakeholders have been asked to remain prepared for the special session."

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami told **TOI** on Saturday that "once the report is handed over to us, we will start the process to implement it in the state." "There will be no delay from our side." Meanwhile, opposition Congress criticised the proposed move to hold a special session. Party spokesperson Garima Dasauni said, "There is a strong political buzz of a special session of assembly being called but the question is that if UCC has national importance and the Union government wants to implement it later, then what is the point of experimenting with it in Uttarakhand? We want to first see the draft and make suggestions on points that have been left out or forgotten."

There will be no delay from our side, said CM Dhami

According to officials, the UCC will provide a legal framework for marriage, divorce, land, property and inheritance for all citizens irrespective of their faith. "It will help bring social harmony, end gender-based discrimination and strengthen women empowerment," an official privy to the developments, had said earlier.

In June, **TOI** reported that the UCC may contain strong recommendations on live-ins, polygamy and polyandry ban and raise the marriage age of girls. As per an official, privy to details, CM Dhami had asked a senior state official earlier this month to start preparations for a special session. Following which, a meeting was held to discuss duration and its preparation. The expert panel has received 2.33 lakh written suggestions and held 60 meetings in which the members interacted with 60,000-odd people. he UCC may contain provisions of getting live-in couples to register their relationship.

Thane-based metal band finds rhythm amidst mayhem of war-torn Ukraine

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Pic1: (L-R) Harsh Makwana & Narendra Patel from Thane. Pic2: Viktor Lytvynov, their drummer in his home turned studio in Sumy, Ukraine

There's a metal act from Thane that's been a decade in the making, but there's now a twist in their tale almost as heavy as their riffs. The three-member band, Eternal Returns, found themselves at unexpected crossroads when their drummer, Pawan Sharma, died in the pandemic. In their pursuit of a new drummer, they stumbled upon an extraordinary connection that now stretches from India to war-hit Ukraine.

"Finding a replacement in India proved challenging, given that metal drumming requires a different skillset to handle tempos that soar above 200 beats per minute. The local drummers we liked were already juggling multiple commitments. So, we decided to explore international drummers who could record for us remotely," recounts Narendra Patel, vocalist of Eternal Returns.

Viktor Lytvynov, a drummer based in Sumy in northeastern Ukraine appeared on their radar when they decided to cast their net wider and turned to Instagram. What began as a tentative inquiry for a couple of tracks quickly changed when the band realised they had discovered a bandmate, leading to a full-album collaboration.

"When Eternal Returns approached me, I was more than happy to collaborate. It's my first time working with a foreign band and a great opportunity to practise my English. Plus, it motivated me to invest in better instruments, set up my home studio, and refine my playing techniques," Lytvynov tells **TOI** on email.

Recording their upcoming album 'Hunchback Hatred' wasn't an overnight affair. Things took a different turn as the Russia-Ukraine conflict unfolded. They took nine months to craft an entire album, a process that typically demands a mere handful of days in the studio. Studio 62 in Sumy, where Lytvynov recorded, wasn't untouched by war. Its owner, Evgenii Markarov, was drafted and he perished. But Lytvynov's commitment to the band didn't waver. He continued to lay down tracks, even as the sounds of stomping armies served as a constant backdrop outside the window.

"The conflict prompted a change in our creative process. Viktor's safety became our top priority. We gave him the choice to stay safe at home. More often he remained home, looking after his parents and went out to the studio whenever he could while we'd keep our fingers crossed. There were times when we couldn't reach Viktor and feared the worst. But somehow, he always found a way, and that kept us motivated," recounts Patel. Through it all, a Telegram group became their conduit for sharing lyrics, music, and drum recordings.

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The band's chemistry was further fueled by personal struggles and shared dreams. "Each of us carries a unique story. Viktor fights for survival in a war zone, while Harsh and I navigate our own turmoils . Making ends meet, especially as metal musicians in this country, is no easy feat," explains Patel.

The essence of their album evolved as Viktor's life entwined with the band. The realities of war and experiences Lytvynov faced found their way into songs like The Crusade of the Undismayed that delves into "the underbelly of human hatred," adds Patel.

Breaking through the language barrier was a journey in itself. "It was funny and hectic," says Patel as he and the band's guitarist Harsh Makwana navigated the maze, communicating "one question, one sentence, one pattern change at a time, and even specifying timestamps in songs right down to the minute" over video and audio calls.

"I couldn't play the drums during the early war months, but when I resumed, my neighbours were relieved that the noise was once again the sound of my drums, not bombs," says Lytvynov who currently resides in a relatively sheltered area.

"Last winter, the Russians targeted our energy infrastructure, leaving us with a mere few hours of electricity and mobile connection each day… But I aim to stay as productive as possible to make the most of my time," he says.

For now wartime Ukrainian law prevents Lytvynov from leaving the country, which limits his ability to join Eternal Returns for live performances when their album drops next month.

FIR registered over Rashmika's deepfake video

New Delhi: The cyber cell of Delhi Police has registered a case in connection with the deepfake video of actress Rashmika Mandanna, after the Delhi Commission of Women Friday issued notice to police and sought a copy of the FIR and action taken report.

"A case under relevant sections of IPC and the IT Act has been registered. We are doing the technical analysis and securing details from Meta and other social media platforms to identify the accused. No person has been arrested or detained till now," said a senior police officer.

The AI-generated morphed video of Rashmika went viral on X and other social media platforms, sparking widespread concerns. TNN

2 Bangladeshis without travel documents held : Two Bangladeshis were arrested from Kolkata after they failed to produce valid documents supporting their stay in India, a senior police officer said. PTI

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Guard rapes Bihar college girl, held

Patna: A 55-year-old security guard of a private lodge in Bihar's Vaishali district was arrested on Saturday for allegedly raping an 18-year-old woman boarder reports, **Kshitiz Singh**. The teen, who studies at a polytechnic college, had missed the train home on Friday night and was alone at the lodge when the crime took place.

The accused was identified as Mohammad Hakim. After missing her train, the woman had returned to the lodge. She was supposed to catch the next train on Saturday.

Some from Maha record-keeping tribe still ride oxen

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Prakash had seen his father and grandfather meet one family after another in the villages of Chandgad tehsil in Kolhapur district after Diwali, seeking from them information related to births and deaths in the families and meticulously noting down all details. Stepping out of home with such ledgers on families of Chandwad tehsil in Kolhapur has been a feature of Prakash's life every Diwali.

Although Prakash rides a bike to the villages, his father's mode of transport would be an oxen. Some elderly members of the tribe still use the oxen, making a grand announcement of their arrival in villages.

The demands for such records are much higher this Diwali. "I am carrying forward my family tradition," says Prakash, a resident of Pattankudi village in Chikodi tehsil of Belagavi district.

With the demand for Maratha quota gaining steam, social media groups have also been formed to help people identify and contact their Helavis for a family history narration."Our family maintains records of 60-70 villages from Gadhinglaj taluka. We visit these families once a year and add names, birth dates of newborns or new brides. We also make note of those who have died. Most of the time, people are interested in knowing their family history.... where their ancestors came from and what they did. This knowledge is now taking a new turn with the search for Kunbi references," says Prakash.

Ajit Utturkar, a 47-year-old civil engineer from Kolhapur's Ajara town, chimes in. "Our family tree records obtained from Helavis show that we had moved from Panhala fort some nine generations ago," Utturkar said.

The family tree records are written in Modi, one of the oldest scripts of Marathi language

The family tree records are written in Modi, one of the oldest scripts of Marathi language which Prakash knows well enough, though he didn't go to school. "I learnt Marathi and Kannada from my father. He also taught me how to read and write in Modi script. Most importantly, he taught me how to present the family history to people searching for their roots," Prakash says.

The method of keeping the records has changed over the years. The 'tamrapat' (copper plates) has given way to paper ledgers. Still, innumerable copper plates are stored at Mayakka Chinchali, a holy site in Raibag taluka of Karnataka.Shivaji Helavi, a 50-year-old resident of Belagavi district of Karnataka, says they have a sense of pride in the work done by their forefathers. Till a few years ago, the only time they would get a query was when there was sharing and transfer of property. "Earlier, we used to get just one or two enquiries for the genealogy in a year. These days, I am getting over 10-20 enquiries," Shivaji says.

Sunil Gaikwad from Khandala town of Satara district has started groups and pages on social media called "Aapla Helavi (Our Helavi)". "Many don't know about the Helavi who keeps their family record. Through social media, we are reaching out to the Helavis and the people who need them for tracing family history," Gaikwad says.

Though the Helavis are being called upon in the search for the Kunbi roots, these traditional records are, however, not useful in getting Kunbi certificates from the government. They can only give a clue to finding the Kunbi reference in government records.

Vasantrao Mulik, Kolhapur president of Maratha Mahasangh who is involved in helping Marathas find the Kunbi records for two decades, says only revenue documents, school leaving certificates, birth and death certificates of one's ancestors are considered valid. "The genealogy records with Helavis can be a strong, but supportive, document to establish the family tree," Mulik says.

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Amazon Working On AI Model 'Olympus'

Amazon is in the process of developing a new AI model, internally referred to as Olympus, as part of its efforts to catch up with competitors like OpenAI and Google. Recent reports suggest that the tech and commerce giant aims to integrate this substantial language model into its online store and Alexa smart speakers, with a potential unveiling anticipated as early as December. Amazon is strategically positioning itself in the AI landscape, evident from its $4 billion investment in the AI startup Anthropic in September. The company, led by CEO Andy Jassy, is prioritising AI to create competitive products, challenging the capabilities of models like ChatGPT and Bard. Jassy is directly overseeing the team responsible for developing Amazon's most ambitious models, and Olympus could potentially be one of the largest AI models ever constructed. With a reported two trillion parameters compared to GPT-4's one trillion, Olympus signifies Amazon's commitment to pushing the boundaries of AI. It's noteworthy, however, that experts caution against assuming that larger models inherently possess greater capabilities, as evidenced by potential technical issues leading to the delay of Amazon's previous AI model, Titan, last year. Executives opted to prioritise the launch of ChatGPT, recognising its superiority over Amazon's offering at that time.

YouTube testing Gen AI features

Google's video streaming platform YouTube has announced that it is currently testing two new generative AI-based tools – topics summarisation and conversational AI. These features are currently in the experimental stage and available to select YouTube premium subscribers. YouTube has not yet confirmed if these features would be exclusive to premium users or it would roll out these to free users as well. According to the company, the topics summarisation tool uses AI to organise long comment threads under a YouTube video into themes or comment topics. The option to segregate comment topics appears on top of the comment section for those who are part of the experiment. YouTube said creators can use these summaries to quickly jump into comment discussions on their videos and can remove any comment topic too. They would get the option to delete individual comments that show up under a specific topic too. The conversational AI tool works like a chatbot to provide answers to queries regarding the video that the user is watching. It is capable of providing background information, suggesting related content, and more without interrupting playback. For select academic videos, the tool can provide quizzes and respond to the queries. AGENCIES

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

I proudly wear many hats, both in office and at home

Ashwani Nandini

As a student, I was focused and had a natural aptitude for numbers and logical thinking. Therefore, opting for mathematics in college was obvious, and I graduated as the topper at the university. My inclination towards algorithms and logical problem-solving further led me to pursue an MCA at Delhi University.

My professional journey started as a mainframe developer, working across programming languages such as Visual Basic, Visual C++, XML, and Java. Eventually, my roles progressed from a developer to team leader, project manager, program manager, onsite coordinator, delivery head, centre head, and function head. Today, I am the global head of delivery assurance at GlobalLogic, a pivotal function in ensuring engineering excellence for our customers.

Early in my career, I realised that one must keep sharpening the axe, reinvent oneself periodically to remain relevant in a rapidly evolving industry. This adaptive approach helped me survive and thrive across the Y2K era to the digital transformation era. As a woman leader in the technology industry today, I am constantly challenging boundaries and empowering women in shaping their future.

A career in the software industry is enriching and challenging. It pays well, provides flexibility to work-from-home, and travel. However, rising up the corporate ladder is a challenge for women. **Juggling work across time zones, late-night calls, and travel at short notice is demanding. Balancing these commitments with family responsibilities is tough, but with family support, conviction, and determination, it is achievable.** I proudly wear many hats, both in the office and at home – of a daughter, sister, wife, and a super mom.

I had exceptional coaches who shaped my journey and today, as a certified life and leadership coach myself, I passionately share my life experiences and help leaders realise their potential. I strongly advocate DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) and believe that a diverse workforce can do wonders for industry and the world around us.

One piece of advice to all the women who are juggling family and career – **it's okay to slow down sometimes and speed up when necessary, but never stop aspiring towards your goals.**

Ashwani Nandini is senior vice president of delivery assurance at GlobalLogic India

The aviation behemoth has combined engineering, information management and digital talent at a single location in India with the idea of accelerating innovation

FROM BLR TO THE WORLD: THE AIRBUS WAYPOINTS

Airbus tech employees in India

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Our familiarity with the simple, everyday expression, 'as the crow flies', is all set to be given a new meaning in aerospace. Airbus's fello'fly initiative is trying to replicate in aerospace the manner in which groups of birds fly – the bird behind surfs the air waves created by the bird flying just ahead. This free lift that the bird behind gets, allows it to stay aloft for longer distances with a lot less energy expenditure. It's called wake-energy retrieval, and Airbus estimates that if aircraft were to fly closer together and take advantage of wake-energy retrieval, they can reduce CO2 emissions by between 3 and 4 million tonnes per year.

It's a powerful idea that Airbus is beginning to experiment with, and the European aircraft maker's innovation centre in Bengaluru is expected to play a key role in this. "To implement this new concept, we require a digital platform, and if we are to think digital, Bengaluru is the place," Grzegorz (Greg) Ombach, head of disruptive R&T and senior vice-president at Airbus, told Times Techies on a visit to India.

Sustainability, Greg said, is at the heart of what Airbus does. "By 2050, we're looking at net-zero impact in aviation, and from that perspective, fello'fly can be a game changer," he said.

fello'fly relies on an aircraft utilising a part of the energy from the wake vortex created by a leading aircraft, by surfing the vortex. "We recently flew two A350 aircraft from Europe to the US, and we noticed that the second aircraft can save about 4% to 5% fuel per flight, which has a direct impact on CO2 emission," Greg said.

But aircraft will have to fly closer than they currently do. In oceanic airspace, two aircraft are now mandated to be 30 to 50 nautical miles (55-90 km) apart. However, during fello'fly operations, this separation will need to be reduced to just 1.5 nautical miles (3 km or about 10,000 ft) to reap the full benefits of wake-energy retrieval. While this sounds challenging, a pair of fello'fly aircraft will still remain ten times farther apart longitudinally than the 1,000-feet vertical separation that has been the norm for more than two decades.

All this requires choosing the right kind of aircraft to participate in the fello'fly programme, and also equipping air traffic controllers adequately to deal with a new air transport safety and operations protocol. That requires a digital platform, and that's where the Bengaluru centre comes in.

> Products and concepts being developed at the Bengaluru innovation centre are going to be implemented at our production facilities in Toulouse and Hamburg. And they will be implemented by engineering teams in India, along with those in Europe and the US.
>
> **Grzegorz (Greg) Ombach** | SENIOR VP AND HEAD, DISRUPTIVE R&T, AIRBUS

> Bengaluru is one of the best places in the world for digital talent. The talent is so incredible. We have young people here, just out of college or university, who can plug into new technologies very quickly and help us develop future products.
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> **Frederic (Fred) Combes** | VP AND HEAD OF ENGINEERING, AIRBUS INDIA AND SOUTH ASIA

Innovation centre

The Airbus facility in Bengaluru started in 2016, but the innovation centre began operations about eight months ago. The centre builds aviation products for India and for Airbus's global needs. Compared to the two other innovation centres in the US and China, the Bengaluru facility is unique in that it is the only centre to be fully supported by an engineering competency centre and an information management (IM) competency centre. These centres have 3,000 highly-skilled engineers equipped not only with knowledge about aerospace, but digital platforms as well.

"We are looking at a much bigger picture because we see huge potential and huge value coming out of the Bengaluru centre, where you have different competency centres plus the business units all co-located in the same space," Greg said.

Rapid prototyping

The Airbus ProtoSpace – a workspace that provides the environment, means and tools to develop disruptive concepts and accelerate the pace of innovation – has also been brought to the India centre. The ProtoSpace is a world of gizmos – from 3D printers and 360-degree virtual reality goggles to cockpit mock-ups and lightweight drones. It's a rapid prototyping facility focused on developing digital engineering concepts that can be matured with the support of experts across Airbus's engineering and information management competency centres. The facility also works with automotive and communications companies and startups that can add value to aerospace engineering and innovation.

ProtoSpace is looking at utilising virtual reality devices to expand a pilot's field of vision. With Google, the team is looking to build more modular, open hardware platforms for aeronautical applications. In India, ProtoSpace plans to build products based on large language models, computer vision, decision analytics, machine learning, metaverse, natural language processing, digital engineering, modelling & simulation and physics-informed neural networks.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

Decision analytics
Decision analytics involves using data analysis and mathematical models to support decision-making processes. It helps businesses and individuals make informed choices by analyzing historical data, predicting future outcomes, and optimizing decisions based on various factors.

PINNs
Physics-informed neural networks (PINNs) integrate principles from physics into neural network architectures. These models leverage domain knowledge to improve learning efficiency and generalization. By incorporating physics equations as constraints or guiding principles during training, PINNs aim to enhance the neural network's ability to make predictions in accordance with underlying physical laws.

Distributed file systems
They are designed to store and manage files across multiple nodes or servers in a network. They provide a scalable and fault-tolerant solution by distributing data and workload. Examples include Hadoop distributed file system (HDFS) and Google file system (GFS), which allow efficient storage and retrieval of large amounts of data across a cluster of machines.

NVMe
Non-volatile memory express (NVMe) is a protocol designed for high-performance storage devices, particularly SSDs (solid state drives). NVMe-based storage systems use this protocol to communicate between the storage device and the computer's CPU. NVMe significantly improves data transfer speeds compared to traditional storage protocols, making it well-suited for demanding applications and workloads that require fast access to large amounts of data.

Atmos'23: Cutting edge tech displays to fun filled nights

Drone pilots after an intensely combated FPV drone Race

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"This must be the closest I can ever get to experiencing a Quidditch game in real life," said one of the students who came to BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus' Atmos'23, their annual techno-management fest.

She was speaking about the Drone Racing League organised in the campus, and the comparison was to the game popularised by the Harry Potter series. The Drone Racing League happens to be India's first ever MultiGP-style drone race. The FPV (first-person view) drones had to be expertly steered by drone pilots through a series of hoops and hurdles, while also having to clock the fastest laps. The camera streams from the FPV drones were shown on giant screens for viewers to experience the adrenaline rush of the drones manoeuvring the track. For the finale which took place in the night, the entire arena was illuminated with neon lighting, making it a grand visual treat.

Sports fans and tech enthusiasts were both enticed with the festival's marquee competition, Robowars, where bots competed in two categories, 8kg and 15kg, for a prize pool of Rs 80.000. With interesting game commentary, the setting resembled that of a professional boxing match where the machines had to fight it out for three minutes, and either render their opponent immobile or score better on various parameters like attack, defence and motion control. Students got to witness some intense duels between the bots controlled by some of the best professional robotics teams from across India. In a competition where multi-disciplinary technical skills had to be put to the fullest use, Puducherry-based DS Robotics secured first place in both categories.

BITS Hyderabad's Atmos was held between Nov 3 and 5, and witnessed a footfall of around 20,000 from nearly 800 colleges across the country.

On day 1, the Wall Street Club of BITS Hyderabad hosted Satish Viswanathan, MD at Accenture. Satish, an alumnus of BITS Pilani, spoke to an audience of over 300 students on generative AI and its impact on the finance sector.

The Times Techies photobooth and the ChatGPT based puzzle contest drew a lot of interest from students.

BITS Embryo hosted the co-founder of Hotmail, Sabeer Bhatia, for an online talk. Sabeer, also a BITS alumnus, shared his entrepreneurial journey of co-founding Hotmail, the world's first web-based email service, and transforming the way we communicate online.

Moumita Dutta, an Isro scientist specialising in optical and IR sensors and who was part of the Mars Orbiter Mission, gave students a sneak peek into what goes behind the scenes at Isro and how rewarding careers in space tech could be. She also hinted at future space missions that the country could look forward to.

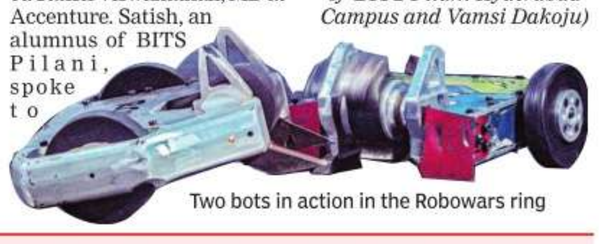
CAMPUS CONNECT

YouTuber Gaurav Chaudhary, also a BITS alumnus, addressed a large gathering about his content creation journey to create the largest tech YouTube channel in India and advised students to concentrate on academics, noting that he had exceptionally good grades in college.

The students capped off the fest and were rewarded for their efforts with a live concert by Benny Dayal followed by internet sensation Zephyrtone.

From cutting edge tech displays to fun filled nights, ATMoS'23 was a roller coaster of emotions.

(With inputs from students of BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus and Vamsi Dakoju)



Two bots in action in the Robowars ring

I have more than 57 granted US patents

PATENT PATHFINDERS
Turning Work into Wonders

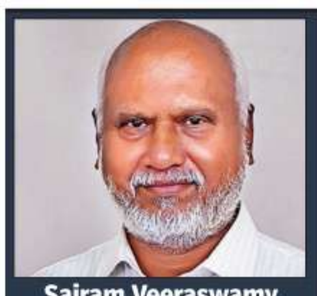
Last week, we started this column where patent holders write about their work, and what it requires to be innovative.

I believe patents hold great significance for technologists like me and represent valuable intellectual assets for companies operating in the current knowledge-based economy. They reflect the innovation capacity of creative engineers. In my case, as someone with 35 years of industry experience in enterprise product engineering and currently leading research engineering and academic research collaboration at VMware India, I am passionate about my patent portfolio, which consists of more than 57 patents granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). I also have more than 10 pending patent applications.

My journey of building my patent portfolio began in 2005 when I was working as a file system architect at EMC Corporation, US. Over the years, I honed my understanding of the patenting landscape, serving as a vital member of patent filter committees during my time at Veritas from the year 2000 to 2005 and later during my second stint at EMC between 2009 and 2011. These experiences not only taught me what, when, and how to patent, but also how patents can be leveraged as strategic tools to safeguard innovations and advance one's professional career.

In my current role at VMware, where I'm responsible for translating applied research from the VMware Research group into practical products and services, patents play a pivotal role in assessing the impact and success of my work. I've been meticulous in protecting my innovations in diverse domains, ranging from distributed file systems and data services to cloud management, disaggregated memory systems, and intelligent systems. The fact that my patents are frequently cited (by other research papers) reinforces my belief that patents are instrumental in establishing thought leadership and showcasing technological expertise.

The invention of the unified file system for serving file and block access protocols `Thin provisioning of a file system and an iSCSI LUN through a common mechanism' is cited 160 times and it is one of the fundamental inventions of scalable file system infrastructure that is designed to serve a small number of large files for block device infrastructure support and a large number of small and medium size files for serving file access protocols. It also serves as a foundation for cloud-scale block storage systems.



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The innovation on the self-healing file system is another widely cited patent (cited 83 times). It serves as a foundation for an always-available filesystem with online recovery to deliver on the committed SLA (service level agreement) on a system with storage devices having a spectrum of reliability characteristics. This is one of the critical elements of modern storage systems that attempt to balance cost, performance, and capacity. This is also used as a foundation to deal with wear-level nuances in NVMe-based storage systems.

If you're considering embarking on a patenting journey, here are a few things that you need to consider:

- Don't prematurely dismiss the patentability of your idea; consult your patent office for an assessment.
- Avoid conducting your own prior art search (review of public sources to determine if an invention can be patented); your patent office will handle this as part of their evaluation.
- Start by identifying the key novelties in your implementation, and expanding to include design, models, deployment scenarios, and use cases.
- Patents can protect various innovations, from unique user experiences to custom OS extensions and business models.
- Integrate innovation disclosure applications into your development process to align with your organisation's IP protection strategy.
- Define your innovation's key novelties thoughtfully, balancing coverage and expenses.
- Collaborate with your patent office to ensure your application covers both current ideas and potential future iterations.
- Consider that overly futuristic concepts may not align with patent office priorities and budgets; focus on realistic innovations with monetisation or defence potential.

In conclusion, I would add that if you are keen to pursue this passion, it may benefit to be a part of an organisation for which innovation is central. I have been fortunate to be a part of an innovative ecosystem throughout my career.

AN INCREDIBLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE AT FRESHWORKS

In 2021, Freshworks set up the Freshworks STS Software Academy (FSSA) to create a positive impact on the lives of underprivileged high school graduates and advance technology education in the community. Freshworks' employees are trainers and mentors to these students. Over 100 students have graduated from the academy. Students undergo a 1-year in-classroom training, Monday to Friday. FSSA collaborates with developmental organisations such as Bhumi and Rotary India, as also professionals from IITs, APU, and TISS as coaching staff. **The curriculum covers English, life skills, basic maths and aptitude, frontend (HTML/CSS/JS), and backend (Java/MySQL).**

Shanmuga Anandaraman, director of social impact at Freshworks, says Freshworks employees are also role models, inspiring FSSA students toward long-term success. Jessica Jeyakumar, TEDx speaker and solution engineer at Freshworks, says volunteering in the programme has been an incredibly rewarding experience. "The amount of enthusiasm that these students show to participate and consume everything we share, is astounding!"

How our dirty air is inspiring innovation

From headphone purifiers that make you look like Batman to plug-in plants and AC add-ons, clean breathing tech is booming

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Domestic air purifiers were almost unheard of a decade or so ago but with air quality plummeting across cities, it's become the new gotta-have-it home appliance. This rising demand has also inspired a lot of innovation, be it on Indian campuses or in the R&D labs of global appliance giants.

Engineer-turned-entrepreneur Ravi Kaushik, who grew up in Delhi and saw the city's air take a turn for the worse every winter, says he was surprised to find that even people who owned purifiers hardly ever turned them on. "If you ask people with air purifiers how often they use it, it's mostly for two months of the year. Say you enter a room, you first turn on the light and then some kind of ventilation like an AC or fan," says the 29-year-old CEO of Airth. As most people are loath to turn on yet another device, his idea was to incorporate access to cleaner air into air conditioners themselves. Airth's filters can be attached via velcro to split ACs, making one's air conditioner act like an air purifier. He describes the product as a *topi* (cap) you put on your AC. While the idea was born when he was studying environmental engineering at IIT-Bombay, it was developed at IIT Kanpur & IISc Bangalore, and now retails on e-commerce sites at a price of around Rs 3,000-4,000.

Urban Air Labs is a Delhi-based startup that has developed a more sustainable plant-based alternative to mechanical purifiers. Co-founder Sanjay Maurya says, "Mechanical purifiers are a quick fix solution. But their filters get clogged and they have to be thrown away, at which point it becomes someone else's problem. It didn't seem right that you're creating a new set of problems to solve another one," he says, pointing out that it would take almost 40 years for HEPA filters to naturally degrade.

In response to this, the startup worked on developing a plant-based alternative. "Plant-based air cleaning is something that's being studied in multiple universities abroad and Indian traditional knowledge suggests the use of tulsi or peepal trees for this purpose. We tested this out and found that while plants do clean the air, the process is very passive. So, you'd need about 100 plants to clean the air of even a small room," Maurya says.

The question then became about how one can magnify this natural ability. After years of R&D, they developed products called UBreathe. Essentially, you plug a plant (they have a list of 10-odd plants that'll do the trick) into their machine and it absorbs polluted air from the surroundings and releases clean air. Their technology, backed by IIT Roorkee and Kanpur, and tested in IIT-Kanpur's air purification lab, is currently pending a patent. They retail three sizes of products, the smallest costs Rs 3,500 and the largest retails for Rs 40,000.

Large conglomerates are also racing to come up with better ways to clean the air though their devices are priced higher. Philips, which already sells a range of purifiers, has come up with a mask that is a portable purifier. It is battery-powered with a built-in fan that leads to constant circulation and is priced around Rs 7,000. Dyson has put a purifier within headphones that cancels noise and pollution but with a stiff price tag of $700 (Rs 58,000). It can monitor AQI with the added bonus of looking like something out of Batman.

Airth's AC filters, which have been validated by CSIR-IMTECH and are now being incubated at Centre for Medical Innovation & Entrepreneurship at AIIMS, have been selling well, even in months when AQI is not severe. Kaushik says they were surprised when orders came in from cities in Kerala and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu where the air is nowhere as bad as the metros. "A lot of people in south India use our filters to tackle dust. One customer told us that they use a mosquito net that his wife would clean monthly and now, after four months of using Airth, no cleaning is required," he says.

Another startup is Nanoclear, which specialises in nanofiber technology to tackle dirty air. Founder Prateek Sharma claims their devices can filter out the smallest of pollutants like PM 10, PM 2.5, pollen, dust and mites. "We have a number of products. The first one we launched was the nasofilter, a wearable air purifier that sticks inside the nose," he says. They use this technology to create mesh filters for ACs and windows as well.

The market has seen some fluctuation in recent years, he admits. "After three years of R&D, we launched in 2018. It did very well during Covid, when we adapted the product to also filter out bacteria and viruses. But after Covid, people felt fed up with protective gear," he says. So, while sales surged during pollution season, they plateaued the rest of the year. That is partially why they've used this technology to create a product they hope is evergreen — cigarette filters that claim to help people quit smoking. "We have three categories of filters— one filters out 30% of the tar in a cigarette, the next does 50% and the last one filters out 80% of tar and nicotine. This is now our top-selling product," he says.

These air purification products are not only being sold in metros like Delhi and Mumbai where pollution is particularly bad, but all across the country. Before October, 60% of startup Airth's filters which get attached to ACs were purchased by people in South India. People use them to tackle dust and allergies as well

Maurya says the long-term goal is to create an air wellness space, with pollution only being one part of it. Being able to control the air in our surroundings — whether to prevent allergies or to repel mosquitos — can be a broader category.

And while all this anti-pollution tech is great for those who can afford it, the truth is that it still won't make the air outside our homes and offices any cleaner.

JACKFRUIT MURDERS AND 3D CHEFS: How the restaurant became a stage

Immersive dining becomes the new buzzword as tech, AI tools turn food into a sensory experience

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Imagine this — you take your seat in a restaurant and a charming French chef pops up on your plate. The thumb-sized chef takes you on a sensory journey while your crockery and cutlery transform into various landscapes, each corresponding to the course about to be served. In the first act, the table blossoms into a summer garden where he plucks fresh vegetables to create a tomato burrata. The second course transforms the table into a fishing adventure with bright coral colours and the gentle sound of waves as he dives into the waters to lure a fresh lobster onto your plate. As you progress, the table becomes a bustling kitchen as the chef slices, dices, and sautés a meal with the projected ingredients. After each animation, human servers bring out each course, closely resembling what the animated chef just made.

This 90-minute culinary spectacle called Le Petit Chef created with 3D mapping technology and skull mapping techniques has been playing out at Shangri-La Eros in Delhi since June this year. "We used illusionist techniques like anamorphosis to make the story elements spring to life. We also integrated aromas and sounds to enhance the overall sensory experience," says Abhishek Sadhoo, general manager, Shangri-La Eros.

This is the new world of immersive dining which combines tech — projection mapping, augmented reality (AR) and immersive AI — with inventive dishes and theatrics to elevate the way one relishes food. According to Sadhoo, the recent surge in immersive dining experiences reflects a shift in expectations in the post-pandemic era. "Beyond cuisine, patrons now yearn for unique, engaging, and personalised encounters," he says.

Sadhoo may be right. The main course everyone is craving is a full-blown experience which goes beyond the theatrics of an open kitchen or the tableside flex of a flambé.

On Onam this year, The Bombay Canteen pulled off a chameleon act thanks to some AI wizardry. Traditional chenda melam drummers pounded out beats to welcome guests into the restaurant that had shape-shifted into an opulent Travancore court decked with flowers rising from brass barrels, rows of lamps casting a warm golden glow and the once-static heroines in Raja Ravi Varma's paintings coming alive on screens. When it was time for sadya, historian Manu Pillai brought hidden Onam tales to life on banana-leaf plates. For instance, the course titled 'jackfruit murder' saw Pillai narrate the story of the Prince of Travancore who used a jackfruit to murder his wife's paramour. The story leapt to life on screens courtesy artist Ari Prakash's AI brushwork. Soon after, a plate arrived with roasted beets masquerading as blood, dramatically splattered over Malabar jackfruit and steamed rice dumplings. It was one of the many traditional dishes that chefs Manu Chandra and Hussain Shahzad had reimagined, leaving guests thoroughly intrigued.

For Sameer Seth, founder & CEO at Hunger Inc. Hospitality that runs The Bombay Canteen, the journey into this immersive Onam dining spectacle was a natural step forward. "People want new dishes and they want to be entertained with food. We wanted to push our limits into new territory and AI is aiding that process," explains Seth. It wasn't a simple task. "The art, narration and food had to be in perfect sync. It was akin to any theatre production," he says.

SAMEER SETH, CEO, HUNGER INC

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Saligao in north Goa recently welcomed The Second House, a century-old Portuguese bungalow-turned-restaurant with AI-crafted projections that bring nature and architecture to life on its walls and spaces. "We realised the potential of digital décor. If interestingly curated, a place can take on any skin," says architect Ayaz Basrai of The Busride Design Studio who designed the venue. But maintaining a balance between tech and the rustic charm of Goa was a priority. So, you see screens intertwined with plants blending digital and real bougainvillaea, occasionally visited by a virtual hummingbird "as a nod to the coastal state."

Basrai draws on the emerging community of visual artists — from NFT collectors to digital art enthusiasts. "Earlier, we turned to designers and architects for professional quality illustrations or visuals. Now with new tools exploding, we're seeing greater democratisation of visual and design ideas. The Second House is trying to be home to that community of content creators."

Beyond immersive dining, AI is also acting like a "research partner" for chefs and curators. Chef Gresham Fernandes explains: "I'm using generative AI tools like Stable Diffusion, Dall-E, and Midjourney to brainstorm new plating ideas." With two decades of cooking under his belt, he has a signature style but AI, he says, injects fresh creativity by offering a palette of 20 different concepts for him to explore.

"See, I come with Japanese influences and was recently catering for a private dinner for a group unacquainted with Goa's tribal side. So, I fed in AI prompts on the lines of Western Ghats meets Kyoto to generate images of food, people and places. The visuals sparked my imagination to think out of the box," says Gresham, who also used AI to design Bandra Born, a new pop-up restaurant in Mumbai. "Instead of sifting through countless images on Pinterest, we gave AI some prompts: a vandalised bar that plays hip hop and is illuminated by eclectic lamps. We received 10 precise images and graffiti that acted like a launchpad for putting together the physical space."

AI, Seth adds, has changed the game — from crafting packaging designs to generating mood boards for campaigns. "It's like having a creative assistant that strengthens our ideas. For our Diwali collection at Bombay Sweet Shop, we used AI to create packaging references inspired by Tanjore paintings and classical South Indian style varq-like embellishments on our mithai boxes. We also used AI to create a mood board for the campaign photoshoot." The result? Time saved, and many more creative possibilities.

Chef Avinash Martins, known for weaving narratives into the dishes served at Cavatina in Goa, recently teamed up with a premium spirit brand to craft an immersive experience at Leela Palace Bengaluru. The tables were interactive LCD screens which transported guests to the Sahyadri ghats, Gokarna's sunny beaches and Kashmir's lush valleys. The visuals were paired with dishes like Kolhapur spice-crusted lamb rack, salt-crusted fish and Kashmiri apple-filled filo cigars. "The flavours and scenery created a deeper connection between diners and the meal," he says. However, having fun with AI and visuals can't be the sole focus, Martins is quick to point out. "AI is a catalyst, not the centrepiece. The warmth of the server and interactions with the chef remain key," he says.

EDIBLE JOURNEY The Le Petit Chef experience in Delhi where an animated thumb-sized chef pops up on your plate while the table transforms into various landscapes. (Top left) An AI visual that chef Gresham Fernandes generated

Trendy to toxic: Is turmeric losing its golden hue?

Spices are the heroes of Indian cuisine, but recent seizures and studies show that adulteration is a big cause for worry

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Turmeric has been the superfood du jour for some years now, but its popularity soared even more in the pandemic when people knocked back haldi doodh (or turmeric lattes) for its anti-inflammatory properties. But now there's a shadow over that vibrant yellow hue that lends itself so well to Instagram photos. An Economist report recently highlighted the use of lead chromate, a neurotoxin that stunts brain development in kids and ups risk of heart and brain disease, to enhance its golden colour. It might also be added to make spices heavier or accidentally during processing, grinding, or packaging.

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BEYOND THE SPICE CUPBOARD: The global curcumin market has exploded. From golden lattes to ice cream and bread, use of turmeric is now widespread

For researchers who have been working on spice adulteration in India, the report won't come as a surprise. Researchers from Pure Earth, a US-based environmental health non-profit, first set out to look into the causes of high lead levels in blood in a community in Bihar back in 2018. Even after a lead battery recycling site nearby was cleaned up, blood lead levels were still high. "We went back to the community after a year, and assessed everything in their household, ranging from spices in the kitchen to the cookware being used. We found that in almost all households, turmeric specifically had high lead content in it," says Sandeep Dahiya, director of advocacy and communications at Pure Earth.

Larger surveys were then conducted. Samples tested across eight districts of Bihar from December 2022 to March 2023 revealed that in nearly half the samples, lead levels were not just above the permissible levels set by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in turmeric but also in three other spices (chilli, coriander, mixed curry powder). Turmeric had the highest levels at 4,139 ppm, over 400 times the FSSAI standard.

The problem isn't restricted to any one state if recent seizures are anything to go by. Earlier this month, Delhi police raided two factories and seized 25 tonnes of adulterated spices. Over 64 tonnes of spices were seized in two raids in April and May in Gujarat. The owners were mixing everything from powdered paper pulp, industrial starch powder to synthetic dyes.

The implications of spice adulteration are global. India is a leading producer of spices and exports from India have doubled in the last nine years, touching Rs 3,995 crore in the fiscal year 2022-23, according to the commerce ministry.

However, in India, awareness about the hazards remains low. "While it's difficult to quantify, adulterated spices may be among the top causes of lead poisoning, alongside paint and petrol," says Rachel Silvermann Bonifield, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development. The think tank's study showed that high levels of lead in blood cause significant gaps in learning abilities of growing children. In April, they sat down with health officials in India, and conducted a workshop. "There's now a growing acknowledgement that this is serious," Bonifield adds.

Taking cognisance of the problem, NITI Aayog and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research conducted a countrywide survey and found that in 23 states, average blood lead levels are well above five micrograms per decilitre (µg/dl) — which is considered unsafe and requires medical intervention.

A large contributor to this is the public perception that spices that are brighter are better in quality, Dahiya says.

In Delhi's Khari Baoli, Asia's largest spice market, a seller speaking on condition of anonymity admitted it's a "common practice" to make spices shine. "The customers prefer brighter colours," he said, adding that most sellers add a form of food colouring.

Using a combination of raids and educational campaigns, Bangladesh has managed to reduce the prevalence of turmeric adulteration in its spice markets to zero in just two years. While India is bigger in size and the number of players supplying spices are a lot more, Bonnifield says that the key is to devise statewise plans and communicate to the consumers and sellers about the consequences of adulteration.

"Spices are a crucial part of not only India's cuisines, but also many of its cultural and religious ceremonies. That's why it's important to be sensitive and not indulge in fear mongering," she adds.

One big roadblock in cracking down is data on adulteration. Pure Earth's Dahiya says that high costs continue to hamper larger scale studies. "In order to detect the lead levels in spices, we use a hand-held device called XRF analysers. Each one of them costs about Rs 25 lakh," he says.

Rajiv Kumar, former vice chairman of NITI Aayog, under whose tenure the lead impact assessment study was conducted, says large-scale sampling is going to be key. "We can't possibly talk about remedies until we have the complete picture. We need to know which are the states which are affected the most, and how large the problem is. I think we are in the first stage of identifying the extent of the problem. Once we have it, we can talk about policy intervention," he says. Kumar set up a public policy think tank Pahle India Foundation in 2013, which is working on a lead elimination program currently and has set up a working group with Pure Earth to address the same.

FSSAI, on its part, has asked food commissioners to conduct more stringent tests on spice sellers. However, public awareness is going to be key too.

HOW TO CHECK IF YOUR SPICES ARE PURE

Identifying spice adulteration requires a combination of sensory evaluation, chemical analysis, and awareness of common adulteration practices

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1 TURMERIC
Tip: Lead chromate and chalk powder are commonly used to increase shine and quantity
Test: Take a small quantity of turmeric powder in a glass of water. The powder will settle to the bottom and there will be no marked colour change. Water with adulterated turmeric becomes bright yellow

2 CUMIN
Tip: Genuine cumin seeds do not leave behind colour on your skin
Test: Take a small quantity of cumin seeds on your palm and rub them. Observe your palm for colouration. Seeds adulterated with painted grass seeds leave black colour on the palm

3 BLACK PEPPER
Tip: Legitimate black peppercorns have a bold, aromatic charisma
Test: Commence the crush ceremony. If the crushed residue lacks uniformity or the expected olfactory punch, foul play involving papaya seeds or black berries could be afoot

4 RED CHILLI POWDER
Tip: Pure chilli powder is often mixed with coloured salt, talcum powder, lead chromate or sawdust
Test: Add a teaspoon of the powder to a glass of water. Take the residue and rub it on your fingers. A genuine stain of fiery red should emerge. Additionally, if the residue feels soapy or gritty, there's high chances of adulteration

5 CARDAMOM
Tip: Green cardamom pods are often adulterated with used pods, and artificial 'green' colouring
Test: Crush a pod and breathe in the aroma. Adulteration may be unmasked by lacklustre pods that fail to compose a fragrant odour, or are pale and emit a dye

6 CORIANDER POWDER
Tip: Dry husks and sawdust are common adulterants for this powder
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Source: FSSAI and Dr Bhakti Kapoor, nutrition and health coach

Private Equity Investors Work On Building Multiple Revenue Streams And Will Aim To Make Profits From Each, Be It Transport, Uniforms Or Textbooks

PE FIRMS on school bus, will fees rise?

Hemali Chhapia | TNN

Back in the day, schools were founded by passionate educationists who wanted to provide quality education in the neighbourhood. That was when PE meant 'physical education'. That utopian model has largely given way to new models of management. In today's lexicon, PE means private equity.

Consider this: just last week, about half a dozen schools spread across Bengaluru and Hyderabad saw funds being infused by a Chinese investor. With this reorganisation, the original owners will have little or no stake in the schools' running.

So, why are schools allowing PE firms to buy into their operations? The reasons are varied: the next generation of management may not be interested in running an institution; or the existing management may find the regulatory environment complex and wish to exit. Managements may feel challenged by larger schools with better financial and operational efficiencies in the locality, or they could simply decide that it's time to reap better returns.

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A Changing Model

There have been several PE partnerships with schools over the past few years (see box). In 2019, buyout major KKR acquired a majority stake in Eurokids International for Rs 1,475 crore from Gaja Capital. Last month, Kedaara Capital bought a stake in Orchids International Schools for close to Rs 1,500 crore and provided a partial exit to Peak XV (erstwhile Sequoia Capital). Navneet Publishing and Sequoia were investors for almost a decade in Orchid, then Sofina came in 2020 with an investment of Rs 199 crore. In 2021, SoftBank-backed Unacademy invested Rs 160 crore in the company. Deals like these have made it abundantly clear that the economics of the Indian schooling space are changing.

EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

WEST INDIA

- KKR-backed Lighthouse Learning with Centre Point Schools, Nagpur
- Singapore-based Global Schools Foundation with Witty International Schools, Mumbai

NORTH INDIA

- KKR-backed Lighthouse Learning with Heritage Xperiential Schools (Gurgaon, Noida & Delhi NCR

SOUTH INDIA

- UK-based Nord Anglia with Oakridge Schools (Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab)
- Singapore-based Global Schools Foundation with Glendale Schools (Telangana)
- Jacobs Holding-backed Cognita with Chirec International School (Telangana)
- Singapore-based Global Schools Foundation with Vikaasa Schools (Tamil Nadu)
- KKR-backed Lighthouse Learning with Cambridge Public Schools, Bengaluru

Many Openings For PE

Schools are increasingly setting up multiple entities to manage their affairs – property firms, operations divisions, human resource wings. As they pay out rent and other charges to these entities from the fees earned, they themselves are never shown as profit-making. So, a PE firm could invest in just the real estate arm and keep earning an income through rentals, or get into the operations side too and run the school.

"Schools are a very interesting asset class for equity investors who have long-term plans, patient capital and are not looking at obnoxious returns," said Rakesh Gupta, founders' banker at LoEstro Advisors, who has worked with several schools and PE firms. "Deals have started picking up now as there is some level of consistency in the regulations and flexibility has come in. Also, the asset base which can be scaled is what attracts PE into schools."

What Changes Really?

Often, the infusion of private investment puts pressure on school administrators to improve revenue flow. A few years ago, much before PE became a catchphrase in schools, a large chain of preschools was sold to a high net worth individual in Mumbai. Lina Ashar, who parted with Billabong High and Kangaroo Kids in 2018 before the Covid-induced lockdown, said, "While I would have found it difficult to navigate those (the pandemic) years, I would have run the school like a teacher, being fine with kids who would not have been able to pay their fees." Today, after her cooling off period, she has started Dreamtime Learning with educationists as investors who "will not influence the values I have set for the institution".

But almost every stakeholder knows that PE investors work around the top and bottom lines. And their growing role in schools has caused some degree of concern. "Every PE has a time horizon for an exit and it must grow the invested capital which would be a direct outcome of fees charged," explained a person in the know. And over time, as revenue projections go up, school fees charged must rise for the PE firm to meet its "business bottom line".

"The Central government needs to step in urgently. Education is a public good and must be within the reach of all. For PE firms, all that matters is the profit," said Dr Rajendra Singh, trustee and chairman of Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti, which runs various educational institutes in Mumbai.

Parents Are Clueless

Most schools that have seen PE fund infusion portray it as a "strategic investment" or a "strategic partnership". But a section of educationists says the deals appear to pave the way for changes that impact both faculty and students.

"The shift marks the beginning of something that is fundamentally altering in schooling. The stability that one owner brings in through the schooling life cycle of a child is suddenly gone as one PE firm sells to another and then to a third, with each entity coming in to merely increase their valuation. One wonders how the government is allowing this as the moot question is, whose responsibility is the child? We need more transparency so that all stakeholders, including the most important – parents – know about the deals taking place," said Avnita Bir, director principal of RN Podar School, Mumbai.

Other educationists agree that when private school managements operated through public trusts/societies change hands to ensure better "return on investment" and "financial sustainability", parents and teachers should be made aware of the situation with total transparency and no immediate changes should be introduced that can disrupt the daily functioning of schools. "The legacy, values and beliefs should be preserved. It's time for the education ministry to create a regulatory body specially to guide private schools on compliances; very similar to how the Dubai government created a private school regulatory body known as KHDA," said educationist Francis Joseph.

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5. If the town of Ratlam is famous for its sev, which snack named after the Tamil word for 'twisted' would you associate with the town of Manapparai in the Tiruchirappalli district of Tamil Nadu?
6. In January 1941, who escaped from British house arrest in India, disguising himself as a Pathan, then a Pashtun insurance salesman, and finally as an Italian count to reach Europe?
7. The 1978 film Junoon, the 2005 children's film Blue Umbrella, and the 2011 Priyanka Chopra-starrer 7 Khoon Maaf were all based on the stories of which Indian author?

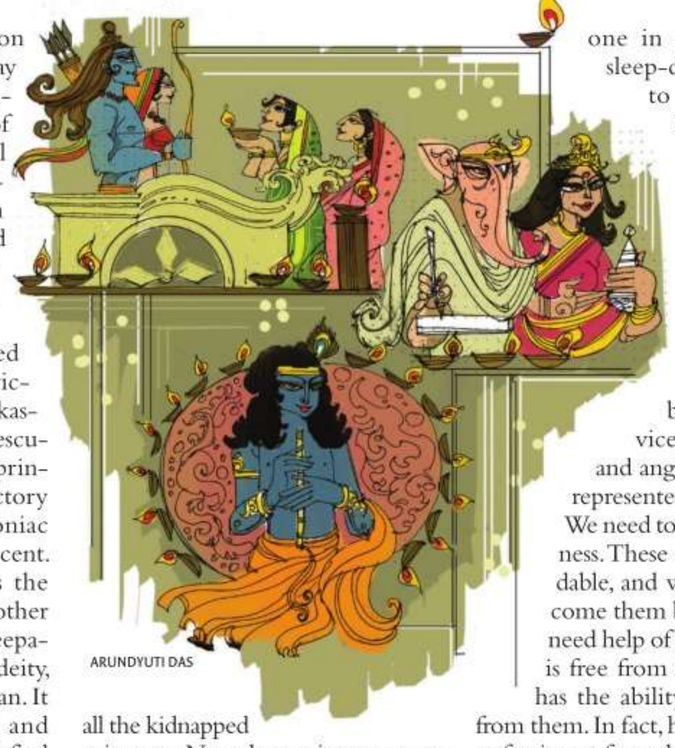
ANSWERS

1 | Meenakshi temple in Madurai
2 | Coffee, he brought seven raw beans from the port of Mocha
3 | Dinesh Karthik,
4 | He designed the Indian rupee sign after the Dinesh Suitings advertisement
5 | Murukku
6 | Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
7 | Ruskin Bond. He even appeared as a bishop in 7 Khoon Maaf

THE SPEAKING TREE

Krishn Lila On Deepavali

Not just Ram, Deepavali celebrates Krishn lila too — his defeating of Narakasur, offering protection to the abducted princesses, and his rope trick when Yashoda tries to bind him, writes RADHANATH SWAMI


ARUNDYUTI DAS

Deepavali falls on the fifteenth day of the auspicious month of Kartik. We all know that it is meant to celebrate the return of Prince Ram to Ayodhya, along with Sita and Lakshman, after 14 years of exile, and is associated with Goddess Lakshmi and Ganesh.

This festival is also centred around Krishn. It marks his victory over a demon called Narakasur of Pragjyotisyapur, and his rescuing and acceptance of 16,100 princesses. It is an occasion of victory of the divine over the demoniac and the protection of the innocent.

Deepavali also celebrates the binding of little Krishn by Mother Yashoda in Vrindavan. On Deepavali, lamps are offered to the deity, Yashoda-Damodar, in Vrindavan. It demonstrates the kindness and grace of the Supreme self-satisfied Lord.

Bhauma was born to Mother Earth. He fell into bad company of evil people like Banasura and Dvivida and started lusting for power, wealth and women, and became Narakasur. The demon committed many atrocities such as stealing the earrings of Aditi, the mother of demigods, and the umbrella of Varun. He abducted 16,100 earthly princesses and daughters of demigods and sages. Everyone was fed up with him. So, Indra, the king of demigods, approached Krishn in Dwarka to seek his help. Krishn immediately arrived at Pragjyotisyapur, Narakasur's capital, and effortlessly destroyed the well-guarded fortifications of his city. He then fought Narakasur, destroyed all his army and weapons, and liberated him with his Sudarshan Chakra. He then released all the kidnapped princesses. Now, these princesses were enchanted by Krishn. Since they were abducted, no one would have married them. They pleaded with Krishn to accept them, and the all-attractive, merciful god agreed.

DEEPAVALI

The *Bhagwad Gita* 16.21 states that lust, anger and greed are the paths to degradation and destruction. These three vices blind our vision of compassion, love and selflessness. Greed appears as corruption, frauds, hoarding and unethical trade. Anger surfaces in the form of crime and wars. Lust is reflected through infatuation for wealth, sense enjoyments and prestige, resulting in great stress and anxiety.

Currently, there are four major wars in the world and political unrest and insurgency in more than a dozen countries. Every month, we are witnessing mass shootings. Every one in three adults is sleep-deprived owing to excess or unhealthy work culture. The world loses 3.2 lakh crore rupees in digital fraud. Both collectively and individually, we are being ravaged by these three vices — lust, greed and anger — which are represented by Narakasur. We need to dispel this darkness. These vices are formidable, and we cannot overcome them by ourselves. We need help of the Divine, who is free from these vices and has the ability to liberate us from them. In fact, he looks forward to freeing us from these vices. All we need to do is to seek refuge in Krishn, like the abducted princesses did.

It happened to be Deepavali in Vrindavan when Mother Yashoda tried to bind her naughty son Krishn. She was concerned that if she used a stick to discipline him, he would get too scared. So, she started tying Krishn with a rope, but it fell short by a few inches. Yashoda then brought more rope. Yet again it fell short by the same length. This way she laboured hard to tie down her beloved son. Yashoda's loving endeavour melted Krishn's heart. His mercy potency overrode his omnipotence. When we offer sincere devotion to Krishn, he reciprocates, dispels darkness and awakens love in our hearts. Deepavali is also a celebration of divine love. ■

The writer is the spiritual guru of ISKCON

Behind hockey girls' rise, a local teacher who caught them young

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Once dominated by the urban elite from Pune, women's hockey, which has spawned eight women Olympians in the state, including former skipper Eliza Nelson whose eight-year career is bookended by two golds, now sees a bevy of rustic players not only mastering the craft of passing, regaining and covering up under the gaze of European coaches such as former Dutch player Johanna (Janneke) Schopman but also speaking to the media in measured English.

Among them is 20-year-old Vaishnavi Phalke, who helped the team make up for the Asian Games bronze with a shiny gold at the biennial six-nation Women's Asian Champions Trophy that made her father Vitthal Phalke — a former wrestler — "very happy".

Even as the medal now awaits a showcase and the bank account awaits the Rs 3 lakh cash prize, Vaishnavi, who made a star debut in the senior side with three goals at Cape Town at the start of the year, is back to dodging sugar in Asu, a large village near the sugar-factory-boasting Phaltan Taluka. "My mother is tired of me," says the calm midfielder, who has been refusing to eat even homemade sweets for five Diwalis now.

It's no coincidence that a majority of the girls in blue skirt grew up Phaltan taluka. "Unke naseeb mein shayad main tha (Perhaps, meeting me was part of their destiny)," says 47-year-old Vikas Bhujbal, a former volleyball player and local primary school sports teacher, credited with the making of Olympian archer Pravin Jadhav, who decided to take the girls under his wing in 2009.

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Vikas Bhujbal, the local primary school sports teacher who is a former volleyball player, introduced many kids hailing from nearby villages to Krida Prabodhini, a state-run sports programme meant to harness the talent of 8- to 14-year-olds from Maharashtra's impoverished pockets

Keen to watch the kids hailing from nearby villages such as Sarde and Kokli prosper through the equaliser called sports, Bhujbal introduced many to Krida Prabodhini, a state-run sports programme meant to harness the talent of eight to 14-year-olds from Maharashtra's impoverished pockets.

Those who passed the cluster of tests — including sprinting and throwing a physiotherapy ball — were later picked for training at various Krida Prabodhini centres in the state, most prominently at Pune's Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, where Bhujbal would often arrive later on his motorbike — a father figure bearing talcum powder, hair oil and other essentials from homes almost three hours away.

Phalke was then a mere eight-year-old audience member who had watched her father lock arms with other glistening men in Kesari Kusti, a homespun wrestling contest. Having spent the first few months running, swimming and crying, she chose hockey as her discipline of choice. "We played against the boys," says Phalke, adding that living up to their speed and strength helped her improve her game.

In 2012, Phaltan would quietly judge Akshata Dhekale as the pre-teen sprinted through school grounds in shorts for the first time. "My own classmates looked at me as if I was odd," says the defender. "I could sense them wondering: 'How is she running in shorts?'"

Today, the grass is greener. Like Rutuja Pisal, a labourer's daughter who plays for Union Bank of India, Dhekale — who made her senior international debut last year in the FIH Hockey Pro League mini-series against Germany — has a job. She plays for the Indian Oil Corporation, filling at age 22 the local void she had felt as a child. "We had no women role models from our region in hockey," says Dhekale.

While Arjuna and Padma Shri veteran Eliza Nelson believes more AstroTurf stadiums would help more women take up the game, Dhekale feels better job prospects would help kill the self-doubt that plagues the security-craving 22 year olds in the team.

However, unlike Haryana and Orissa, the state hasn't been much of a cheerleader, says Manoj Bhore, senior vice-president of Hockey Maharashtra, which recently won Rs 10 lakh from Hockey India for its contribution towards promoting the game in the state. "The players need funding for shoes and kits. Like MP, Maharashtra should invest in sending hockey players abroad. Our goal is to prepare players for the 2028 and 2032 Olympics," says Bhore, adding that HM has set up a new academy in Pune.

Meanwhile, Bhujbal — whose eyes welled up when Rutuja called him up recently to convey that she had made it into the World Cup squad — worries about the future of the eight to 14-year-olds in his arid radius. Five years ago, he says, Krida Prabodhini stopped undertaking the national sports tests which combed young talent from the state's underserved pockets. "If this continues, only the city-bred kids would get a chance in the game," says Bhujbal, who follows Shah Rukh on social media. Later, he calls us back with a request: "Can you please tell the makers of 'Chak De! India' to make more such movies?"

2nd major houseboat-blaze in J&K after 2022

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Eight other people staying in the houseboats were rescued by locals and fire services personnel, who battled the blaze for hours before it was brought under control.

Jammu & Kashmir lieutenant-governor Manoj Sinha condoled the deaths. "I am deeply pained by the loss of lives due to the unfortunate fire at Dal Lake. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. I have directed the district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected persons," Sinha said in a statement.

AP

A man inspects the damage after a fire gutted several houseboats early morning in the interiors of Dal Lake on Saturday

This was the second major blaze in houseboats at the Dal and the Nigeen lakes in Srinagar. In April 2022, seven houseboats were gutted on the Nigeen Lake, mostly popular among foreign tourists, on the outskirts of the city. There were no casualties or injuries then.

On Saturday, Srinagar deputy commissioner Mohammad Aijaz and senior tourism department officials visited the Dal and vowed all possible help in rebuilding the houseboats.

The officials assured the operators that the issue would be addressed on priority, including supplies of adequate wood to reconstruct the damaged patch.

Javid Ahmad Tenga, president of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), underscored the extensive damage to the operators. "It is, indeed, a great loss to the heritage houseboat population," Tenga said in a statement. Tenga urged the administration led by Lt-Governor Sinha to assess the losses and provide compensation to the houseboat operators and other assistance, including "quick permissions" for the reconstruction and enough timber.

UP ATS raids 'hideouts', arrests four IS suspects linked to AMU students

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad on Saturday arrested four suspected IS terrorists identified as Raquib Imam Ansari,29, Naved Siddiqui,23, Mohammed Noman Gaffar, 27 and Mohammed Nazim,33.

Based on the interrogation of earlier arrested IS suspects, an ATS team had conducted raids at the four suspects' hideouts and arrested three from Aligarh and one Nazim from Sambhal. All four were associated with Students of Aligarh Muslim University, a senior ATS officer said.

Special DG (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar said that the accused were inspired by IS ideology and were taking instructions from their IS handlers to carry out terror activities in the state. "They were collecting material and planning some strike," Kumar added. The suspects were brought to Lucknow ATS headquarters for further questioning and the seized gadgets were sent for a forensic audit. TNN

COP28: India needn't rush to meet Paris targets

SWAMINOMICS

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A new climate summit, COP28, will be held later this month in Dubai. The climate pledges and actions of countries will be scrutinised. Many will be criticised for falling far short of targets deemed essential to contain the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees C. The summit will end with stirring speeches on how climate change is the greatest threat to humanity and must be solved.

Enter Donald Trump. The latest opinion polls suggest that he will win the US election next November. Most states have fixed views, so both Republicans and Democrats are certain of winning a number of states. Elections are won and lost by swing states that can go either way. The latest US opinion poll shows Trump beating Biden in five of six swing states, more than enough for victory.

A year is a long time in politics. Much could change by next November. But a Trump victory is entirely possible. He is the front runner today.

Trump calls climate change theories a hoax. He withdrew the US from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement in 2020. Then Joe Biden became President and reinstated the US. But if Trump wins again, he will surely exit again. That may render the Paris Agreement useless.

A recent Pew Institute poll found that only 23% of Republicans view climate change as a major threat, against 78% for Democrats. Overall, barely half of all Americans take climate change seriously. In such circumstances, future Republican presidents may well follow the Trump line. If the US exits the Paris Agreement every time it gets a Republican president, its Paris targets will become a farce.

In that case, all sacrifices made by others will become useless. The US is such a large emitter of greenhouse gases that combating climate change is impossible without its participation. The Paris Agreement has no penalties or incentives. It relies entirely on moral force and collective action. It is less an agreement than a hope and prayer.

If India meets its targets and others do not, our sacrifices will be in vain. Equally, if the rest of the world met its targets and India did not, the climate problem would be solved anyway. India's share is too small to drag down the whole world. So, in theory, India — or any other country — can be a free rider, getting benefits without making sacrifices.

In practice, it will not be so simple. Countries fulfilling their targets could impose sanctions on defaulters. The European Union has already proposed import duties on steel made mainly using coal. However, this is violative of the rules of the World Trade Organisation, entitling India to retaliate. So, the moral issue of rule-based action is complicated. What seems certain is that if the US opts out, global emissions will shoot up regardless of what others do.

TRUMP 2.0: What's the use of India's decarbonization if climate denier Trump comes back to the White House?

What should India do if Trump becomes president again and exits the Paris Agreement? Optimists may hope that Trump will be a rare exception and future US presidents will stick to the Agreement. Alas, many future Republican presidents will probably call climate change a hoax too.

What then should India do? It will not be diplomatic to walk out of the Paris Agreement, saying the US has killed it. But India should reconsider its transition path. It need not move faster than the rest of the world and should not make major sacrifices. It should continue using coal, which others object to, as long as that is needed for baseload generation.

Technological improvements have hugely reduced the price of solar and wind energy. These can be produced as cheaply as Rs 3 per unit whereas future coal-based thermal plants will require Rs 5 per unit. But solar and wind energy are intermittent. Power is needed when there is no sun or wind. Battery storage of renewable power can be used to smooth out fluctuations, but this is still too costly. Maybe technological changes could soon make this economic. But coal, dirty as it is, will still be needed by India for baseload generation.

India should rapidly develop solar and wind energy, the energy drivers of the future. But it need not rush to meet Paris targets. Let the transition be as gradual as required. Avoid sacrifices that may be in vain. Do not try to change faster than the rest of the world. Use coal as long as required.

India's big environmental problem is not carbon but filthy air and water. Cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata are covered in toxic smog. It's not just air. Unsafe drinking water is stunting the growth of children and even leading to their deaths. Aquifers are being drained by overpumping that is encouraged by free electricity for farmers. India should give top environmental priority to these issues over decarbonization. ■

For years, I've been Prag's sister. Now, I'm making my own place as Vaishali

*The world knows **R Vaishali** as R Praggnanandhaa's sister, but the 22-year-old chess ace is way more than that. Vaishali, who became a Woman GM at 17, is just three rating points away from becoming a Grandmaster like her brother. When she does, she will become only the third Indian female GM. In an interaction with **Neha Surana**, Vaishali gets candid about her struggles when Prag overshadowed her and getting over the negativity*

FOR THE RECORD

Why do you think there aren't as many female chess players as men?

I've been asking myself why there are so few women on top. I feel it's due to lower participation. If you see a chess class, out of ten kids there will be just two girls. So, from that class, maybe one comes out on top. Once there is more participation of girls, we will automatically have more talent coming up.

Why do you think there's a lack of participation?

I know many female chess players who started out so well in the under-10/12 categories but suddenly when they turned 15 or 16 years old, they made a shift and started focusing on studies. They dropped out of the sport even when they were at their best.

But are things changing?

A lot of younger girls aged eight and nine have picked up the sport. In my academy, the Chess Gurukul Academy in Chennai, many more girls are playing. It feels so good to see them. It's growing and needs to keep growing.

When you were younger, did it feel odd to play with boys?

I think I never saw an opponent as a girl or a boy. All I knew was that we were training together and going to tournaments together. Later, I started playing in the more difficult Open category to become stronger.

Who inspired you to pick up the sport?

Viswanathan Anand sir has been my inspiration ever since I saw him in my school. In Velammal School, they would invite sports personalities every year on sports day. I met him when I was in Class I and now, I get to train with him. It feels so special. Also, I want to add that Prag is also my inspiration. To watch him closely, how he prepares, and his passion for the game inspires me.

Chess is considered a sedentary sport but are players putting a greater emphasis on physical fitness now?

Many people think fitness is not as important in chess, but it is. Two years ago, even I didn't give too much importance to it. But then I realised that in many of my games towards the end, like in the sixth or seventh hour, I would make a mistake that would cost me the game. After analysing it with my trainers, I realised I need to lay more stress on fitness. I now do yoga and meditation as well, and I can feel it helping me.

You began playing the sport first and were carving a niche for yourself but suddenly Prag was in the limelight. How did you feel?

I struggled with it in the beginning. I mean at that age you want that kind of spotlight for yourself. When he completed IM, it was really quick and he was getting all the attention, even in the family. So, it was difficult for me to handle back then. But then I slowly understood that he's an exceptional player. He's working hard for it and that's why he's getting all the attention. And now it's not even a question. I mean, we are very proud of him and it's great to see so much love.

And when Prag zoomed ahead of you in the rankings, how did you feel?

If I think back about that time, I was also improving. But I thought I had become weaker or something. I was having a lot of negative emotions about it, and I stagnated a bit at that point. But I'm very happy that I got over the negativity quickly. And immediately the next year, I completed my Women's Grandmaster title.

How did you get out of it?

My parents saw me getting affected by this and they were there to support me. But the thing is, at that point, whoever you have doesn't matter because you're just not ready to hear what they are saying. I must blame myself for many things. Our coach, RB Ramesh sir, knows us very well and he understood this. He also tried to explain it to me. With help from people around me, I got out of that zone.

Many people refer to you as Prag's sister, but how would you like to be remembered?

I have never really thought about it. For many years, I have been living as Prag's sister. And I am very proud of being his sister, but I also want my own name. Now, slowly, I think I am making my own place as Vaishali. I would like to be remembered as one of India's greatest women chess players.

Have you watched 'The Queen's Gambit'?

It may surprise you but no, I have not. I have never watched TV shows and I rarely watch a movie. Sometimes, I do watch a Tamil comedy film. Now, I think I must watch Queen's Gambit because I have heard both chess and non-chess players talk so much about it.

How much of a support it is to have your mother beside you in every tournament?

Our relationship is like every other mom-daughter one. There comes an age when you argue a lot. But now I can understand her. We still bicker sometimes, but comparatively less. And it's the biggest support to have her around. If you have a bad day, especially when you are coming to the room, it's nice to have someone beside you who doesn't question your game.

Let's not go crackers over bans every Diwali. Leave fireworks policy to states

BY INVITATION

NITIN PAI

The Supreme Court has done well to refuse a blanket ban on all firecrackers in India. Its recent order reminding states to prohibit the manufacture and sale of joined firecrackers and those containing barium is a prudent one. Yet in the absence of a sensible firecracker policy, it is likely that approaching the Supreme Court for a ban will become an annual pre-Diwali ritual.

How should India govern firecrackers?

The goal of policy ought to be to allow people to enjoy Diwali with firecrackers if they so wish while reducing the damage to the environment. Yes, this is possible.

For that we must avoid our usual bad policy reflexes: do not nationalise, judicialise, moralise and surprise. A one-size-fits all solution, especially if dictated by judges, is likely to have unintended consequences when applied across a highly diverse country. Once a policy question is turned into a moral one, we get into a battle between right and wrong, with no middle ground. The politics become emotional and polarised making pragmatic solutions impossible. So, what do we do?

First, leave firecracker regulation to state governments, municipalities and gram panchayats. Air quality, firecracker use, weather conditions, human geography, social norms and biosphere contexts vary vastly across the country. Firecrackers in polluted Delhi have a very different impact from say one in a seaside village in South Goa. It makes little sense to prohibit South Goans from enjoying themselves by setting off a few firecrackers because Delhiites tend to go overboard in an already overpolluted city. While the Delhi government is justified in taking drastic action, the Goan village panchayat has different considerations — fire safety, street dogs and noise, for instance — and a lot more leeway in terms of air pollution.

Similarly Tamil Nadu, a state where over half a million people depend on the Rs 6,000 crore firecracker industry for their livelihoods, should retain its autonomy to balance its economic and environmental issues. Instead of lining up before the Supreme Court, civil society groups and think tanks could help state governments, municipal corporations and village panchayats by drafting jurisdiction-specific model firecracker regulations.

Second, the regulations have to give time for transition. The Supreme Court's 2018 decision to ban certain types of firecrackers was abrupt, and for that reason almost certainly violated. A better way would have been to set a three-year timetable so that manufacturers, distributors and users have time to adapt. It will also give state authorities enough time to set up effective enforcement mechanisms. Just like it is a bad idea to slam the brakes of a fast-moving locomotive, banning firecrackers or imposing new regulations days before Diwali will result in backlash.

Third, instead of seeking a magic bullet, a number of policy levers should be used to change how Indians produce, sell and use firecrackers. These include public education, taxation, restrictions and licensing. Unlike bans, these levers are flexible and can be ratcheted up and down in response to the situation. We often underestimate the power of public education, awareness and cultural norms. Taxes can be an effective instrument to shape economic behaviour. In 2017, traders in Kolkata reported a 40% drop in firecracker sales after GST effectively doubled the tax rate. States and municipalities cannot change GST rates, but can make firecrackers more expensive by increasing license fees or imposing surcharges on retailers. They can also impose restrictions limiting the times, places and types of crackers that can be used. Cities with severe environmental problems can consider user licensing. Science journalist Michael Le Page advocates banning "sale to private individuals and restricting their use to licensed displays. That way, those who enjoy fireworks can still see spectacular shows while minimising the harm done."

A common objection to using such policy levers is that the authorities do not have the administrative capacity to implement and enforce them. This is a reasonable argument except that the test of a policy lies in how much of an improvement it is over the status quo. If we can achieve 10% reduction in firecracker use year on year, we halve the problem in six years. State governments and local authorities in many parts of the country have the capacity to use these levers, even if their mileage may vary. With the help and cooperation of local civil society organisations, it is not difficult to put in place regulations and norms of firecracker use. If, that is, we get over our fascination with legal remedies and instead focus on the grunt work of democratic engagement with local governments. ■

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Afghanistan shows why cricket's global footprint needs to expand

BY INVITATION

AYAZ MEMON

Afghanistan failed to make it to the knock-out stage of the cricket World Cup, but they stoked throbbing life and high drama into the tournament with their incandescent performances.

In the first week, with crowds sparse (largely a function of shoddy ticket management by the BCCI) and hopelessly one-sided matches, the World Cup was in danger of fizzling out prematurely. However, a couple of upset wins in the next week by minnow teams (Netherlands being the other) infused pep and interest in the stuttering tournament. With India hitting a red-hot streak of wins, the World Cup soon turned into a raging blockbuster.

While India's sizzling performances understandably created breathless brouhaha, it was Afghanistan's giant-killing spree that gave the tournament a thrilling dimension, in the process, also serving as a reminder to the ICC and major cricket boards of the imperative need to expand the global footprint of the sport more equitably.

Four wins in nine matches may not appear a mighty achievement, but this must be seen in the perspective of Afghanistan's relative inexperience, and the teams they conquered. First, defending champions England were unceremoniously humbled. Pakistan were upstaged in a taut battle of nerves next, and to complete a sensational hat-trick of wins, Sri Lanka was made to bite the dust. All three victims were former title winners which negates all talk of luck and fluke.

Afghanistan versus Australia, five times former champions, produced the most riveting contest of the tournament and, arguably the greatest match in World Cup history. Glen Maxwell's heroic unbeaten double century — now voted widely as the best ODI innings ever — helped the Aussies win by a whisker. Two dropped catches of Maxwell when the Aussies were on the mat, betrayed nerves and poor catching skills in a crunch situation. Afghanistan's chance had come and gone. But even in defeat, the never-say-die spirit and fine skills of the Afghans earned encomiums from all quarters.

In some ways, Afghanistan's performance has been Lagaan-like in metaphor: There is no anti-colonialism battle for self-respect as was the case in the celluloid saga, rather, of proving a point to the cricket world by beating those from whom they've learnt the game. This made for the most fascinating and compelling storyline to the World Cup.

Though cricket came to Afghanistan in mid-19th century — it barely fits the Afghan sporting stereotype which had more to do with martial pursuits like buzkashi and sundry contact sports. Cricket, with its peculiar idiom, etiquette and culture was a world removed.

The evolution of Afghanistan cricket as we know it today, starts in the refugee camps in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province where those fleeing Soviet invasion in the 1980s and American bombing post 9/11 settled. Players like Mohammad Nabi and Rashid Khan in the current side started playing cricket in these camps.

PITCH FOR MORE: Minnows remain at the mercy of major cricket countries for bilateral engagements

Refugees took the game back to their war-ravaged country. Youngsters looking for a sporting diversion apart from football took to cricket with enthusiasm. Support system from the local government(s) came up when Afghanistan became first an affiliate, then associate member of the ICC. It is now a full member, playing all three formats. Afghanistan's rise makes for one of the most inspirational stories in the strife-driven contemporary world. Seeing the success of their team, young Afghans now see cricket as an opportunity for escape from a beleaguered life and perchance becoming part of the global comity.

Rapid development of skills in a mere 20-25 years bespeaks intrinsic ability in the Afghans. The late Shane Warne, speaking of talismanic Rashid Khan, said to me once that if they were part of the same team, he (Warne) wouldn't be an automatic choice. "But we would both be in the playing XI," he quipped.

This World Cup has highlighted the amazing and growing skill quotient of the Afghans, in all aspects, not just spin bowling as was thought earlier. Now, their batting and fast bowling ability is second to none. Add to this canny tactical nous too, to go with grit, optimism and ambition that seems to be embedded in their hardy mindset, and you have a major cricket force in the making.

But there are hardships. Cricket in Afghanistan is subject to socio-political vicissitudes. While the present Taliban dispensation supports cricket, it bans women from playing any sport. In turn, this can invite adverse reactions for the men's team too. Australia, for instance, refused to play a bilateral ODI series against them because of the ban on women's cricket.

At a holistic level, countries like Afghanistan, the Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland, remain starved of opportunity in the sport. Their players seek to get livelihood from T20 leagues, which have come as a boon, but remain at the mercy of major cricket countries for bilateral engagements which have been sparse. The powers that be need to address this problem if cricket has to grow. Can India, the biggest, richest, most powerful influence in the sport be in the vanguard of this endeavour? ■

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INBOX

Up productivity, not hours we work

This refers to the column '70-hour workweek?..." (ATM, Nov 5). India's productivity is among the lowest in the world not because we don't work long enough. Average hours clocked per person weekly is almost 48, one of the highest globally. The inverse relation between working hours and productivity has to do with technology levels and human capital. India's productivity per hour in 2021 was $8.47, while France's was $58.5 even though its average worker clocked only 30 hours weekly. Productivity will increase when political and corporate bosses invest right.

— Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

2-state solution

This refers to the column 'Not everyone can...' (ATM, Nov 5). Although Israel is determined to finish off Hamas, it won't be an easy task. Even if it takes control of Gaza, Hamas, which is not even viewed as a terror organisation by many, will continue to operate from some safe haven nearby, posing a continuous threat to Israel. The two-nation formula is the only lasting and peaceful solution.

— Vipul Pande, Nainital

Right to fight terror

Apropos of the column 'Not everyone can...'(ATM, Nov 5), Israel's retaliation to Hamas' brutalities cannot be faulted. Terrorism cannot be a means to achieve any objective, even if it is just. The avowed goal of Hamas is to destroy Israel and exterminate Jews. For everlasting peace, all countries should help dismantle terror infrastructure across the globe.

—Sandeep N, Ahmedabad

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Rashmika video reveals how scary AI deepfakery can be

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Actor Rashmika Mandanna became the unfortunate target of a deepfake video that went viral recently. Tomorrow it could be one of us, our children, or even grandchildren. All it takes is a photo or video from a social media profile and an app that uses artificial intelligence (AI). Identity theft is possibly the most dreaded thing for a person. Just imagine the shock that comes with realising that your image can be manipulated to do things you would never do. Rashmika's impassioned plea on social media drew attention to this new menace. "We need to address this as a community and with urgency before more of us are affected by such identity theft," she implored, pointing out that had such a terrible thing happened to her when she was in school, she would not have known how to handle it. In Rashmika's case, British influencer Zara Patel, who was in the original video, was quick to deny involvement and issue a warning: "Not everything on the internet is real..." That's just it! Who can tell what's fake, deepfake or deepest fake?

DIGITAL UNDRESS: Not just celebrities like Mandanna and Katrina Kaif, ex-girlfriends are targets too

Soon after this incident, a morphed video of superstar Katrina Kaif began doing the rounds. Purported to be a leaked clip from her forthcoming movie, it featured a fight sequence between two women dressed in towels. Movie stars are far more vulnerable to such demeaning, dehumanising acts which are designed to titillate and mislead their enormous fan base. But it's not just celebrities — it's as easy to digitally undress an ex-girlfriend and circulate the image or video to the world as revenge. A 2019 report by Sensity, a company that monitors deepfakes, found that 96% of deepfakes were non-consensual sexual deepfakes, and of those, 99% featured women.

However, there seems to be very little experts can do about the menace. This is just the tip of the iceberg, warn global techies, drawing attention to how easy it is to be manipulated as AI-generated imagery gets disturbingly sophisticated.

Generative AI has another dark side — chatbots that make things up. Experts call them 'hallucinations'. Worse still, there is no accurate way of predicting how often these things 'hallucinate'. A New York Times report cited research done by a new start-up called Vectara which estimated that chatbots invent information at least 3% of the time — and as high as 27%. This is far from reassuring news, as we rely increasingly on these AI tools.

If that's not enough, audio deepfakes which use cloning software are on the rise. A few years ago, the head of a UK Energy company was fooled into sending cash to his German CEO on the basis of a "call" in his voice and accent. According to a report by McAfee, about half (47%) of Indian adults have experienced or known someone who has experienced some kind of AI voice scam. What would a parent do if they received a distress call in their child's voice? Would the panic-stricken parent have either the time or resources to crosscheck the veracity of the voice before wiring funds? Deception at this level can seriously impact the lives of common citizens, not just high-profile celebrities.

Deepfake creators are ten paces ahead of those tracking them. So far, we have not come up with watertight solutions or even basic protection of our dignity and autonomy. Author Salman Rushdie nailed it when he said: "So, freedom is under pressure from the left as well as the right, the young as well as the old. This is something new, made more complicated by our new tools of communication, the internet, on which well-designed pages of malevolent lies sit side by side with the truth, and it is difficult for many people to tell which is which."

Some prominent Hollywood stars like Tom Hanks and Scarlett Johansson have raised an alarm about the use of AI-generated voices and likenesses in advertisements. The latter has even taken legal action against an app. But what do people outside these charmed circles do to retain control over their identity, stay safe from potential scammers or even sift the truth from the deepfake news? In the Ukraine-Russia conflict as well as the Israel-Hamas one, the use of deepfakes raised concerns.

The Mandanna video is a wake-up call that something needs to be done to keep up with the complex, rapidly evolving world of artificial intelligence. Social media platforms especially have to do more to control the spread of deepfakes. Without proper regulation, it will be difficult to harness the benefits of AI while protecting the vulnerable from its risks. Till that happens, don't take anything at face value. ■

Gaza's main hospital goes dark as Israeli forces besiege Shifa

Military Offers To Help Move Babies Out Today

Deir Al-Balah (Gaza Strip): Israel's prime minister pushed back Saturday against calls from Western allies to do more to protect Palestinian civilians, as troops encircled Gaza's largest hospital. Al-Shifa was collapsing Saturday as the Israeli forces began closing in, and an almost complete loss of power and oxygen resulted in the deaths of a premature baby in an incubator and five other patients, according to the hospital director Dr Mohammed Abu Salmiya.

For weeks — amid a cutoff of fuel and electricity by Israel — it has been relying on backup generators and a dwindling supply of fuel, which has now all but run out. At Al-Shifa and several other Gaza City hospitals, thousands of seriously ill and wounded patients and displaced people have been trapped inside while Israeli tanks and snipers surround the compounds and occasionally fire off shots, said several doctors.

Chief Israeli military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said on Saturday that the Israeli military will help evacuate babies trapped in Al-Shifa Hospital on Sunday. "The staff of the Shifa hospital has requested that tomorrow we help the babies in the pediatric department to get to a safer hospital. We will provide the assistance needed," Hagari told a news conference.

Reuters

Palestinian women mourn relatives of Fojo family, who were killed in an Israeli strike, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday

Nearby, there is intense, close-quarter combat between Israeli troops and fighters from Hamas, the armed Palestinian group that controls Gaza. But some of those who tried to flee Saturday, including a family, were shot at by Israeli snipers, killing at least one person, said multiple people at Al-Shifa, including the director.

But the Israeli military denied that there was any siege or shooting at Al-Shifa. Earlier, the military said it was "in the midst of ongoing intense fighting against Hamas" in the vicinity of Al-Shifa.

The military has accused Hamas of operating an underground command centre below Al-Shifa, a charge denied by the hospital and Hamas.

The Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades, armed wing of the Palestinian Hamas group, said on Saturday they had completely or partially destroyed more than 160 Israeli military targets in Gaza, including more than 25 vehicles. NYT & AP

London march passes off peacefully but police clash with far-right protesters

London: Pro-Palestinian demonstrators marched peacefully through central London on Saturday, even as right-wing counter-protesters clashed with police after a week of angry debate over whether to permit the event on a day when Britain honoured its war dead. The day unfolded in a backdrop of tensions fuelled by home secretary Suella Braverman who earlier this week characterized pro-Palestinian demonstrations as "hate marches" and called for Saturday's event to be blocked out of respect for Armistice Day events marking the end of World War I. Braverman, who oversees law enforcement in Britain, must now resign, said Humza Yousaf, the first minister of Scotland. London police arrested 82 people at one location to prevent a breach of the peace. AP

Top US varsities vow to fight antisemitism

At some high-profile US universities — including Harvard, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania — that have faced heavy criticism for not being strong enough in their denunciations of antisemitism, presidents are trying to take more direct action. Columbia suspended two pro-Palestinian student groups Friday.

At Harvard on Thursday, the university's president, Claudine Gay, condemned the phrase "from the river to the sea," which has been called divisive and antisemitic. At the University of Pennsylvania, the president, Elizabeth Magill, spoke forcefully against antisemitic rhetoric. And all three universities formed task forces to address antisemitism on campus. NYT

Pak Prez retracts Gaza statement

Islamabad: Pakistan President Arif Alvi has retracted an earlier statement on the Palestinian issue in which he had suggested to his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas a one-state solution to the conflict if Israel did not agree to the long-advocated two-states plan, reports **Omer Farooq Khan**. Alvi's office later said the President had assured Abbas that Pakistan would support for resolving the dispute in accordance with UNSC resolutions.

Moody's lowers US debt rating outlook to negative

Washington: Moody's on Friday downgraded its outlook on US debt to negative from stable, one week before crucial budget negotiations in Congress. For now, the agency has maintained its Aaa rating on US government debt.

"In the context of higher interest rates, without effective fiscal policy measures to reduce government spending or increase revenues, Moody's expects that the US's fiscal deficits will remain very large, significantly weakening debt affordability," the agency said.

The US Treasury immediately voiced its disagreement with Moody's decision. "The American economy remains strong, and Treasury securities are the world's preeminent safe and liquid asset," deputy secretary of the treasury Wally Adeyemo in a statement.

The US budget deficit, published last month for the 2023 fiscal year ending September 30, has widened to $1.7 trillion. Due to rate hikes by the US central bank to curb inflation, the cost of debt for the United States has ballooned, with Washington paying $162 billion more for interest in the last fiscal year compared to 2022.

Moody's is the only major agency to maintain its rating for US sovereign debt at its highest level — underscoring the potential economic danger to the United States of failing to reach an agreement to keep the government funded in one week's time.

Neither the Democrat-run Senate nor the Republican-led House of Representatives has passed a bill to extend government funding, which expires Friday midnight. AFP

Magma spreads beneath amid quakes as Iceland town evacuates

Copenhagen: Icelandic authorities have completed the evacuation of 3,000 residents of a town in the southwest of the island over concerns of a volcanic eruption after a series of earthquakes and evidence of magma spreading underground.

The Icelandic Meteorological Office (IMO) said on Saturday there was a "considerable" risk of an eruption on the Reykjanes peninsula because the size of the underground magma intrusion and the rate at which it was moving. "I don't think it's long before an eruption, hours or a few days. The chance of an eruption has increased significantly," Thorvaldur Thordarson, professor of volcanology at the University of Iceland, told state broadcaster RUV.

Around 5.30pm GMT, two strong earthquakes were felt as far away as the capital Reykjavik some 40km away, and along much of the country's southern coast, rattling windows and household objects. Some 24,000 tremors have been registered on the peninsula since late October, according to the IMO, with "a dense swarm" of nearly 800 quakes registered between midnight and 2pm Friday. AFP, REUTERS

Pope removes a conservative Texas bishop

Rome: Pope Francis on Saturday forcibly removed the bishop of Tyler, Texas, a conservative prelate active on social media who has been a fierce critic of the pontiff and has come to symbolise the polarization within the US Catholic hierarchy. A one-line statement from the Vatican said Francis had "relieved" Bishop Joseph Strickland of the pastoral governance of Tyler. Strickland, 65, has emerged as a leading critic of Francis. He has been particularly critical of the recent meeting on the future of the Catholic Church during which hot-button issues were discussed, including ways to better welcome LGBTQ+ Catholics. AP

Missile strike targets Kyiv; 'interference' derails Russian train

Kyiv: Russian forces targeted Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, as part of an overnight bombardment felt across the country, local officials said Saturday, while drones that Russian officials blamed on the Ukrainian military targeted areas around Moscow and the region of Smolensk. A ballistic missile was shot down as it approached the Ukrainian capital, said Serhii Popko, head of the Kyiv City Military Administration. He said no one was injured.

The Ukrainian air force later said an Iskander-M ballistic missile was used in the attack, the first attempted missile strike on Kyiv in almost two months. Elsewhere in Ukraine, the strikes killed four people in three regions: two in Kherson, one in Dnipropetrovsk and another in Zaporizhzhia, local officials reported.

Ukraine's air defence systems actively repelled attacks in Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Poltava, Sumy, and Kirovohrad.

AP

In this photo released on Telegram, the Russian Railways Company employees work at the site of derailment on Saturday

Russian authorities said Saturday they had launched a "terrorism" probe after the derailment of a goods train southwest of Moscow. Train carriages carrying cargo in Russia's Ryazan region were derailed Saturday morning due to "unauthorised interference," Moscow rail operator MZHD said. An "improvised explosive device" caused the derailment of 19 of the train's wagons, the state investigation committee said in a social media announcement. AP

Cyberattack shuts several Aus ports

Australian authorities are investigating a "nationally significant" cyberattack that shuttered several ports run by DP World Australia and warned that the interruption could last days and affect trade shipments.

The government convened a crisis meeting on Saturday to coordinate its response to the hack, which was detected Friday and led DP World to limit access to four of Australia's largest ports. National Cybersecurity Coordinator Darren Goldie said agencies will gather again Sunday and work with the company to resume operations.

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"Our priority is to assist DP World Australia to resolve the incident, so they are in a position to restore access to the ports they operate across the country," Goldie said in posts on social network X. "This interruption is likely to continue for a number of days."

DP World said it detected an "intrusion" into its system on Friday and immediately disconnected internet connectivity, the Australian Financial Review reported, citing a company statement. While that stopped unauthorized access into its network, it also led to "key systems which underpin operations at their Australian ports not functioning normally," the company said.

The port closures in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle threaten to hobble supply chains, which are yet to recover fully from the effects of the pandemic. BLOOMBERG

Pak court orders return of Nawaz's seized assets

Islamabad: In a temporary relief to Nawaz Sharif, an accountability court in Pakistan has ordered authorities to release all movable and immovable properties seized from the former PM in 2020 in connection with a corruption case. Judge Muhammad Bashir of the Islamabad accountability court on Friday heard the Toshakhana corruption case against the 73-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz supremo who returned to Pakistan on October 21 after about four years of self-imposed exile in London, media reports said. The Toshakhana case against Sharif accuses him of obtaining a vehicle from Toshakhana (the gift depository) by paying 15% of the price. He was not holding any public office in 2008 but was given a vehicle without any justification. A gift from any country to the statet head and deposited in the Toshakhana remains the property of the government unless auctioned. PTI

AROUND THE WORLD

2 British tourists die in Egypt after hotel fumigation

A devastating incident unfolded during a vacation for a British couple, John and Susan Cooper, who tragically lost their lives due to carbon monoxide poisoning at a hotel in Hurghada, Egypt, after the adjoining room was sprayed with pesticide to kill bedbugs, CNN reported. Upon returning to their room for the night, the couple was found seriously ill the next day by their daughter. John, 69, was pronounced dead in the room, while his wife Susan, 63, passed away later in a hospital.

Indian-origin man escapes jail time in UK: An Indian-origin man has escaped serving time behind bars after being handed a two-year suspended sentence and a 10-year restraining order for a drunken attack on a neighbour in the West Midlands region of England. Gurjap Singh, 41, launched a manic assault on a woman who suffers from dementia as she walked towards her home in Fenton, Staffordshire. The "rehabilitative approach" to Singh's sentence was the result of a psychiatric report which revealed he had a clinical history of bipolar affective disorder.

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Tender Extension Notice-I

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WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE (NIT) PROVISION OF OBHS

E-TENDER NOTICE No: DRM (M) ADI/39/2023-24 dated 09.11.2023 E-Tender is invited from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of the Work:** Contract work for provision of OBHS in Nominated Group-A Primary Trains of Coaching Depot Kankaria for a period of four years. **Tender No. : M 442/19/3/ OBHS-A/KKF/2023-24 Estimated Cost of work :** ₹ 13,78,84,104.72/- (₹ Thirteen Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred and Four & Paise Seventy Two Only). **Earnest Money:** ₹ 8,39,500.00/- (₹ Eight Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) **Date and time of tender closing and opening :** Closing at 15:00 Hrs. on dated **04.12.2023** and Opening at 15:30 Hrs. on dated **04.12.2023 Pre-Bid Conference: Date:** 16/11/2023 at 11.00 hrs. in the office of Sr. Coaching Depot Officer, KKF, Coaching Depot-Kankaria. **Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & addressof the office of tender inviting Authority: https://www.ireps.gov.in** Office of Sr. Coaching Depot Officer, Coaching Depot-Kankaria, Gomatipur Railway Yard, Near Nagari Mill, Ahmedabad (Western Railway)-380021 196

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 9320232024 **Dated : 10.11.2023**

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tender (E-tender) as detailed below–

E-Tender Notice No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)
9320232024-254	Provision of temporary Infrastructure for passengers facilitation centre & camp at Triveni Road Sangam and Enclosure at PCOI Station alongwith bedding etc. for entire Magh Mela-2024.	Rs. 68,29,564.00	1,36,600.00

Date & Time of Closing of tender : 24.11.2023 at 15:00 PM, Completion Period : 05 Months, Nature of work : Any Civil Engineering work or Work involving Tent Work. **Note–** For full details and submission of tenders, please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in.** **1842/23 (D)**

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION BHADERWAH
xenbhaderwahrnb66@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e-NIT No. :- 44 of 2023-24 Dated :- 08-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage basis** form approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following work.

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money @ 2%	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Time of completion (in days)	Class of Contractor	Position of AAA/ TS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	**Construction of 32.00 Mtr. Span Single Lane Through Type Steel Truss Girder Motorable Bridge Over Haloon Nallah at Thenthera Bhaderwah Under NABARD RIDF-XXIX including construction of approach walls on both sides and R/wall.**	226.28	452560	6000	1095 Days	A	Accord / Submitted

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08-11-2023
2	Period of Downloading of bidding documents	From 08-11-2023 to 29-11-2023, 1600 Hrs.
3	Bid Submission Start Date	08-11-2023 from 1830 Hrs.
4	Bid Submission End Date	29-11-2023 upto 1600 Hrs.
5	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	30-11-2023 on or after 1200 Hrs. in the Office of Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Doda-Kishtwar
6	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after Technical bid evaluation is completed

No.:- EE/PWD/R&B/BHD/DB/2023-24/2385-96
Dated :- 08-11-2023
DIP No:DIP/J-10944/23/10/11/2023

Sd/-
(Er. Rajinder Kumar)
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Bhaderwah.

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 31of 2023-24 FBI Division Tangmarg

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
FBI DIVISION TANGMARG

OFFICE PHONE NO. 01954-254611 EMAIL ADDRESS: FBIDIVISIONTANGMARG@GMAIL.COM

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders on Percentage basis are invited from approved registered eligible contractors with J&K UT Govt. for 0following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs.)	Earnest money (in Lacs)	Time of Comp-letin	Class of contract	M.H of Account
1	Construction, Successful testing and commissioning of 0.42MGD Rapid Sand Filtration Plant comprising of Clariflocculator Flash Mixer filter house along with all electro Mechanical components as per the approved design and drawings and in take works 1.70 lac Gallon capacity RCC Service Reservoir Chowkidar Quarter breasts walls Sluice chamber for Water Supply Scheme Ferzopora Shrai under NABARD)	278.44 lacs	**5000/-**	556880/-	**120 days**	**As defined in SBD**	**NABARD**
	Construction, Successful testing & commissioning of 0.30 MGD Rapid Sand Filtration Plant comprising of Clariflocculator, Flash Mixer, filter house along with electro Mechanical components /Pre settling Tankand intake works as per approved designs and drawings / 1.15 lac Gallon capacity RCC Service Reservoir RCC Jacketing to existing SR / sluice chamber / development of fenced area for water supply scheme of Gulabdaji Poaskar Under NABARD,	240.12 lacs	5000/-	480240/-	**120 days**	**As defined in SBD**	**NABARD**
	Construction, Successful testing & commissioning of 0.15 MGD Rapid Sand Filtration Plant comprising of Clariflocculator, Flash Mixer, filter house alongwith all electro Mechanical components as per approved design & drawings /and intake works / Pre settling Tank/ Cowkidar quarter and sluice chamber for WSS Gobarpora Kashipora under NABARD).	218.62 lacs	5000/-	437240/-	**120 days**	**As defined in SBD**	**NABARD**

1. **Position of funds: Approved Under NABARD (Available)**
2. **Ref:-1. AAA No. CE/PHE/DB/80 of 10/2018, Dated:- 26.10.2018, WSS Ferzopora Shrai**
3. **TS No. Order No. CE/PHE/DB/953 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023.**
4. **AAA No. order 132-PW (Hyd) of 2018, dated:- 27.03.2028,**
5. **TS Order No. CE/PHE/DB/952 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023. WSS Gulabdaji Poskhar.**
6. **AAA No. CE/PHE/DB/81 of 10/2018, Dated:- 26.10.2018, WSS Gobarporakashipora**
7. **TS No. Order No. CE/PHE/DB/954 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023.**

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, FBI Division Tangamrg. The awarding authority is Superintending Engineer Hyd Circle Sopore).

Critical Dates :

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	10/11/2023
02	Date of downloading of bidding documents	10/11/2023 from. 6:00 PM
03	Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid meeting	18 /11/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla HQ: Sopore.
03	Bid submission start date	19 /11/2023 from10.00 AM
04	Bid Submission end date	28/11/2023 upto 04.00 PM
05	Date &time of opening Technical Bids (online)	29/11/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla HQ: Sopore.
06	Date & time of opening Financial Bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation

Terms and Conditions :-

8. The tender documents can be down loaded one-procurement Portal **http://jktenders.gov.in** The tender documents can be down loaded as per schedule shown in the e-nit. The e-tender so uploaded shall be accompanied with a **e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Govt. Receipt drawn in favour of Executive Engineer JSD FBI Division Tangmarg** towards the cost of

No:- FBID/CC/ 5190-5206
Dated:-10-11-2023
DIP No:DIPK-12044/23/11/11/2023

sd/= Technical Officer
sd/- Executive Engineer,
FBI Division Tangmarg.

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Last date of submisison of application form **29th December, 2023.**

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GALLERY

Archer Dhiraj wins Paris quota for India

Kolkata: India finally earned a Paris Olympic quota place in archery when Dhiraj Bommadevara bagged a silver at the Asian Continental Qualification Tournament in Bangkok on Saturday. This two-day, recurve-only tournament, held at the same venue where the Asian Archery championship was held, was open only to those archers from Asian countries who had no men or women archers qualified for Paris. The top two in each individual competition claimed the tickets to the Paris Games.

Italy overcome Slovenia to reach BJK Cup final: Jasmine Paolini defeated Tamara Zidansek and Martina Trevisan beat Kaja Juvan as Italy secured a 2-0 victory over Slovenia in Seville on Saturday to reach the Billie Jean King Cup final and stay on course for their fifth crown in the team competition.

Rajpal reappointed as Davis Cup captain: The All India Tennis Association (AITA) on Saturday reappointed Rohit Rajpal as the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team until December 31, 2024. The AITA said the decision was taken after careful consideration and evaluation of Rajpal's successful tenure as captain.

Murray splits from coach Lendl for a third time: Andy Murray has split from coach Ivan Lendl for a third time after a gruelling season for the former world No. 1. Murray won all three of his Grand Slam titles in his first two spells with Lendl and they reunited in March last year. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

FOOTBALL: EPL, Liverpool vs Brentford; Aston Villa vs Fulham, 7.30 pm; Chelsea vs Man City, 10 pm (Star); La Liga, 9 pm (Jio); U-17 WC, 2 pm onwards (Fancode)
TENNIS: ATP Finals, 11 pm & 1.30 am Monday (Sony)

Arsenal leapfrog Tottenham

Gunners Up To 2nd After Burnley Win As Wolves Stun Spurs With Two Stoppage-Time Goals; Lindelof Lifts Gloom At Man United

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ON THE PROWL: Mario Lemina celebrates after scoring the winner against Tottenham

London: Manchester United eased the pressure on under-fire boss Erik ten Hag with a nervy 1-0 win against Luton, while Premier League title challengers Tottenham crashed to an agonising 2-1 defeat at Wolves.

Arsenal took advantage of Tottenham's stumble as they beat Burnley 3-1 to move one point above their north London rivals into second place. Mikel Arteta's team, beaten at Newcastle last weekend, took the lead on the stroke of half-time.

Bukayo Saka headed across goal for Leandro Trossard to bundle home Arsenal's 1,000th goal at the Emirates Stadium since their move from Highbury in 2006. Arsenal finished the game with 10 men.

Rocked by Wednesday's devastating Champions League group stage loss in Copenhagen, United gave Ten Hag some much-needed breathing space thanks to Victor Lindelof's second-half winner. United had suffered five defeats in their previous 10 home games this season, their worst start to a campaign at Old Trafford since 1930-31. They were also reeling from three losses in their last four games in all competitions. The win was enough to lift United to sixth place.

Wolves' stunning late show denied Tottenham the chance to return to the top of the table as a pair of stoppage-time goals sealed a dramatic win at Molineux.

Pablo Sarabia bagged the equaliser in the first minute of stoppage time. Missing injured stars, Tottenham were well below their best and Mario Lemina made them pay in the 97th minute, meeting Sarabia's cross with a cool finish from 12 yards. After starting the season on a 10-game unbeaten run, it was Tottenham's second successive defeat.

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PRIDE OF MLS: Lionel Messi holds the Ballon D'Or in a pre-game ceremony in Fort Lauderdale. A friendly against New York City FC was put together to commemorate his winning the best player trophy for the eighth time. Miami lost but it didn't matter. "Thank you for being here, for this beautiful tribute," Messi told the fans

GIRONA EXTEND LIGA LEAD WITH COMEBACK RAYO WIN

Barcelona: Shock La Liga leaders Girona came from behind to beat Rayo Vallecano 2-1 on Saturday and extend their advantage over Spain's traditional giants.

Artem Dovbyk and Savinho fired the Catalan minnows to an impressive victory in the capital which leaves them five points clear of Real Madrid in second, and seven points above Barcelona, third.

KANE SCORES BRACE TO EXTEND RUN TO 21 GOALS

Munich: Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane scored twice in their 4-2 victory over Heidenheim on Saturday to lift them provisionally into top spot in the Bundesliga while extending his own record-breaking scoring run in Germany. Kane has now bagged 21 goals in 15 matches in the Bundesliga and the Champions League for Bayern,

BRAZIL FOOTBALL BOSS SUES US MAGNATE

Rio de Janeiro: Brazil's top football official is suing US business magnate and football investor John Textor for slander for attacking him in a post-match interview and saying "corruption" caused his club to lose.

The row with Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Ednaldo Rodrigues erupted after Textor's Brazilian club, Botafogo, suffered a bitter 4-3 defeat at home to rivals Palmeiras on November 1. Botafogo defender Adryelson was sent off in the 76th minute. "This is corruption, this is a theft. Please, fine me, Ednaldo, but you need to resign tomorrow morning," Textor said.

Walked too much: Diaz's dad on kidnapping ordeal

Barrancas: Between tears, Luis Manuel Diaz, father of Liverpool striker Luis Diaz, recounted Friday how he was made to walk "too much" with little sleep in the nearly two weeks he was held hostage in a mountainous area of Colombia by members of the ELN guerrilla group. Police in Colombia have detained four people for the kidnapping.

Diaz, finally liberated Thursday after calls from around the world for his freedom, told reporters at his home in the country's north he went through a "very difficult" time, surviving "almost 12 days without sleep." Diaz's wife Cilenis Marulanda rubbed her husband's back lovingly as he broke down in tears mid-statement.

Diaz walked with obvious difficulty as he arrived for the press conference.

He told reporters he was not maltreated by his captors. "I had to walk too much, up and down many mountains, trying to stay safe so that... I could return home," said the 56-year-old.

"I would not want anyone to be in that mountain in the situation I was in." AFP

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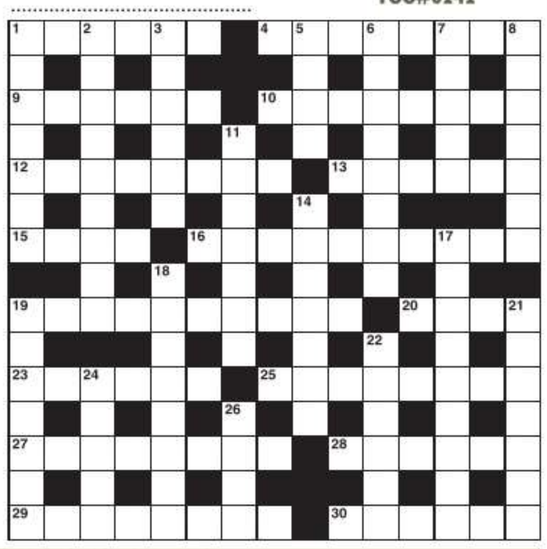

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1 Take off pounds of either kind (6)
4 A machine to reckon with (8)
9 Graduate in the money in foreign quarter (6)
10 A poet may rely upon visit that is about work (8)
12 Rate modified by undoubted wealth (8)
13 Give rating a note to take between ships (6)
15 It helps to make shoes wear well (4)
16 How Adam and Eve created a disturbance (6,4)
19 Silly rhymes, whether one likes it or not (5-5)
20 The girl I object about (4)
23 There's a copy in the southeast for a writer (6)
25 Entering the office uninvited? (8)
27 Rotor arm? (8)
28 Beast of burden given first aid (6)
29 He painted a slender model (8)
30 Code letter one has to eat perhaps (6)

Down
1 Article about a concert (7)
2 Less rapid form of removal (9)
3 I am in pursuit in a carriage (6)
5 Broken oar left for examination (4)
6 A friend has new ideas for making a defence work (8)
7 The one's he's to edit (5)
8 Winds up with part of a film on crime (5,2)
11 Capricious boy about to betray one's trust (7)
14 An appeal for economy is seemingly no good (7)
17 May they keep aunties in change? (9)
18 Watch the dances in which one has pupils (8)
19 Walter's still a spendthrift though reformed (7)
21 Watch, no hands! (7)
22 Irregular forces decoration (6)
24 Get ecstatic over northern bird (5)
26 Yield what is sown it's said (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Every one without exception (2,1,3) 4 Means of evasion (8) 9 Lacking warmth of feeling (6)
10 Exclamation of approval (4,4) 12 Ultimate (8)
13 South American country (6) 15 Parched (4)
16 A subject unknown to one (6,4) 19 Generous (4-6)
20 Animal of weasel family (4) 23 An even chance (4-2)
25 Vital component (8) 27 Dazzling but transient (8)
28 Person regarded as a mainstay (6) 29 Obvious (8)
30 Have as purpose (6)

Down
1 Thin glossy silk fabric (7) 2 Simultaneously (2,3,4)
3 Shrewd (6) 5 Left remaining (4) 6 Convince (8)
7 Musical drama (5) 8 Set aside for a purpose (7)
11 Vocation (7) 14 Austerely abstemious (7)
17 Without pause to reflect (2,7) 18 Dismiss as unimportant (5,3) 19 Very best (7)
21 Similar in character (7) 22 Lawsuit (6)
24 Attack violently (3,2) 26 Prejudice (4)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: - 9220232024 Date: 09.11.2023

TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 06.12.2023. The details of the tenders are as under:

S.N.: 1 **Tender No.:** 249, **Name of Work:** Shikohabad-Farrukhabad: Improvement of RUBs no. 01,03 & 07 for protection of water seepage down side and other miscellaneous works under ADEN/FZD.
Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 18618257.80 | **Bid security (Rs):** 243100.00
Completion Period: 08 months, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 06.12.2023, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** Seepage protection or strengthening of Bridges/Tunnels/Reservoirs/Any important civil engineering structures by Cement/Epoxy grouting or by hydro reactive Polyurethane (PU) resin grouting or by any advanced method use for seepage protection

S.N.:2 **Tender No.:** 250, **Name of Work:** Shikohabad- Farrukhabad: Improvement of RUBs 25, 79 & 81 for protection of water seepage down side and other miscellaneous works under ADEN/FZD.
Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 17538799.55 | **Bid security (Rs):** 237700.00
Completion Period: 08 months, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 06.12.2023, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** Seepage protection or strengthening of Bridges/Tunnels/Reservoirs/Any important civil engineering structures by Cement/Epoxy grouting or by hydro reactive Polyurethane (PU) resin grouting or by any advanced method use for seepage protection

S.N.:3 **Tender No.:** 251, **Name of Work:** Shikohabad-Farrukhabad: Improvement of RUBs 10, 17 & 18 for protection of water seepage down side and other miscellaneous works under ADEN/FZD.
Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 17538780.97 | **Bid security (Rs):** 237700.00
Completion Period: 08 months, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 06.12.2023, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** Seepage protection or strengthening of Bridges/Tunnels/Reservoirs/Any important civil engineering structures by Cement/Epoxy grouting or by hydro reactive Polyurethane (PU) resin grouting or by any advanced method use for seepage protection

S.N.: 4 **Tender No.:** 252, **Name of Work:** Ambiapur-Tundla: Replacement of existing girders of bridge nos. 48 and 65 (UP and DN lines) by providing PSC slab under Sr. DEN/III/PRYJ.
Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 65165724.38 | **Bid security (Rs):** 475800.00
Completion Period: 12 months, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 06.12.2023, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** Construction of any type of bridge.

S.N.: 5 **Tender No.:** 253, **Name of Work:** Combined Tender: **(A)** Construction by new 8 wheeler tower wagon shed in place of 4 wheeler tower wagon shed at Phaphund under ADEN/ETW. **(B)** Provision of new store building at Etawah for newly opened consignee depot under ADEN/ETW. **(C)** BLC monitoring centre at Etawah under ADEN/ETW.
Approx Cost of Work (Rs): 10692446.83 | **Bid security (Rs):** 203500.00
Completion Period: 08 months, **Date of Opening of Tender:** 06.12.2023, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria:** Building works.

Note:- 1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30** hrs on the due date of tender opening ie **06.12.2023**.The tender shall be opened at or after **15:00** hrs on due date. **2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by **CCA** under **IT Act-2000**. **3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. **4)** Tender No **249** to **253** is having advertised value more than 60 Lakhs, therefore, Annexure-V & V (A) (Document Verification Certificate) are required. The supplier / contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **5)** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **6)** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in**. **7)** Cost of Tender document and Bid Security can be deposited Online through Internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. **8)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **9)** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30** hrs, on **06.12.2023**. **10)** Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to Pay special attention on Para **12.0** of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. **11)** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all Tenderers. **12)** For tender no. **249 to 253** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause **10 to 18** (Part-1) of IRGCC. 2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1832/23 (P)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Railway Recruitment Cell
Balmiki Chauraha, Nawab Yusuf Road, Prayagraj
Zonal Notification No. RRC/NCR/Act. Apprentice 01/2023 **Dated 10.11.2023**

Detailed Notification for Engagement of Apprentices for Apprenticeship Training under Apprentices **Act-1961 for Year 2023-2024** has **published on 10.11.2023** vide our Zonal **Notification No. RRC/NCR/Act. Apprentice 01/2023.** Desirous candidates are advised to visit our official website **www.rrcpryj.org** for further details and filling up online application in this regard.

Chairman
Railway Recruitment Cell
Prayagraj

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Ravi Rathore, S/o Vay Singh, R/o I-35, Gali No. 5, Mahindra Park, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi** has committed the offences (or is suspected to have committed) in case **FIR No. 313/21 U/s 188 NI Act, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ravi Rathore** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ravi Rathore** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ravi Rathore** accused of **FIR No. 313/21 U/s 188 NI Act, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.12.2023.**

By Order
Ms. Deepali Shrivastava
Metropolitan Magistrate (N/W)
Room No. 107, First Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/12842/RD/2023

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar), Shasakara Bhavan, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040

No: EE(VJN)/AE/T.N/GL-06/2023-24 **Date: 10-11-2023**

CORRIGENDUM-1

Sub: Regarding postponement of Date of Receipt of Tender Schedule 'B' and Opening of Tender.
Ref: Tender Notification No: EE/VJN/AE/TN/GL-06/2023-24, Date: 25-10-2023.

In relation to the above subject, Tender reference for the Work **Sl. No. (5) Construction of Multipurpose Building in Ward No. 132, Improvements to Play Ground in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency & Construction of Watchman Sheds, Children Play Equipments, Gym Equipments and Other Horticulture Development Works in Parks, Providing LED Street Lights in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency. Package No. 05. Estimated Amount Rs. 500.00 Lakhs.** The Date of Receipt of Tender Schedule 'B' and Opening of Tender in the referred tender has been postponed due to technical reasons. Other tender regulations remain the same.

Calendar of Events: 1) Date of download of Tender Forms: **from 20-11-2023. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **24-11-2023 at 3.00 PM. 3)** Last Date for Receipt of filled Tenders on **29-11-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Technical Bid will be Opened on **01-12-2023 at 11.30 AM.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, BBMP.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.-JHANSI/W/T/TENDER GENERAL Date. 09.11.2023

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line **(E-Tendering)** for the following work.

Description of Work: Virangana Laxmibai Jhansi-Augmentation of Freight maintenance facilities in VGLJ.

Approx Cost :₹14303699.75 | **Earnest Money** : ₹ 221500.00

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG- HQ-2023-152, Date of closing Tender: 04.12.2023 at 15:00 hrs, Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter:06 Months, Tender online can be submitted **up to 15:00 hrs on 04.12.2023.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1830/23(DG)**

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UJVN Limited

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O. "UJJWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road,Dehradun.-248006
Phone No. 0135-2763508, Fax : 0135-2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO. No. 1117 **Tender Notice** Date: 10.11.2023

Office of Executive Engineer (M) Ramganga Power Station, UJVN Limited, Kalagarh, Distt. Pauri Garhwal invites sealed tender from interested parties. Details of tender is given below.
T. No. 19/EE(M)/RPSK/2023-24
Name of work/supply/services etc.: Annual Maintenance Contract for electrical works at residential and non-residential buildings of UJVN limited, Kalagarh in Distt. Pauri Garhwal.
Estimated cost : Rs. 11,71,557/- GST extra
Date of availability of bid document on website : 11/11/2023
Last date for submission of tender : 01/12/2023 up to 16.00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M)

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No.: S/Sale/611/E-AP/5270/23-24 **Date:** 08.11.2023

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME
NOTICE NO.-09 MONTH DECEMBER-2023

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

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

S.N.	e-auction Date & Day		Depot/ Division	Organizer of Auction	Through Website
1.	06.12.2023	Wednesday	GSD/JHS	Dy. CMM/ SYS./JHS	www.ireps.gov.in
2.	13.12.2023	Wednesday			
3.	20.12.2023	Wednesday			
4.	28.12.2023	Thursday			
5.	15.12.2023	Friday	GSD/CNB	Dy. CMM/ GSD/CNB	
6.	29.12.2023	Friday			
7.	08.12.2023	Friday	PRYJ DIVISION	Sr. DMM/ NCR/PRYJ	
8.	21.12.2023	Thursday			
9.	28.12.2023	Thursday			
10.	07.12.2023	Thursday	JHS DIVISION	Sr. DMM/ NCR/JHS	
11.	22.12.2023	Friday			
12.	29.12.2023	Friday			
13.	07.12.2023	Thursday	AGC DIVISION	Sr. DMM/ NCR/AGC	
14.	14.12.2023	Thursday			
15.	21.12.2023	Thursday			

Special Conditions: (1) All type of scraps will be through e-auction mode **www.ireps.gov.in** website. In the event of auction not being completed on the same calendar day, auction may be continued on the next calendar days also. **(2) The unsold lots of e-auction will also be included in next e-auction of respective depot. (3)** The Intending purchaser may inspect the lot of scrap material before the auctions during working hours. **(4)** To purchase material above **Rs. 5 Lacs**, the purchaser must be registered with GST. **(5)** For further details on auctions (like catalogues, last sold rates in auctions & other details), Please visit North Central Railway's website **"www.ncr. indianrailways.gov.in"**. **(6)** For further detail regarding e-auction Please visit **"www.ireps.gov.in"** website. **1831/23(A)**

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No.49/WBTDCL OF 2023-24 (Technical)
Tender ID- 2023_WBTDC_602963_1 and 2023_WBTDC_602963_2.

WBTDCL invites the following 2 (Two) number e-Tenders from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies having requisite credentials. **i)** Signage for Sabuj Deep Tourism Property. (Rs.1,91,573/-); **ii)** Dismantling of worn out ceiling and re-fixing of false ceiling with Allied works in Bar/Tavern area at Mrittika Tourism Property, Paschim Medinipur in the year 2023-2024. (Rs.2,80,910/-). **Start date & time of documents download: 13.11.2023 11:00 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 20.11.2023 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-T23110(3)/2023

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY WORKSHOP DIVISION

No.EM/WS/TECH-07/2023/1592
Date :10.11.2023

Corrigendum-I to e-Tender Call Notice No. EM/WS-36/2023 for the work "Grant of license for a period of 05 years, for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of 05 nos. 100 Ton Capacity HMC's up to 10 years old from the date of 1st commissioning".

1.Last Date & time of submission : 27.11.2023 up to 18:00 Hrs. 2. Opening of technical Bid : 29.11.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.

Refer our website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

All other terms and conditions of the original tender will remain unchanged.

Executive Engineer(M),Workshop Division-I,PPA
PPA/PR/59/2023-24, Dt.11/11/23

कार्यालय, निबन्धक, सहकारी समितियाँ उत्तराखण्ड
देहरादून

पत्रांक : 9516/ऑडिट/सूचीबद्ध/2023–24 दिनांक 09 नवम्बर 2023

अभिरूचि का आमंत्रण हेतु शुद्धि पत्र

कार्यालय पत्रांक संख्या 9344/ऑडिट/सूचीबद्ध/2023–24 दिनांक 04 नवम्बर 2023 के द्वारा वित्तीय वर्ष 2023–24 एवं 2024–25 दिनॉक (1.04.2023 से 31.03.2025) दो वर्ष हेतु सहकारिता विभाग के अन्तर्गत सहकारी समितियाँ/अर्बन बैंक/जिला सहकारी बैंक/शीर्ष संस्थाओं के सांविधिक (Statutory) लेखा परीक्षा कराये जाने हेतु पंजीकृत लेखा परीक्षा फर्मों को सूचीबद्ध करने हेतु R.P.F. में शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) निकाला गया हैं, जिसे विभागीय वेबसाईट **http://cooperative.uk.gov.in** पर सूचनार्थ हेतु अपलोड भी किया गया हैं।

अतः इच्छुक फर्मस अपने समस्त प्रस्तावों को निबन्धक, सहकारी समितियाँ उत्तराखण्ड में दिनॉक **16.11.2023 को समय दोपहर 3.00** बजे से पूर्व जमा कर लें। तय समय सीमा के उपरान्त जमा किये गये प्रस्तावों पर विचार नही किया जायेगा एवं बिड प्रस्तावों को उसी दिन गठित कमेटी के समक्ष दोपहर **3:30** बजे खोले जाएंगे।

(आलोक कुमार पाण्डेय)
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सहकारी समितियाँ उत्तराखण्ड,
देहरादून।

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS/Br/L/2023-24/16 **Date:- 08.11.2023**

E- Tendering Tender Notice

Dy.Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/Jhansi, North Central Railway. Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India invites open E- tenders on the prescribed forms for the under noted work.-

Name of work	Date of opening of Tender
Replacement of existing girder with OWG in connection to Rebuilding of Br. No.1153/2 UP (1X36.58) on DFC Feeder Route for of 25T Axle Load with 100 Kmph speed under Mission 3000 M I	30.11.2023
	Cost of work
	Rs. 7,25,51,526.94/-

Tender No: Br-JHS-2023-20; **Eligibility Criteria for similar work**: Any bridge work involving erection/ launching or regirdering of plate girder. Or Any bridgework involving erection/ launching or regirdering of open web girder. Or Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regirdering or Composite Bridge. Or Anybridge work involving erection/ launching or regirdering of Bowstring Arch Bridge. **Bid Security (Earnest Money):** Rs. 5,12,800/-; **Completion period:** 12 Months

Note: (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in. up to 15:00 hrs. on the due to date of tender opening i.e. 30.11.2023. **(2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **(5)** Payment of Bid Security [Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)] in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **(6)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(7)** Tender on line can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on dated 30.11.2023. **1828/23 (ADM)**

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—Vikramjit Singh | NETHERLANDS OPENER

AIMING FOR 9-0

Rohit Sharma's India Will Want To Keep The Law Of Averages At Bay And Reload For The Knockouts In Last League Game Vs The Netherlands Today

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Bengaluru: Inconsequential. Dead rubber. This is how India's Sunday fixture against the Netherlands will be bandied about. In the context of the competition, the last league match has little in terms of consequence. But it's still a World Cup match with plenty to gain for both teams.

Rohit Sharma and Co. — the table toppers — have been on a rampage, ticking the boxes and playing a brand of cricket which has shown scant regard for failure. In the run-up to the tournament there were questions surrounding the middle-order and the lack of game time for key players returning from injuries. All that has been put to rest with eight wins on the trot.

There is no mistaking the intensity of the Indians. This match at the M Chinnaswamy stadium should serve to sync all departments ahead of the hosts' semifinal clash against New Zealand in Mumbai on Wednesday. They've had six days of rest ahead of their last league engagement with training being optional. But the players have been sweating it out in batches over the past three days. Among the constants have been the likes of Rohit, Ishan Kishan and Gill.

A school of thought suggests that India should rest their key players. One, to give them rest and two, to give a few on the bench like R Ashwin, Ishan and Shardul Thakur opportunities. But the man who takes the call was non-committal.

"We've had six days off, so we're pretty well rested and the guys are in good shape. That's all I'll say without giving away the level," stated head coach Rahul Dravid on the eve of the match.

Irrespective of India's team composition, what's certain is some Deepavali fireworks. The compact arena has been a batter's paradise in the four matches here so far. New Zealand recorded the highest score of 401 in a rain-marred lost cause and four centuries across three teams have been scored. The match will be played on pitch 7, which was used for the opener here between Australia and Pakistan on October 20. That match yielded 672 runs, including two centuries from Australia's David Warner and Mitchell Marsh.

Going by India's form, it will be interesting to see if Rohit Sharma and his red-hot lineup of batters can recreate the magic the skipper created at the venue on Deepavali night, a decade ago. Against Australia, Rohit's extraordinary show of 209 runs bathed the stadium in a hue impossible to fathom, let alone emulate.

And by the same token, the Netherlands' lack of experience will be exploited to the hilt by an Indian bowling attack which has been demolishing rival lineups for fun. Netherlands, an ICC associate country which failed to qualify for the 2015 and 2019 editions, are not here to merely make up numbers, though. They may be at the bottom of the pile but have punched above their weight.

They are the only team, other than India, to put it across South Africa and they dealt a knockout blow to Bangladesh with an 87-run victory. Skipper Scott Edwards has led from the front. The wicketkeeper bat has been an inspiration for his team along with the seasoned Sybrand Engelbrecht, their leading run getter (307).

Bowlers like Bas de Leede (14 wkts), Logan van Beek (12) and young spinner Aryan Dutt (10) have been among wickets. The Dutch World Cup journey began in the city with training stints, and it culminates at a venue hich is a dream destination for many.

But it's unlikely this motley crew of Dutchmen will stop the Indian juggernaut from rolling into the semis with an unblemished record in the league phase.

Chetan Shivakumar

TWO OF A KIND: Coach Rahul Dravid (left) with Rohit Sharma during training in Bengaluru

HOW THEY STAND

Pos	T	P	W	L	N/R	NRR	Pts
1	Ind	8	8	0	0	+2.456	16
2	SA	9	7	2	0	+1.261	14
3	Aus	9	7	2	0	+0.841	14
4	NZ	9	5	4	0	+0.743	10
5	Pak	9	4	5	0	-0.199	8
6	Afg	9	4	5	0	-0.336	8
7	Eng	9	3	6	0	-0.572	6
8	Ban	9	2	7	0	-1.087	4
9	SL	9	2	7	0	-1.419	4
10	Ned	8	2	6	0	-1.635	4

TOP RUN-GETTERS

Batter	M	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
Q de Kock	9	591	174	65.66	4	0	109.24
R Ravindra	9	565	123*	70.62	3	2	108.44
V Kohli	8	543	103*	108.6	2	4	88.29
D Warner	9	499	163	55.44	2	2	105.49
R Sharma	8	442	131	55.25	1	2	122.77

TOP WICKET-TAKERS

Bowler	M	Wkts	Ave	Best	SR	ER
A Zampa	9	22	18.90	4/8	21.54	5.26
Madushanka	9	21	25.00	5/80	22.38	6.70
G Coetzee	7	18	19.38	4/44	18.16	6.40
SS Afridi	9	18	26.72	5/54	27.00	5.93
M Jansen	8	17	24.41	3/31	22.82	6.41

UPTON UNDERSTOOD MY STRUGGLES: KOHLI

Mumbai: Virat Kohli has talked about his relationship with former Team India mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton, saying that Upton understood his struggles from a "cricketing perspective". In an interview with official broadcasters Star Sports, Kohli said, "What I went through, the cycle of having a long career, the ups and downs... he (Upton) understood from a cricketing perspective. He has played cricket himself. After that he became a sports psychologist. If you have not played and you are explaining struggles and challenges, then it is different. The one who has played knows the margins of the game, the inches and the centimetres of a runout or a catch. So I had a lot of conversations with him, and I really appreciated him in that moment. I thank him because he gave me that perspective and that boost to figure things out, to find solutions when you're under pressure." ANI

VIRAT KOHLI

Dravid all praise for 'impact player' Rohit

'Some Of The Starts He's Given Us Have Cracked Open The Game'

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Bengaluru: Over the past 15 years, there have been many Rohit Sharma folklores, but one that would probably stand the test of time is his captaincy in this edition of the World Cup. The 36-year-old, who did not make the team when they lifted the trophy in 2011, has been an inspirational opener, who as skipper leads by example.

He is currently India's second highest run getter (442) after Virat Kohli (543) but has the best strike rate — 122.77 — among the top five batters. As an opener he offered stability at the top and as a leader he's the team's go-to man on the field. It is hardly surprising that head coach Rahul Dravid is all praise for the Mumbaikar.

Outlining Rohit's captaincy traits, Dravid said, "He's led by example both on and off the field. He's been fantastic with the leadership that he's shown, taking on the game and in leading from the front. We've talked about playing in a certain way. You cannot do that unless your leader really buys into it and leads by example. And it's been terrific to see the way Rohit's done that. He's someone who's got the respect of the team and coaching staff. It's been a pleasure to see him operate the way he has, both on and off the field. He's truly someone who deserves all the success that he's been getting."

What's also impressed the coach is Rohit the opener, who has most often ensured a brisk start. "Some of the starts that he's given us, the way he's cracked open games for us...there have been some games where it could have been tricky for us, but the fact that he's been able to get us to those kinds of starts has literally cracked open the game. So, in the end, it looked easy. On reflection as a coaching staff we've realized the impact that his innings have had."

With the middle-order in form, the Indians have not been lacking finishers or men who can stand up to be counted, and Dravid said, "The middle orders are very important in a tournament like this. Our middle order has played very critical roles. Sometimes you can't judge them by sheer numbers. The leaderboard (of batters) gives you one half of the picture, but it's actually some of those 30s and 40s which are critical knocks. You can look at a lot of these small things and that's what really gives you those ticks, or wins at the end of the day. Touchwood, our middle-order has been truly exceptional in this tournament."

57 Runs needed by Virat Kohli (543 at an average of 108.60, including 2 hundreds and four fifties in 8 innings) to become the third Indian batter after Sachin Tendulkar (673 at 61.18 in 11 innings in 2002-03) and Rohit Sharma (648 at 81.00 in 9 innings in 2019) to complete 600 runs or more in a World Cup.

16 Mohammed Shami has bagged 16 wickets at 7 runs apiece in 4 matches. Just one other bowler has captured 16 wickets in four consecutive matches in the same tournament — Chaminda Vaas in 2003.

COACHSPEAK

"We've had six days off from the last game. We're pretty well rested. We've got one game before the semifinal and the guys are in good shape. That's all I'll say without giving away much (about the XI)."

"At this stage, it's about just focusing on getting the guys who you think are going to be playing in the XI in the best possible space mentally and physically, to be able to play that semifinal and, hopefully, the final if we earn it. So that will be the single-pointed thinking. There are times for larger-picture thinking and there are times for narrow-focus thinking, in my opinion. Now's the time for narrow-focus thinking if everyone is fit."

"We had a balance. We've structured the whole thing around certain things. But when that hasn't happened, we've had the ability, the skill, and the mental fortitude to be able to bounce back, and to be able to still compete and do really well. A lot of the stuff is behind the scenes. People don't get to see it. It's not easy. Sometimes people think, oh, it's easy to get injured players playing. Again, it's not that simple."
—**Rahul Dravid** | INDIA HEAD COACH

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VENUE
Chinnaswamy, Bengaluru

PITCH
The pitch has true bounce and will help batters to free their arms. Shorter boundaries may mean higher totals.

WEATHER
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ODDS: IND 1/10, NED 10/1

3 Shami (47 wickets at 12.74 runs apiece in 15 matches) needs three wickets to become the first Indian bowler to complete 50 wickets at the World Cup.
—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

Dutch campaign leaves Dravid impressed

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OUT BUT NOT DOWN! Dutch captain Scott Edwards at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium

Bengaluru: Although Netherlands will bow out on Sunday as the last-placed team in the World Cup, their performance and the attention it has garnered will boost cricket in the Association Nations, believes India head coach Rahul Dravid.

"I'm very impressed with the way Netherlands have played in this tournament. The effort that they've gone through to be able to qualify is commendable. I know how difficult it is for associate teams to be able to reach this level and play. I think the performances of teams like the Netherlands certainly go a long way in boosting the morale of the other associate nations. It's quite inspiring to see that in spite of the challenges that they face, they're able to compete and play at this level," Dravid said.

This World Cup has been a journey of many firsts for the Dutch side. They have also used social media extensively to chronicle their expedition, especially for their countrymen.

Dravid's Dutch counterpart Ryan Cook hopes this World Cup experience will translate into better days for cricket back home. ""It's the first time that it's (Netherlands in the World Cup) has been streamed on TV. It's reaching a greater audience now and a lot more people are talking about it within the Netherlands. Lots of people are sending pictures and messages about having watch parties, which may contain only 50 or 60 people in comparison to the IPL fan box which are packed. But that's as big as it gets," pointed out the South African.

On how it impacts the future of Dutch cricket, Cook added, "Hopefully it attracts fixtures with other nations, more sponsorship and greater revenue."

STOKES & WILLEY HELP ENGLAND END ON A HIGH

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Kolkata: "We're gonna bat first." With those words, England captain Jos Buttler literally ended the slimmest hope that Pakistan had of sneaking into the World Cup semifinals at the Eden Gardens on Saturday.

Pakistan's process of scripting a miracle had to begin with winning the toss, which skipper Babar Azam duly lost. All the talks of planning and execution went for a toss and it became just a contest for pride from the first ball that Shaheen Shah Afridi sent down.

Eventually, it was England who grabbed that slice of pride, winning by 93 runs. After posting a decent 337/9, with Ben Stokes (84), Joe Root (60) and Jonny Bairstow (59) helping themselves to half-centuries, England bowled Pakistan out for 244 in the 44th over.

There was hardly any urgency in Pakistan's chase, which was derailed inside three overs with the openers back in pavilion, the team score reading 10. A vintage Babar displayed an array of shots in his brief stay of 38. Agha Salman was, however, their best batter, scoring 51. Haris Rauf's 23-ball 35 and 53-run 11th wicket stand with Mohammad Wasim was sheer frustration for England.

England pacer David Willey grabbed three memorable scalps in his final international match to finish with career 100 ODI wickets. The England innings was a lot more entertaining for spectators – at almost 38000, one of the best for a non-India match -- with the batters showing the intent to go for shots. Apart from the half-centurions, Buttler and Harry Brook ignited some pre-Diwali fireworks with brisk innings.

This was the third time that they have crossed the 300-run mark in the tournament. This was also the highest at the Eden Gardens during this World Cup. Batting was always going to be difficult on the slow surface and England openers Bairstow and Dawid Malan started off too scrappy for comfort.

However, with three boundaries off Haris Rauf in the fourth over, the inevitability of a dead contest was driven home. England batters had a point to prove, and they went about the task from the beginning, with Bairstow and Malan involved in an 82-run partnership. Root and Stokes then stitched a 132-run stand.

Bairstow's dismissal perhaps best exemplified England's woes in the tournament. He could have dispatched the Rauf delivery anywhere, but he chose to put it in Agha Salman's palms at cover. Bairstow knew he had wasted another good start.

There is a certain degree of freedom while playing in a nothing-to-lose situation. Stokes and Root used that freedom to play their shots freely. While for Stokes, outlandish shots are not out of order, Root hit some strokes that he normally would not. Like the reverse scoop he attempted and missed.

The same stroke was repeated in the next ball, this time connecting for a run. It was as if he was practicing an addition to his arsenal.

Pradip Datta

MEMORABLE FAREWELL: David Willey (right) celebrates after bagging a wicket in Kolkata

SCOREBOARD

England: D Malan c Rizwan b Iftikhar 31, J Bairstow c Agha b Haris 59, J Root c Shadab b Shaheen 60, B Stokes b Shaheen 84, J Buttler run out 27, H Brook c Shaheen b Haris 30, M Ali b Haris 8, C Woakes 4 not out, D Willey c Iftikhar b Wasim 15, G Atkinson b Wasim 0, A Rashid 0 not out; **Extras:** (b 5, lb 2, w 12) **19**; **Total (50 overs; RR: 6.74): 337/9**; **FoW:** 1-82, 2-108, 3-240, 4-257, 5-302, 6-308, 7-317, 8-336, 9-336; **Bowling:** Shaheen 10-1-72-2, Haris 10-0-64-3, Iftikhar 7-0-38-1, Wasim 10-0-74-2, Shadab 10-0-57-0, Agha 3-0-25-0.

Pakistan: A Shafique lbw Willey 0, F Zaman c Stokes b Willey 1, B Azam c Rashid b Atkinson 38, M Rizwan b Ali 36, S Shakeel b Rashid 29, A Salman c Stokes b Willey 51, I Ahmed c Malan b Ali 3, S Khan b Rashid 4, SS Afridi lbw Atkinson 25, M Wasim 16 not out, H Rauf c Stokes b Woakes 35; **Extras:** (lb 1, w 5) **6**; **Total (43.3 overs; RR: 5.60): 244**; **FoW:** 1-0, 2-10, 3-61, 4-100, 5-126, 6-145, 7-150, 8-186, 9-191, 10-244; **Bowling:** Willey 10-0-56-3, Woakes 5.3-0-27-1, Rashid 10-0-55-2, Atkinson 8-0-45-2, Moeen 10-0-60-2.

Result: England won by 93 runs.

Man of the match: David Willey

100 ODI wickets taken by David Willey, playing his final international game, at 29.75 runs apiece in 73 matches to become the 15th England bowler to achieve the feat ODIs.

533 Runs conceded by Pakistan's Haris Rauf while claiming 16 wickets at 33.31 in 9 matches, the most conceded by a bowler in this World Cup.

93 Runs, England's victory margin, their second biggest in terms of runs vs Pakistan at the World Cup behind the 112-run victory in Cape Town on Feb 22, 2003.

England's time to reboot and rebuild

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Kolkata: World Cup 2023 is done and dusted, so what now for England? Maybe some soul-searching. Some introspection on not quite giving enough attention to the 50-over game. Despite England being World Cup winners in 2019. Statistics show England gave a lot more importance to Test cricket than to ODIs in the four years between the two World Cups. They played just 42 ODIs during this period. Compare that with the 88 that they played between 2015 and 2019 World Cups and the difference is there for everyone to see.

Yet, were they really as bad as a team that was trying to keep the wooden spoon away for a substantial part of the tournament? Surely not, particularly with players like Jos Buttler, Joe Root, Ben Stokes, Jonny Bairstow, Mark Wood, Sam Curran, Adil Rashid at their disposal. As Root has indicated, they themselves are searching for answers to their dismal show. In fact, that would have been the dressing room discussion after each failure that they had to absorb in the tournament.

Between 2019 and 2023, England played 56 Test matches, which, as Root admitted, "was a huge amount compared to other nations". Clearly, the focus has been on Tests at the cost of ODIs and they paid the price here.

Now comes the tough part — rebuilding a side that is down in the dumps. The guns will be trained on the coach-captain pair of Mathew Mott and Buttler. Eoin Morgan, who led England to the 2019 triumph, insists that there is no need to change the combination now. He has also brushed aside suggestions that he should take over as the coach. As the England cricket board goes into post-mortem mode, Buttler might survive the cut. Just one bad tournament surely cannot wash away all the good that he has done so far. However, quite a few of his teammates might fade into the horizon.

As England prepare to reboot and rebuild, some important changes are inevitable.

AUSTRALIA MARSH ON

Allrounder's Explosive 177* Powers Five-Time Champions To Victory Over Bangladesh

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ON FIRE: Mitchell Marsh hit his second ton of the World Cup on Saturday

Mandar Deshpande

MARSH STATS

177* RUNS
132 BALLS
17 4S
9 6S
134.09 SR

Pune: How many times does a batter get 'unbeaten 175-plus runs' in an ODI? Extremely rare.

It has happened only 20-odd times in 4,700 matches. Aussies have now done it twice in a row and both in winning causes. Thanks to bowlers too who conceded 291 and 306 against Afghanistan and Bangladesh respectively.

Mitchell Marsh extended Glenn Maxwell's onslaught against Bangladesh in front of 19,000 people at Gahunje on Saturday with an exhibition of clean hitting. On a day when the rain stayed away, he blasted 177 off 132 balls, featuring 17 fours and nine sixes. The expansive arc between deep extra cover and deep square leg was utilized for an all-out attack, in which the aerial route was taken frequently. However, it was not mindless gambling; he was largely in full control of his shots.

Marsh had missed the game against England because he had to go back home after his maternal grandfather's death. He started by bowling a long-hop and said he was "minus fifty" (0-48 in four overs) in jest when he came in to bat. He seems to have regrouped from the personal loss.

It was supposed to be a game of discovery for Australia. And they might have realised that their bowling in the powerplay is not up to the mark in terms of taking wickets. They would have got confidence from two tough chases. But their semifinal opponents (South Africa in the semis on Nov 16 in Kolkata) surely have better bowlers to exert pressure and force mistakes. Plus, the pitches at Wankhede and Gahunje were belters.

As it turned out, Australia coasted home with eight wickets and more than five overs to spare despite conceding 300-plus

Once Australia decided to field first after winning the toss, it clearly indicated that overhauling South Africa's net run rate and finishing second in the table was considered out of reach. But it also meant they could further test their bowling unit upfront and see how their middle-order responds to the pressure of chasing a big total.

Once Bangla posted 306/8, the Aussies needed to get those runs in 17.2 overs to overhaul South Africa's NRR. If they had got those runs in 22.4 overs, Bangla would have lost their Champions Trophy place to Sri Lanka due to the inferior NRR. But now, Bangla will seal the spot unless the improbable event of the Dutch win over India on Sunday. The five-time champions won't be happy with the lack of wickets at the top by Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood. But they will be pleased with Adam Zampa's extended good run (10-0-32-2) and death bowling from World Cup debutant Sean Abbott (Mitchell Starc rested) and Marcus Stoinis.

Besides Marsh, David Warner (53 off 61, 6x4s) and Steve Smith (63*, 61b, 4x4s, 1x6)) also got into the act in their own belligerent ways. The latter's comeback would be especially welcomed after Smith missed two games due to vertigo.

Earlier, seven Bangla batters looked good including highly-skilled Litton Kumar Das. But only Towhid Hridoy (74 off 79, 5x4s, 2x6s) reached fifty.

Cummins admitted that their fielding wasn't the "sharpest" but Australia did produce some eye-catching moments. Marnus Labuschagne was in the thick of things throughout. His accurate throw from the deep caught stand-in skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto short as wicketkeeper Josh Inglis just had to whip the bails. Later, his underarm flick and the dive ran out Mahmudullah, who had started off aggressively.

> **With the amount of improvement with all teams around the world, there's been not one easy game. So, to get to the semifinals is great."**
> —Mitchell Marsh

SCOREBOARD

Bangladesh: Tanzid Hasan c&b Abbott 36, Litton Das c Labuschagne b Zampa 36, Najmul Hossain Shanto run out (Labuschagne/Inglis) 45, Towhid Hridoy c Labuschagne b Stoinis 74, Mahmudullah Riyad run out (Labuschagne) 32, Mushfiqur Rahim c Cummins b Zampa 21, Mehidy Hasan Miraz c Cummins b Abbott 29, Nasum Ahmed run out (Abbott) 7, Mahedi Hasan not out 2, Taskin Ahmed not out 0; **Extras:** (LB 10, W 12, NB 2) **24**; **Total:** (eight wickets, in 50 overs) **306**; **FoW:** 76-1, 106-2, 170-3, 214-4, 251-5, 286-6, 303-7, 304-8; **Bowling:** Josh Hazlewood 7-1-21-0, Pat Cummins 8-0-56-0, Sean Abbott 10-0-61-2, Mitchell Marsh 4-0-48-0, Adam Zampa 10-0-32-2, Travis Head 6-0-33-0, Marcus Stoinis 5-0-45-1

Australia: Travis Head b Ahmed 10, David Warner c Shanto b Rahman 53, Mitchell Marsh not out 177, Steve Smith not out 63; **Extras:** (W 4) **4**; **Total** (two wickets, in 44.4 overs) **307**; **FoW:** 12-1, 132-2; **Bowling:** Taskin Ahmed 10-0-61-1, Mahedi Hasan 9-0-38-0, Nasum Ahmed 10-0-85-0, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 6-0-47-0, Mustafizur Rahman 9.4-1-76-1

Result: Aus won by 7 wkts

MoM: Mitchell Marsh

11 Fifty-plus scores (six hundreds and five fifties) registered by David Warner in 27 innings to equal the Australian World Cup record held by Ricky Ponting (five hundreds & six fifties) in 42 innings.

177 Mitchell Marsh's career-best knock is his third century in the ODIs. All have come against Asian countries—one each against India, Bangladesh & Pakistan. His only previous hundred (121) at the World Cup came against Pakistan at Bengaluru on October 20, 2023. His innings is the highest by any batter against Bangladesh at the World Cup, bettering the 175 by Virender Sehwag at Mirpur on February 19, 2011.

9 Number of sixes hit by Marsh during his innings to become the first batter to hit that many sixes twice in a World Cup innings. He had also hit nine sixes against Pakistan at Bengaluru.

Rajesh Kumar

Cramping Marsh tried to keep his 'heart rate low'

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Pune: It was his only third ODI hundred in 83 innings. It was only the third time he faced more than 100 balls in an ODI.

Mitchell Marsh made it count with a biggie — 177 not out —that flattened Bangladesh.

Marsh, 32, son of World Cup winning player and coach Geoff — said, "It's always a great honour to score 100, but I was pretty cooked to be honest. I was just starting to cramp at that stage, so I was trying to keep my heart rate low and not exert too much energy."

He was at his attacking best on a pitch which had a nice carry.

On Australia conceding 275-plus runs frequently in this event, Marsh brought his sugar-coated defence to the fore.

"There are probably a number of things to consider here. Flat wickets, small grounds, good teams who can score big. I didn't realise how small this one was, even though I played here a little bit," said Marsh. "It's about having a mentality to keep taking wickets but understanding that when the other guys get on top, and that that's going to happen at this level, we try and chase down whatever (total) is in front of us."

On the crowds in India, he said, "I'm not sure they actually come to watch us, it's either David Warner or Glenn Maxwell, so yeah you sort of feel a little bit left out. When we're not playing against India, we always have good support over here. Overall, the fans are just amazing, so we feel very lucky."

We have to improve: Shanto

Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto said that they want to look at their previous nine games and work on the areas where they need to improve.

Speaking at the post-match presentation, Shanto said that they had a good start in the game but lost momentum after the two run-outs in the first innings. He also added that it was disappointing since they did not play their best at the World Cup.

"We got off to a good start but lost momentum because of those run-outs. If we had scored 340-350 it would have been different. Our fast bowlers bowled really well but the spinners weren't as effective in the middle overs, we want to improve our bowling in the middle overs. It's disappointing, we didn't play our best in this tournament.

"We will see what we can do better from now on. Mahmudullah batted really well in this World Cup and Shakib also bowled well in a couple of games. We have to improve as a team. It is not about individual performances, we want to look at the 9 games and work on areas we need to improve," Shanto said. WITH AGENCY INPUTS

> **OUTSTANDING INNINGS (BY MARSH). I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPRESSIVE THE WAY HE FINISHED OFF THE INNINGS. THE TEMPO THAT HE PLAYED AT WAS SUSTAINABLE AND HE IS A SCARY PROSPECT TO HAVE IN THE NEXT WEEK.**
> —Pat Cummins | AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN

Lack of experience in focus as SA gear up for semis

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Ahmedabad: South Africa and Australia are set to face off in the semifinal at the Eden Gardens on Thursday, with the Proteas having secured a convincing victory over the men from Down Under by 134 runs in their league stage match last month.

While South Africa last reached the semifinal in 2015, the current squad has limited experience in knockout stages.

In contrast, Australia have won the title on five occasions and in recent times they have clinched the 2015 ODI World Cup and the T20 World Cup in 2021.

Reflecting on the upcoming semifinal, South African batter Rassie Van der Dussen acknowledged the disparity in experience, saying, "I think it (the semifinal) will probably be different in the sense that a lot of their guys have been in those situations before and have a good reference of how it is having won the World Cup and having played in the semifinal two (four) years ago," said Van der Dussen, who has aggregated 442 runs with two centuries in this tournament.

AFP

MAN IN FORM: Rassie van der Dussen has been the mainstay of SA batting

"So, in terms of that, they'll probably know what it's about a bit more I suppose, but it's on the day, it's what team rocks up, what team is switched on, what team executes their plans."

Despite the varying experience levels, van der Dussen emphasized that the outcome depends on the team's performance on the day, their focus, and execution of plans.

Maintaining a "must-win" mindset, he highlighted the team's approach throughout the tournament, stating, "From the start, it's been almost like a must-win type of mindset for us. So, I don't think too much will be different. I think it will be a good game. They're a great team."

It's for this reason that the 34-year-old from Pretoria said South Africa would've chased even if they had won the toss against Afghanistan on Friday.

"I think coming into this match we wanted to put ourselves in that situation. So if we won the toss we would have bowled anyway, because we wanted to put ourselves in that situation, knowing that they've got a really strong spin attack especially. I think it was largely controlled. There were one or two nervous moments," he said.

When asked if opposition teams would still ask South Africa to chase to target them, he said, "The win-loss ratio looks pretty good in our favour when we bat first and I think it's pretty much 50-50 when we chase. The risk I suppose you run is that if there's a dew then you're going to have to bowl with a dew."

Meanwhile, captain Temba Bavuma struggled with a niggle in the field. Asked about his injury, he said, "It's not ideal, obviously. He was obviously struggling a bit but the type of character Temba is, he wanted to stay out there," said van der Dussen.

WC hits 1m fans milestone

Ahmedabad: Over a million fans have attended the World Cup with the event on track to become one of the most attended ICC events in history. The millionth fan came through the turnstiles during the match between Afghanistan and South Africa in Ahmedabad on Friday, the ICC said in a media release. The tournament has already broken multiple viewership and digital records. "With over 1 million attendees and record-breaking viewership, the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 has reminded cricket fans around the world of the support and interest in the ODI format that highlights how much world cup cricket is valued, ICC Head of Events Chris Tetley said in the release. PTI

Coach Trott sees improvement but rues missed chances

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Ahmedabad: Afghanistan were sniffing at the doorstep of the semifinals of ICC World Cup 2023 when they had Australia reeling at 91-7 in pursuit of 292, in Mumbai on Tuesday. However, two hours of stupendous batting by Glenn Maxwell blew them away. The loss against the five-time World champions left them with an improbable mathematical equation of beating South Africa by 438 runs in their final round-robin clash to overtake New Zealand and clinch the final last-four spot.

Afghanistan head coach Jonathan Trott says he would have taken four victories at the beginning of their campaign but rues missed opportunities in certain matches.

Looking back at the campaign in which Afghanistan defeated three former World champions, Trott said, "If you said we would have won four games, probably would have taken it. Especially after losing the first game against Bangladesh, I would certainly have taken it. But it's still a case of sitting here today thinking there's a few other games that we left out there that we could have perhaps won," rued Trott.

Trott said he saw improvement in the team with every passing game. "As a coach and member of the team, we're disappointed with that, but you can't have everything. You can't always win. But I see some good improvement. I see a lot of confidence in players and their abilities. I had confidence in the players, but sometimes until somebody does it or they do it themselves, you're never quite sure. So that's always a challenge for a developing team or a developing player or nation, until they get across the line."

"And I've said numerous times before the tournament that we just need to win a couple of games to get that belief and the buzz around the side and sort of a spring in the step because there'd been so many times, we'd got so close and found a way just to lose. So, I'm pleased we've won games and found ways to win games," said Trott.

> **IF YOU SAID WE WOULD HAVE WON FOUR GAMES, PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT. ESPECIALLY AFTER LOSING THE FIRST GAME AGAINST BANGLADESH, WHICH WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SEEN AS A SORT OF MUST-WIN GAME."**
> —Jonathon Trott | AFGHANISTAN COACH

Asked about the steps needed for the growth of Afghanistan cricket, the former England cricketer said, "I think it's a case of a lot of development and nurturing of the talent because we see the talent, the likes of players who've sort of stepped up in this tournament. A guy like Azmat (Omarzai) — played very responsible, has batted at number five and just looked like he was very assured and calm, which is fantastic for such a young lad."

He said it was up to the players who were part of the squad to pass on the learning to the junior players.

"There are players in the squad who haven't played. But they've been here learning for a month and a bit. I was speaking to them the other day. We had training yesterday, and I said, it's your job now to go back, and when you get a training camp in Kabul, to then pass on what you've learned here at this World Cup. And that's how the game develops and grows," he stated.

I'd have called back Mathews: Ashraful

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Pune: Mohammad Ashraful believes he would have reinstated Sri Lankan Angelo Mathews had he been the Bangladesh captain after the latter was timed out in the World Cup clash at the Feroz Shah Kotla earlier this week.

"If you have seen (Angelo) Mathews' performance, I would have (called) him back, because he is not a danger at all," said former Bangladesh captain Ashraful, in India as a broadcast journalist to cover the World Cup.

"What happened was, Bangladesh needed two points (in the qualification race for Champions Trophy). That is what Shakib was thinking.

"Before we came here (for the World Cup), when we played New Zealand (in three ODIs back home), Hasan Mahmud ran out (Ish) Sodhi (for backing too far) at non-striker's end, but Litton (Das) called him back. He (Sodhi) scored 23 or 33, and we lost the match.

"At that time, (it was) no problem. But this time, everybody is thinking about the Champions Trophy."

The 39-year-old, who holds the record for the youngest batsman ever to score a Test hundred, still plays domestic cricket and has also completed the Level 3 coaching certification by the ICC.

"I want to come into coaching. The kind of experience I have, I feel there is no one better than me in Bangladesh (to coach the national team). The kind of situations, whatever has happened in my life — both good and bad — I think I can serve better as a coach. I want to stay involved in the game," he said.

By "bad", Ashraful was referring to his ban for match-fixing in the Bangladesh Premier League. He said the unrestricted growth of T20 leagues has made the players more vulnerable to corruption than ever before.

"It has become difficult for players (due to corrupt approaches). My only suggestion is that the player has to be honest. There will definitely be approaches made, you have to inform the team management," he said.

Until the scandal derailed his career, Ashraful was headed for stardom. "Whatever we did then, they were all first time. Beating Australia (in an ODI) in 2005, India and South Africa in the 2007 World Cup…it feels good. We could have achieved more. But overall it was good."

Commenting on Bangladesh's below-par campaign in the current World Cup, Ashraful said: "The problem is, for 12 years, the same people are working. If the same person is occupying the seat for 12 years, things are not going to change."

He added that short-sighted selection policy had contributed to the team's struggles. "Discarding the old guard is not a solution. It is about the players who come in. We are not selecting players who are performing in domestic cricket."

MCC rules Mathews dismissal as 'correct'

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Mumbai: The prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the custodian of the 'Laws of Cricket,' has backed the International Cricket Council's umpires' verdict on the controversial timed out dismissal of Angelo Mathews, while responding to the Sri Lankan batsman's "video evidence" of being "wronged" by the match officials.

Mathews' infamous and first-of-its-kind dismissal during the World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh last Monday created a huge stir in world cricket. The former Sri Lanka captain was dismissed timed-out, after an appeal by Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan, when he failed to face the next delivery after the dismissal of Sadeera Samarawickrama. Hugely upset at the call, Mathews later criticised the fourth umpire while labelling Shakib's act as "disgraceful".

The MCC, though, has backed the match umpires for giving the decision in favour of Bangladesh.

In a statement on Saturday, the MCC pointed out that as per the ICC's ODI Playing Conditions, the incoming batter should be ready to face the ball within two minutes of the dismissal or retirement of the previous batter.

"The batter must be in position for the bowler to be able to bowl inside the allotted time. The umpires determined that Mathews was not ready to face the ball within that two-minute allowance. He subsequently suffered an issue with his helmet, causing further delay," the MCC stated.

The MCC ruled that Mathews had not informed the umpires about the helmet change within the two-minute allowance. "Had the umpires been informed of a significant, justifiable, equipment-related delay within the two-minute allowance, they could have treated it as a new type of delay."

SL's U-19 World Cup fate hangs in balance

Will Sri Lanka be able to stage the Under-19 World Cup in January-February (January 13 to February 4) after it's cricket board, was suspended by the ICC on Friday? The million dollar question, **TOI** understands, will be answered at the ICC Board meetings on November 20 & 21 in Ahmedabad.

SRI LANKA TO APPEAL ICC BAN

Colombo: Sri Lanka's sports minister said on Saturday he would appeal the country's suspension from the International Cricket Council (ICC) over alleged political interference in the local board.

Roshan Ranasinghe said the world governing body's action on Friday night against his country was "illegal" and would appeal to the ICC's Dispute Resolution Committee.

"The ICC suspension of Sri Lanka is illegal. We have been maliciously suspended without giving us an opportunity to respond to the allegation," Ranasinghe said.

He said the ICC had referred to "political interference" in Sri Lanka Cricket, the elected body that governs cricket in the country, but had not specified the charges. "First, we must have the charges and then an opportunity to respond," Ranasinghe said.

"If we fail to get redress from the DRC, we will go to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland."

The ICC said on Friday that Sri Lanka Cricket was "in serious breach of its obligations as a member", highlighting "the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and to ensure that there is no government interference". AFP

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Winds propel Delhi to its cleanest Diwali eve in 8 yrs

AQI May Dip To 'Very Poor' Today, 'Severe' Monday

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New Delhi: The city's air quality improved further on Saturday, giving it the cleanest Chhoti Diwali or pre-Diwali day since 2015 due to consistent winds. The air quality index (AQI) at 12pm was 228, which by 4pm reached 224. The average AQI on a scale of 0 to 500 for the city was 220 on Saturday against 279 a day earlier and 259 last pre-Diwali, all considered 'poor'.

All the city districts remained out of the 'very poor' category. This year, the AQI had been under the 'severe' category from November 3 till November 9, and rain and strong winds pulled the city out of it.

However, air quality is likely to deteriorate on Sunday to very poor, according to the early warning system. "The air quality is likely to reach the severe category from 13.11.2023 to 14.11.2023 and is likely to remain in the severe to very poor category for the next six days," the air quality early warning system stated.

▶Biomass burning, P 2

Ajay Kumar

DAZZLING SHOW: Ayodhya celebrated its seventh Deepotsav on Saturday, with over 22.23 lakh diyas being lit on the ghats of the Saryu river, breaking the city's own Guinness world record | P 6

City farmer arrested for burning stubble

A farmer in southwest Delhi's Chhawla was arrested for stubble burning on his farmland on Friday. Police said they had received a complaint from the farmer's neighbour. This is apparently the first arrest in Delhi for burning stubble. P 2

Man making crackers dies in explosion

A 21-year-old died after an explosion at his house in Shahdara's Welcome area on Friday. The blast occurred when Himanshu was allegedly trying to mix sulphur and potash to manufacture crackers, police said. P 2

ED arrests Lalu aide in 'jobs for land' case

The ED on Saturday arrested Amit Katyal, an associate of former railway minister Lalu Prasad, in a money laundering case in connection with the alleged jobs for land scam. A special PMLA court remanded Katyal in ED custody till November 16. P 6

Slapping victim joins another school

Acting on the Supreme Court's direction regarding the school slapping incident, officials in Agra took the victim to a reputed private school in Muzaffarnagar and facilitated his admission there. P 7

3 Bangladeshi tourists die in Dal Lake houseboat fire

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Srinagar: Three tourists from Bangladesh died in a massive fire in one of the houseboats at Srinagar's Dal Lake early Saturday, with preliminary investigations suggesting a heating appliance probably malfunctioned and ignited the flames.

So fierce was the 5.15am blaze in the houseboat — named Safeena — at Ghat No. 9 of the scenic lake that the bodies were charred beyond recognition, officials said. DNA samples were taken to establish the identities, officials said. Properties worth crores were destroyed in the fire, including five other houseboats and three adjacent sheds.

▶2nd major blaze, P 17

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Five houseboats were damaged in the Dal Lake fire on Saturday

Oil tanker hits car & van in Ggn, 4 killed

Four people died after an oil tanker broke past a divider to the other side of the Delhi-Jaipur highway and collided with a car and a pickup van on Friday night.

The car went up in flames after its CNG cylinder exploded under the impact of the crash, killing all three occupants. The fourth victim was the driver of the pickup van into which the tanker collided. The tanker driver fled. Police said three engineers of a Sonipat firm were on their way to distribute Diwali gifts when the accident occurred. P 5

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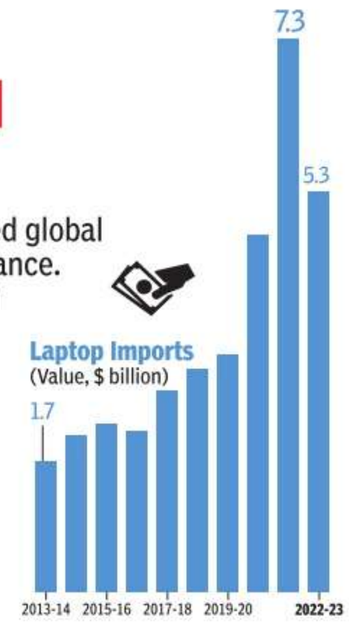
AS LAPTOP SALES HEAD NORTH, CHINA SHARE DOWN BUT STILL DOMINANT

India's proposed licensing regime for laptop imports alarmed global hardware majors and put the focus on security and self-reliance. Analysis by **Richa Gandhi** points to China's outsized share in imports and the big opportunity for domestic production



Steady Growth And A Slight Dip

India spent $7.3 billion in 2021-22 on laptop imports, the highest for a single fiscal year since 2013-14. While that figure came down to $5.3 billion in 2022-23 as laptop sales registered a drop, China still maintained its over-75% share in laptop imports. The government has said it is only monitoring imports closely, but any restrictions would especially impact China as India is the destination for more than 30% of its laptop exports. The government has already taken steps against Chinese products, banning 59 Chinese apps in 2020 citing security concerns.

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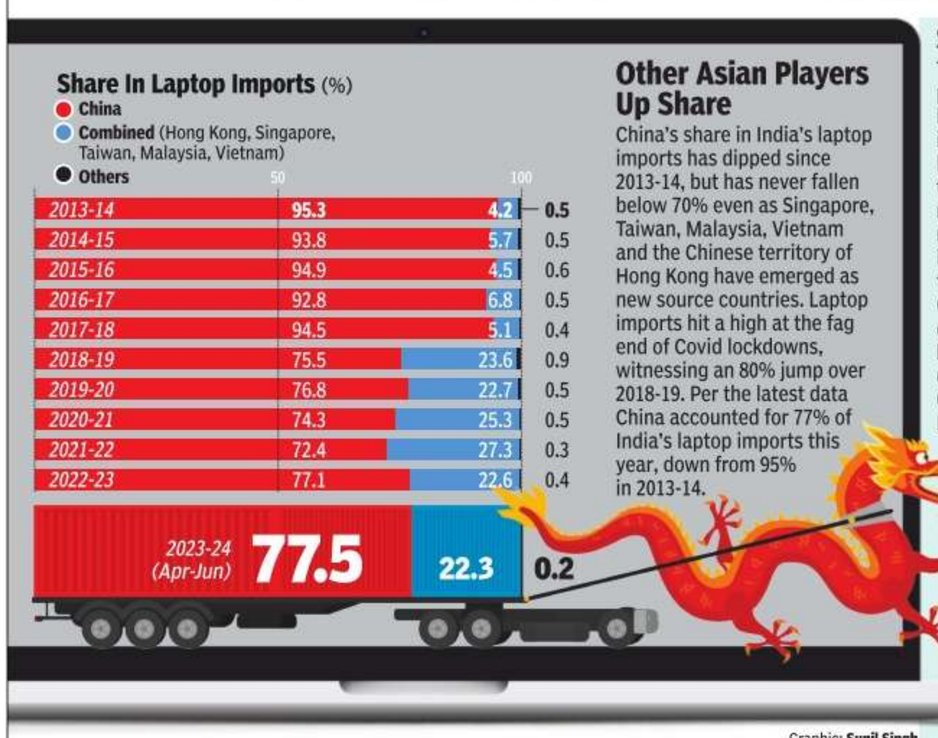
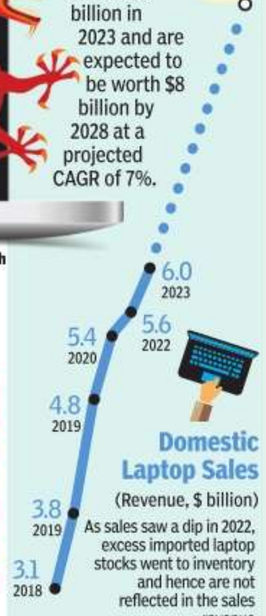


Other Asian Players Up Share

China's share in India's laptop imports has dipped since 2013-14, but has never fallen below 70% even as Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Chinese territory of Hong Kong have emerged as new source countries. Laptop imports hit a high at the fag end of Covid lockdowns, witnessing an 80% jump over 2018-19. Per the latest data China accounted for 77% of India's laptop imports this year, down from 95% in 2013-14.

$8bn Opportunity

The announcement about proposed restrictions on laptop imports brought into the picture India's large market potential and the opportunity for local manufacturers. It may also result in Indian companies importing laptop parts from countries other than China. 'Make in India' and other such initiatives could help reduce the country's dependence on imports. Overall sales of laptops in India went from $3.1 billion in 2018 to $6 billion in 2023 and are expected to be worth $8 billion by 2028 at a projected CAGR of 7%.



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Filling A China-Sized Hole

The other Asian players that have slowly increased laptop sales to India have a 22% share of imports now, up from 5% in 2017-18. The spurt in imports from these countries is down to FTAs (Free Trade Agreements) and India has said these treaties won't be impacted. Shipments to India from major laptop-makers have seen a decline recently. Also, hardware majors are reportedly interested in manufacturing laptops in India under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

Laptop Imports (By company, total units)

	Q1+Q2 2023	Q1+Q2 2022	Annual Change %
HP	19,99,000	26,01,000	-23
Lenovo	9,89,000	15,45,000	-36
Dell	8,78,000	12,80,000	-31
Acer	7,45,000	7,54,000	-1
Asus	4,20,000	4,91,000	-14
Others	9,52,000	12,95,000	-26
Total	**59,82,000**	**79,67,000**	**-25**

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Canalys PC Analysis (sell-in shipments); Statista

Allot grandson flat promised to deceased man 48 yrs ago: HC

Raps Maha Body, Says What Kind Of Govt Treats Citizens Like This?

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Mumbai: Observing that it is a "long unbroken cry for long-delayed justice," Bombay high court directed Mhada to allot a man whose family had waited close to half a century for flat, one in a 16-storey building at Patelwadi, Parel village, and give him its possession.

"The petitioner and his family have waited a full 48 years for the allotment of a re-accommodation tenement... For the last seven weeks, since 6th October we have been told... it will be allotted at any time. And it is only now that we are told that it cannot be allotted because the tenement in question is 579 sq ft and apparently the petitioner's entitlement is only 300 sq ft," said Justices Gautam Patel and Kamal Khata on Thursday.

According to 34-year-old Ravindra Bhatuse's petition, in November 1975, his grandfather was issued notice to vacate his 106-square-foot room in Zenab Manzil, Byculla, and sent to Antop Hill transit camp. He was evicted a second time in 2018 as the transit building became dilapidated. As he was not given a re-accommodation, he shifted to his village. He died in October 2007 and his wife in July 2009. His son had earlier died in January 1996, leaving behind his widow and grandson Ravindra. "One generation gone. The second generation is partly gone. There was no vestige of a re-accommodation being given," the judges noted. In February 2010, the grandfather "long deceased, long evicted, long banished from this city" was held eligible for permanent alternate accommodation. Before HC, his advocates Yashodeep Deshmukh and Akash Jaiswar said in spite of repeated enquiries and representations, Bhatuse was not allotted premises as per his entitlement.

The petitioner will get a flat in this 16-storey building in Mumbai's Parel

"We will be forgiven if we asked one question that stares us in the face: What kind of government and what kind of authority treats its own citizens like this? From 2010 to 2023, nothing happened. We mean that literally," the judges noted.

Bhatuse had identified a 579-sq-ft flat at Dosti Belleza in Parel village. It was surrendered by the developer to Mhada as a surplus area. Bhatuse was willing to pay for the extra area apart from the 300 sq ft he is entitled free of cost under the state's policy.

When Mhada's advocate P G Lad said "everybody will start demanding more," the judges said there is no basis for the apprehension as Bhatuse is not asking this area for free and has agreed to pay at a rate prescribed by Mhada. Directing Mhada to allot him the 579 sq ft, the judges said, "We remind both ourselves and Mhada that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it always bends towards justice."

On Friday, the judges clarified that Bhatuse will pay for the additional 279 sq ft at the ready reckoner rate or market value, whichever is higher. They said Lad "is correct that if heavily discounted cost of construction is applied to the petitioner, it will have to be applied to almost everybody and will open floodgates".

Granting Bhatuse a month to pay Mhada, they directed that within 24 hours of payment he will be put in possession of the apartment.

2 watching WC on mobile run over by train

Kanpur: Two youths were run over by a train while they were sitting on a railway track and watching the World Cup match between Afghanistan and South Africa on their mobile phones, in the Sachendi area of Kanpur on Friday evening, reports **Faiz Siddiqui**.

Police said that the youths, Ashish Kumar (18) and Subhash Kumar (20), were wearing earphones and could not hear the honking of the train.

Ashish was working in a private firm and both of them were preparing for Army recruitment examinations.

Ashish's father Binda works in a private firm. Subhash was the son of Ashish's maternal uncle Rajesh, who is a farmer. A cop said that the fields of Binda and Rajesh were located near the railway line.

On Diwali, 3 Indian musicians to light up Rome's Pauline Chapel

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Kolkata: Hindustani classical vocalist Supriyo Dutta, sarod player Partho Sarothy — both from Kolkata — and tabla player Sanju Sahai of the Benares Gharana have been invited to perform at Pauline Chapel in Quirinale Palace, Italy, on Diwali on Sunday morning.

The historic building in Rome is one of the three current official residences of the president of the Italian Republic, apart from Villa Rosebery in Naples and the Tenuta di Castelporziano.

This large chapel is named after Pope Paul V, who ordered its construction in 1615 to endow the Quirinale Palace with a space the size of Sistine Chapel.

Vocalist Supriyo Dutta (in pic), sarod player Partho Sarothy and tabla player Sanju Sahai will perform on Sunday morning

Since 1823, Pauline Chapel has been used as the seat of four consecutive conclaves. The first pope elected there was Leo XII and the last one, Pius IX.

Every Sunday, when Quirinale Palace is opened, the chapel hosts a concert, which is open to the public and is broadcast live on radio.

On the website of Quirinale Palace that lists the concerts at Pauline Chapel, the Sunday's event has been described as: "Three Indian artists of exceptional international prestige propose a musical meditation on the occasion of a solemn holiday in the Hindu calendar, Diwali, corresponding to our celebration of the new year..."

Dutta is currently on US-Europe tour. "The concert is a production of Radio3, in collaboration with Rai-Quirinale and the Presidency of the Republic...It will be broadcast live on a radio channel.This is perhaps the first time any Indian artist has been invited to perform at such an event," he said.

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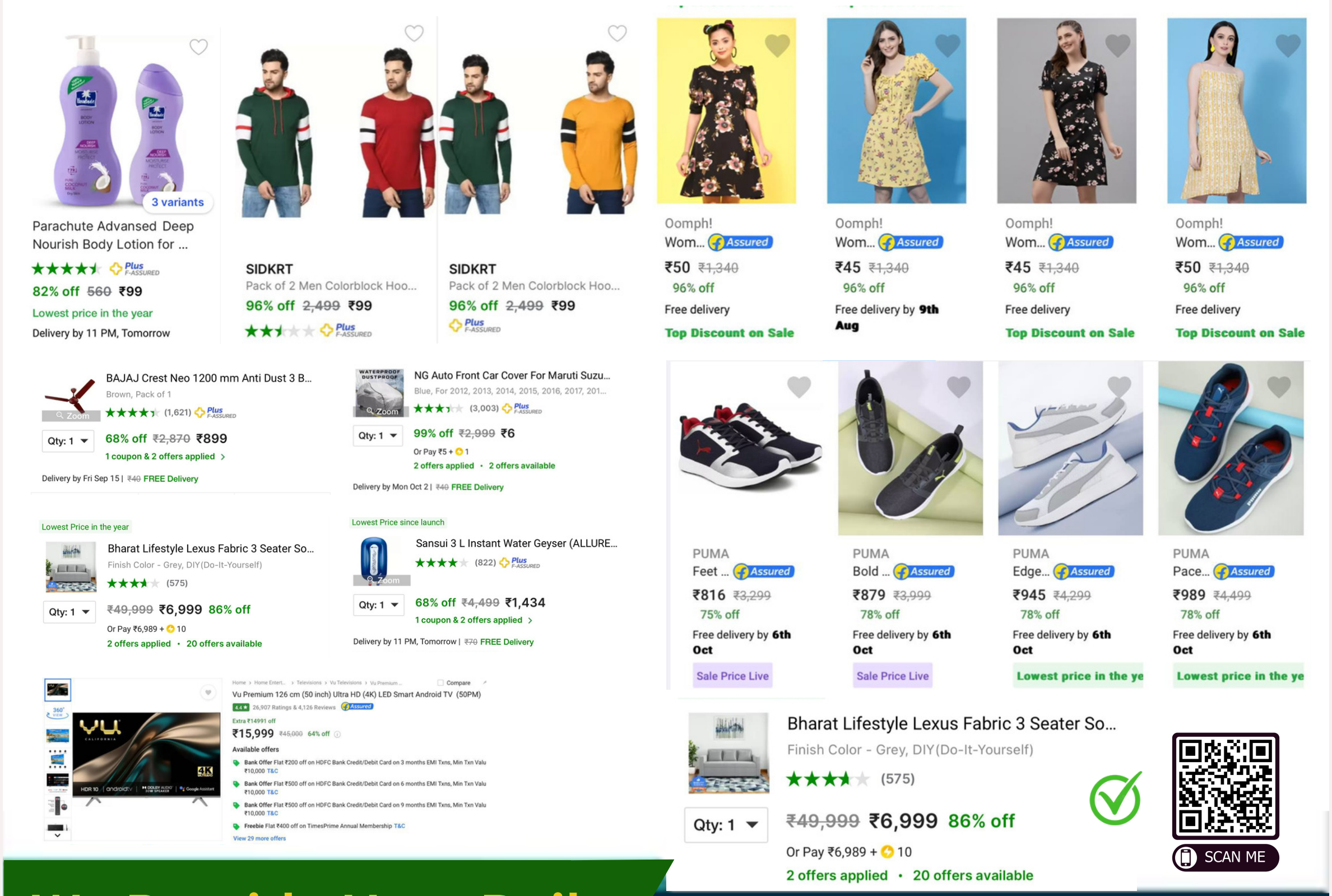

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