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London: London-based toy manufacturer Giffi Ltd has struck an agreement with Indian family entertainment major Toonz Media Group to co-produce and co-distribute an animated series based on celebrated author Ruskin Bond's children's stories around his fictional character "Rusty". PTI

THE WORLD

TOP OF THE WORLD



Rachael Lillis

Rachael Lillis, who voiced 'Pokemon' characters, dies

Los Angeles: Rachael Lillis, an actress who voiced the original English versions of Misty and Jessie, popular characters in the 1990s "Pokémon" anime television series, and later in the franchise's movies and games as well, died Saturday in Los Angeles. She was 55. The cause was cancer, according to Laurie Orr, one of her sisters. Lillis started voice acting in the 1980s, according to her IMDB page, but her big break came in the late 1990s when she was cast in the English version of the "Pokémon" TV series, a popular Japanese anime based on the "Pokémon" video games. In hundreds of episodes over eight years, Lillis voiced the characters Misty, a trusted friend of the main character, Ash Ketchum, and Jessie, one of the show's villains. NYT

UNITED STATES

Cop indicted for shooting of Black woman

Columbus: An Ohio police officer was indicted Tuesday on charges including murder in the shooting of Ta'Kiya Young, a 21-year-old pregnant Black mother killed by police in a grocery store parking lot last August. A Franklin County grand jury indicted Blendon Township police officer Connor Grub on charges of murder, involuntary manslaughter and felonious assault. Young, who was suspected of shoplifting, was killed when the officer fired a single bullet through her windshield after she refused to leave her car and it started rolling toward him. The daughter she was expecting that November also died. AP

TURKEY

Teen stabs 5 people at cafe, detained

Ankara: A teenager wearing a helmet and bullet-proof vest randomly stabbed five people at an open-air cafe in northwest Turkey before being detained by police, officials and media reports said Tuesday. The 18-year-old, identified as Arda K., broadcast Monday's knife attack on social media through a camera attached to his vest, HaberTurk television reported. The victims were people relaxing after prayers at a mosque in Eskisehir. The five wounded individuals were hospitalized and two of them were in serious condition. AP

PAKISTAN

Court rejects bail plea of Imran's wife

Islamabad: An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has rejected the bail application of Bushra Bibi, the wife of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, in 12 cases related to the May 9 violence of last year which erupted when the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf founder was arrested. PTI

DEATH OF GROCER DURING CLASHES; FIRST CASE SINCE SHE FLED TO INDIA

Bangladesh: Hasina faces murder charges, plaintiff gets death threat

Court also orders probe into role of two ministers of Hasina govt, top police officials

ANISUR RAHMAN
DHAKA, AUGUST 13

BANGLADESH'S DEPOSED prime minister Sheikh Hasina and six others, including two senior ministers of her cabinet and the sacked police chief, would face trial on murder charges, court officials said on Tuesday.

The murder case filed against 76-year-old Hasina is the first so far against her since she resigned and fled to India on August 5. She and six others over the death of a grocery shop owner during last month's violent clashes.

"In line with a case filed by a resident of (Dhaka's) Mohammadpur area, Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury has asked police to register it as an FIR," a court official said. He said that six others who were named in the case are: Awami League general secretary and former road transport minister Obaidul Quader, home minister Asaduzzaman Khan and sacked inspector general of police (IGP) Abdullah Al Mamun, Dhaka's police commissioner Habibur Rahman, Additional IGP Harun-or-Rashid and additional joint commissioner Biplab Kumar.

While Hasina fled to India, the two ministers are believed to have secretly left the country hours before her resignation on August 5 while the whereabouts of the police officers remained unknown.

The case against Hasina and six others was lodged on charges of killing a grocery shop owner in the Mohammadpur area in police firing on July 19. The case was filed by a well-wisher of the grocery store owner Abu Sayed.

Meanwhile, Amir Hamza Shatil, who filed a murder case against Hasina and six others, has received a death threat over the phone, The Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported. Shortly after filing the case, a phone call was made to Shatil from France around



Activists of Anti-Discriminatory Student Movement at the University of Dhaka demanding capital punishment for Bangladeshi former PM Sheikh Hasina for the death of students during anti-quota protests, on Tuesday. Reuters

2:30pm on Tuesday, the report said. Showing the mobile number to the reporters, he said: "I got a call from a number in France and asked if I know the consequences of filing a case against Sheikh Hasina. Where is my house, whether I can stay there, whether I have received any money in this case."

Over 230 people were killed in Bangladesh in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government on August 5, taking the death toll to 560 since the anti-quota protests first started in mid-July. PTI

Indian visa centre in Dhaka resumes limited operations

Dhaka: The Indian visa application centre here resumed "limited operations" Tuesday.

In a press release, the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) announced the resumption of limited operations in its Dhaka centre. "IVAC (JFP) Dhaka has resumed limited operations. Messages will be sent to individual applicants regarding (the) collection of passports," the press release said.

It requested applicants to arrive at the centre only after receiving a text message to collect their passports. "Because of limited operations, the process may take longer. We request your understanding," it said.

Last week, the IVAC announced the closure of all visa centres in the country until further notice due to the unstable situation after the fall of the Hasina-led government. PTI

As Gaza truce hangs in balance, Hamas says it wants implementation, not talks

REUTERS
CAIRO/JERUSALEM, AUG 13

HAMAS FIRED two rockets at Israel's commercial hub Tel Aviv on Tuesday for the first time in months and Israeli airstrikes killed at least 19 Palestinians in Gaza, as mediators aimed to resume ceasefire talks later in the week. There were no reports of casualties in Israel. Two rockets had been fired from Gaza, the Israeli military said, one of which fell in the sea and the other had not reached Israeli territory.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has postponed his trip to the Middle East, delaying his planned Tuesday departure, Axios reported ahead of planned Gaza ceasefire talks this week.

The top U.S. diplomat's travel was delayed over "uncertainty about the situation," Axios said.



A Palestinian girl, who survived an Israeli strike that killed her entire family, is being fed by a relative. Reuters

The Israeli government said it would send a delegation to Thursday's talks.

But Hamas is demanding a

workable plan to implement the proposal.

A Hamas official told Reuters that a CNN report saying the group planned to attend on

IRAN REJECTS CALL BY EUROPEAN LEADERS

Tehran: Iran rejected a call Tuesday by three European countries demanding it to refrain from any retaliatory attacks. French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer issued a joint statement Monday endorsing the latest push by mediators Qatar, Egypt and the US to broker an agreement to end the Israel-Hamas war. AP

Thursday was wrong. "Our statement the other day was clear: what is needed is the implementation, not more negotiation," said the official.

Not satisfied with cabinet, Iran VP resigns

FARNAZ FASSIHI & LEILY NIKOUNAZAR
TEHRAN, AUGUST 13

IRAN'S NEW president, Masoud Pezeshkian, ran as a reformist candidate. But when he announced Sunday that his Cabinet nominees included several conservatives and only one woman, he faced a fierce backlash, with a high-profile vice president resigning and political allies accus-



Mohammad Javad Zarif, a former foreign minister, with Masoud Pezeshkian.

ing him of abandoning campaign promises to bring change.

The resignation Sunday of Mohammad Javad Zarif, who had been appointed vice president for strategy and had led a search committee for Cabinet nominations, shocked Iran's political circles. He had been a prominent face of Pezeshkian's campaign, traveling across the country and telling voters to give change a chance. Now, he was abandoning the government in

a public display of deep divisions before it was even formed.

In an Instagram post, Zarif said it had become clear to him that he could not bring about the kind of domestic change that people had expected. "I am not satisfied with the outcome of my work, and I'm ashamed that I could not adequately achieve what I had promised about representation of women, youth and ethnicities and the expert opinion of the committees," he said. NYT



Donald Trump participates in an interview with Elon Musk, at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida. AP

As tech issues mar Trump-Musk X talk, team Harris takes dig: Can't do a livestream

RICHARD COWAN & ANDY SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 13

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL candidate Donald Trump sat Monday for a friendly two-hour interview with billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk on Musk's social media platform X, after technical problems delayed the start of the event for more than 40 minutes.

A counter on X showed as many as 1.3 million people were listening at times during the lengthy conversation. The two men exchanged praise repeatedly, with the Tesla chief lauding Trump for his bravery during the attempt on his life last month, and Trump congratulating Musk for his willingness to fire workers demanding better conditions.

Musk, the world's richest person, has announced his support for Trump. Musk backed Joe Biden in 2020. Musk did not challenge Trump's inaccurate statements, like the assertion that other countries were sending criminals across the southern US border.

Trump insulted his Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris several times, referring to her as "third rate," "incompetent" and "a radical left lunatic." But then he praised her looks. "She looks like the most beautiful actress ever to live," Trump said about a picture of Harris on the cover of Time magazine. "She hasn't done an interview since this whole scam started," Trump said, claiming falsely that Biden dropping off the ticket was a "coup."

A longstanding critic of electric vehicles, Trump has shifted gears since Musk's endorsement. On Monday, he described the electric cars made by Tesla as "incredible." He also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un as at the "top of their game."

In a statement, a Harris campaign spokesperson, Joseph Costello, said: "Trump's entire campaign is in service of people like Elon Musk and himself — self-obsessed rich guys who will sell out the middle class and who cannot run a livestream in 2024."

Russia strikes back at Ukrainian forces in Kursk region

REUTERS
MOSCOW, AUGUST 13

RUSSIAN FORCES Tuesday struck back at Ukrainian troops with missiles, drones and airstrikes in actions that one senior commander said had halted Ukraine's advance after the biggest attack on Russian territory since the war began.

Thousands of Ukrainian soldiers smashed through the Russian border a week ago in a surprise attack that Russian President Vladimir Putin said was aimed at improving Kyiv's negotiating position ahead of possible talks and slowing the advance of Russian forces along the front.

The Ukrainian forces carved out a slice of Russian territory, prompting Moscow to evacuate almost 200,000 people while it rushed in reserves.

Russian war bloggers reported intense battles across the Kursk front as the Ukrainians tried to expand their control. Russia's defence ministry pub-

A Kyiv gamble on the frontline

THE FOREIGN occupation of Russian land was an embarrassment for Putin. But by dedicating forces to Kursk, Ukraine may leave other parts of the front exposed just as Russia has been advancing. Russia, which has a far larger army, could try to encircle Ukrainian forces.

lished images of Sukhoi Su-34 bombers striking at what it said were Ukrainian troops in the Kursk border region and said it had repelled attacks at villages about 26-28 km from the border.

It was not clear which side was in control of the Russian town of Sudzha, through which Russia delivers gas from Western Siberia through Ukraine and on to Slovakia and other European Union countries. Gazprom said Tuesday it was still pumping gas to Ukraine through Sudzha.

MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY COSTS 280,000 EUROS A YEAR, JUST TO KEEP IT FROM FALLING INTO A SHAMBLES

Berlin's Goebbels villa dilemma: Too costly to keep, perilous to sell

SARAH MASLIN NIR
BRANDENBURG, AUGUST 13

BEHIND THICKETS of beech trees, overgrown with nettles and beside a blue lake an hour north of Berlin, a villa that once belonged to a Nazi mastermind quietly rots.

No one knows what to do with the estate beside the Bogensee lake in Brandenburg. It was built for Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, by his grateful country just before the start of World War II. Owned by the state of Berlin today, it has sat moldering expensively on the public's tab, along with a set of dramatic dor-

mitories built later by the Communist Party to house an indoctrination school. It is a nearly 20-acre campus that echoes with the pasts of two totalitarian regimes.

Too burdensome for the state to continue carrying, prohibitively expensive for most real estate prospectors and tainted by history, Berlin has given up on selling or developing it. Instead, it has offered to give the Nazi mansion away, free. (The taker, of course, would be subject to the government's approval.)

In exasperated comments made to Parliament this spring, Stefan Evers, the state's senator for



Visitors at the main entrance of Joseph Goebbels' (inset) former villa near Wandlitz, Germany. NYT

finance, made the pitch — take it off our hands, or we will tear it down — setting off a flurry of interest in prospective takers from around the globe.

There were inquiries from a dermatologist who wanted to open a skin-care center and from a few bargain hunters, Evers said recently in an interview in his offices in Berlin. None have been suitable, he said.

An earlier inquiry, from an extreme-right group called the Reichsbürger movement, seemed to embody the authorities' worst fears. The group denies the legitimacy of the current German state; some of its members are on trial

for a plot to overthrow the government. Such attention — that the estate's association with the Nazi era might attract an unsavory buyer — partly accounts for the villa's neglect.

"The history of the place is precisely the reason why Berlin would never hand this building over to private hands where there would be a risk that it could be misused," Evers said.

The fate of the villa is not only a logistical quandary for Germany. It illustrates a long-term and larger conundrum, the grounds of which have shifted over time, experts say: whether to preserve or obliterate the many edifices from

Germany's hateful past.

Directly after World War II, the prevailing approach was to move on, ignoring prior ownership, so as not to risk reifying it, according to Peter Longerich, a historian and the author of "Goebbels," a biography. Hitler's apartment in Munich, for example, has little information detailing its history; it has long been a police station in which officers still use Hitler's own wooden bookshelves, he said.

Maintenance of the property costs 280,000 euros a year (nearly \$306,000) just to keep it from falling into shambles, according to the buildings department. NYT



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BAIL IN UAPA CASE
PM plot case: Bail rule, jail exception even in stringent law, says SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

GRANTING BAIL to a man charged under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for renting out a portion of his house to alleged cadre of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) who were planning to carry out disturbances during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bihar in 2022, the Supreme Court Tuesday said the principle "bail is the rule and jail is an exception" will apply even to statutes with stringent bail conditions.

The bench of Justices AS Oka and Augustine George Masih said, "When a case is made out for a grant of bail, the Courts should not have any hesitation in granting bail. The allegations of the prosecution may be very serious. But, the duty of the Courts is to consider the case for grant of bail in accordance with the law. 'Bail is the rule and jail is an exception' is a settled law. Even in a case like the present case, where there are stringent conditions for the grant of bail in the relevant statutes, the same rule holds good with only modification that the bail can be granted if the conditions in the statute are satisfied."

"The rule also means that once a case is made out for the CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

ATTACKS WIDESPREAD, OVER 50 OF 64 DISTRICTS HIT: COMMUNITY LEADERS

Reaching out to Bangla Hindus, Yunus visits temple, underlines equal rights

Dhaka's interim govt establishes hotline to report attacks on temples, churches, pagodas



SHUBHAJIT ROY
DHAKA, AUGUST 13

WITH THE Hindu minority in Bangladesh facing attacks in the last week, after Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister and fled to India on August 5, Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, who is heading the interim government, reached out on Tuesday with a visit to the Dhakeshwari Temple where he met community leaders and assured "justice" and "equal rights" for all.

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Muhammad Yunus at the Dhakeshwari Temple in Dhaka. PTI

Govt should have spoken out against quota, met protesters, says Hasina son

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

ADMITTING THAT mistakes were made in handling the student protests, Sajeeb Wazed Joy,

son of ousted Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, told *The Indian Express* in an interview that the government should have engaged with the protesters from the very beginning and spoken out against the quotas

much earlier. "I believe our government should have spoken out against the quotas and met with the protesters from the beginning instead of leaving it to the courts..." CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Delhi L-G rejects AAP choice, picks Gahlot to hoist Tricolour on I-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

IN A fresh tussle with the AAP government, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Tuesday nominated Delhi Home Minister Kailash Gahlot to hoist the national flag in the Capital on Independence Day, days after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Education Minister Atishi would take his place at the event.

Every year, the Delhi government's General Administration Department (GAD) organises Independence Day celebrations

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EXPLAINED

The latest standoff

THE L-G'S office has sought to underline the issue of the "missing" CM and the "impasse" created by his absence. In the past, the L-G's office has said that Kejriwal's decision to not step down as CM has created hurdles in the government's functioning.

Air hostess who took taxi bike molested by rider in Chanakyapuri

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

A 25-YEAR-OLD woman, who works as an air hostess, was allegedly molested by a rider of an app-based bike ride aggregator service in Chanakyapuri area of New Delhi last week, police said on Tuesday.

The accused, identified as 35-year-old Jaiveer, was nabbed from Gurgaon within 12 hours of the incident. According to the police, he hailed from Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh and had been working with taxi bike service in Drive in Delhi for the past one year.

The incident took place around 11.45 pm on August 7. Around 11 pm, the woman booked a bike ride through inDrive to her home in Dwarka from Laxmi Nagar, where she had come to meet a friend, the police said.

"According to the woman, the bike rider reached her pickup spot within 15 minutes of booking the ride. When she reached the Simon Bolivar Marg near Buddha Jayanti Park around 11.45 pm, the bike rider tried to change the route even while looking at the map on his phone."

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Assam CM gave it 'flood jihad' tag, N-E university gets national rank honour

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 13

THE MOOD at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya was upbeat Tuesday. A day earlier, the Ministry of Education had announced the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 and the institute had featured in the list of top 200 universities — the only private university from the



USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque addresses students and faculty on Tuesday

Northeast to make it to the list. The same day, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had launched another tirade against the university after having accused it of "flood jihad" the previous week.

On Tuesday afternoon, the university administration held a short celebration in its 5000-seat auditorium. Addressing the students, faculty and members of the administration gathered

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Helping Wayanad: Girls broke their piggy bank, an elderly woman her surgery fund

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 13

A 76-YEAR-OLD decided her long-pending surgery could wait, a fish vendor gave up his day's savings, two sisters agreed it was time to break their piggy bank — in the aftermath of the July 30 Wayanad landslide that tore

through the hills of the north Kerala district, killing nearly 231 people and washing away homes and property, contributions such as these have been pouring in from across the state into the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CM-DRF). Nearly 130 landslide victims are still missing.

Among those who contributed to the CMDRF — Rs 110.55 crore, as of August 13 — are daily workers, students, widows and the elderly. Moved by the enormity of the tragedy and responding to the state gov-



Students from Manipur, who study in Kerala, hand over a cheque of Rs 1 lakh as Wayanad relief contribution

ernment's call seeking contributions for relief operations, they put their everyday lives and needs on hold and dipped into their meagre savings

At Chiyaram in Thrissur, Class 7 student Sivanandana and her sister Shivanya, a Class 1 student, handed over to their parents the Rs 3,050 that they had collected over the past year. "They were mostly coins of Re 1, Rs 2 and 5 that I had given them. My elder daughter wanted to buy a new TV and the younger

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JUNIOR DOCTOR'S RAPE & MURDER



Students hold a protest at the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata Tuesday. Partha Paul MORE REPORTS, P10

Unhappy with police probe, HC transfers Kolkata case to CBI

Pulls up authorities, hospital principal who quit to join another sent on leave

ATRIMITRA & RAVIK BHATTACHARYA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 13

EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE over the handling of the case of the alleged rape and murder of a junior doctor at R G Kar Medical College and observing that "there appears to be no signifi-

cant progress in the investigation", the Calcutta High Court Tuesday transferred the probe from Kolkata Police to the CBI.

A division bench, comprising Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, said it would monitor the probe and the CBI would be required to submit a report to the court in

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

15th August 2024 (04:00 am to 10:00 am)

Independence Day Ceremony will be celebrated on 15th August 2024 at Red Fort. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will address the nation from the rampart of Red Fort. For the convenience of invitees and security reasons, certain traffic restrictions shall be imposed at and around the Red Fort on 15th August 2024.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS AROUND RED FORT
The following roads will be closed for general traffic from 4:00 AM to 10:00 AM on 15.08.2024 and only labeled vehicles will be permitted -

- Netaji Subhash Marg from Delhi Gate to Chhatta Rail.
- Lothian Road from GPO Delhi to Chhatta Rail.
- S.P. Mukherjee Marg from H.C. Sen Marg to Yamuna Bazar Chowk.
- Chandni Chowk Road from Fountain Chowk to Red Fort.
- Nishad Raj Marg from Ring Road to Netaji Subhash Marg.
- Esplanade Road and its Link Road to Netaji Subhash Marg.
- Ring Road from Rajpath to ISBT.
- Outer Ring Road from ISBT to IP Flyover i.e., Salimgarh Bypass.

All RWA are hereby requested to collect/purchase their essential commodities before 22:00 hrs on 14.08.2024 for citizen of Delhi. ROADS THAT MAY BE AVOIDED FROM 04.00 AM TO 10.00 AM ON 15.08.2024:

Those vehicles which do not have parking labels for Independence Day Celebration may avoid C- Hexagon India Gate, Copernicus Marg, Mandi House, Sikandra Road, W Point, A Point, Tilak Marg, Mathura Road, BSZ Marg, Netaji Subhash Marg, J.L. Nehru Marg, Ring Road between Nizamuddin Khatta and ISBT Kashmiri Gate & Outer Ring Road from Nizamuddin Khatta & ISBT Kashmiri Gate via Salimgarh bypass.

City/DTC buses from 12:00 Midnight of 14.08.2024 to 10:00 AM on 15.08.2024.

- Lothian Road from Chhatta Rail Chowk to Kashmiri Gate (Bouleward Road).
- Netaji Subhash Marg from Chhatta Rail Chowk to Delhi Gate.
- Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg.
- Ring Road between Nizamuddin Khatta (NH-24) and Northern loop of ISBT Kashmiri Gate.
- C- Hexagon, Shersha Road, Dr. J. Akbar Road, Pandara Road, Shahjahan Road, Akbar Road, Rajpath, Ashoka Road, KG Marg, Copernicus Marg, Tilak Marg, Purana Qulla Road, Sikandra Road, Bhagwan Dass Road and BSZ Marg.
- Ashoka Road from R/A Windsor Place to 'C' Hexagon.
- KG Marg from Ferozshah Road to 'C' Hexagon.
- Vikas Marg, beyond loop towards Delhi Secretariat.
- Mathura Road from Ashram Chowk to W Point.

Buses ordinarily terminating at Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Delhi Main Railway Station will be curtailed/diverted as below -

- Opposite Ramliya Ground on J.L.N. Marg for buses approaching from South and West Delhi.
- At Mori Gate and Tis Hazari for buses coming from North, North West via Barakhana and East Delhi via ISBT Bridge.
- At Boulevard Road opp. Maharaja Agrasen Park for buses coming from North Delhi side from Ring Road.

Normal bus service will be restored after 10:00 AM.

How to Approach / Reach Important places:-

1) Old Delhi Railway Station:

- From West and South Delhi:- Mother Teresa Crescent - Park Street - Mandir Marg Panchsheel Road - Rani Jhansi Flyover - Azad Market - Boulevard Road - Mori Gate - Pul Dufferin - S.P. Mukherjee Marg to reach the Railway Station or Dhula Kuan - Ridge Road (Vande Matram Marg) - Faiz Road - Rani Jhansi Road & thereafter as above & vice versa.
- From North:- Mori Gate - Pul Dufferin - S.P. Mukherjee Marg to reach the Railway Station.
- From East-North East:- Pusta Road - Yudhister Setu - Mori Gate - Pul Dufferin - SP Mukherjee Marg then proceed further accordingly.

2) New Delhi Railway Station:

- From East:- Vikas Marg, DDU Marg, Bhabhuji Marg, ND Railway Station.
- From North East:- Yudhister Setu, Rani Jhansi Road, R/A Rani Jhansi, DBG Road and reach ND Railway Station accordingly OR via Mori Gate, Pul Dufferin, SP Mukherjee Marg, Qutub Road and reach.
- From North:- Rani Jhansi Road, R/A Rani Jhansi, DBG Road and reach ND Railway Station accordingly OR via Mori Gate, Pul Dufferin, SP Mukherjee Marg, Qutub Road and reach ND Railway Station.
- From West:- Pusa Road, R/A Hanuman Mandir, Panchsheel Road, Connaught Place, Chelmford Road and ND Railway Station OR via DBG Road to reach ND Railway Station.
- From South:- To reach Connaught Place, Chelmford Road and ND Railway Station OR via DBG Road to reach ND Railway Station.

3) ISBT Kashmir Gate:

- From New Delhi and South Delhi:- Mother Teresa Crescent - Park Street - Mandir Marg - Panchsheel Road - Rani Jhansi Road and Rani Jhansi Flyover - Boulevard Road.
- From West Delhi:- Pusa Road, R/A Hanuman Mandir, Faiz Road, Rani Jhansi Road and thereafter as above.
- From North Delhi:- There is no restriction.
- From North-East Delhi:- Yudhister Setu, Boulevard Road, Mori Gate, Pul Dufferin, SP Mukherjee Marg, Old Delhi Railway Station.
- J.P.N. Hospital:- There is no restriction.
- Kasturba Hospital:- Ajmeri Gate - Ajmeri Bazar - Chowk Haaz Quazi - Chawri Bazar - Chowk - Barshabullah - Urdu Bazar.

DIVERSIONS (A) FROM TRANS YAMUNA AREA

(i) G.T. ROAD/ISBT KASHMERE GATE BRIDGE - Buses bound for Kauria Pul / Red Fort / Old Delhi Railway Station

INTER STATE BUSES INCOMING

- All buses coming from Ghaziabad towards Delhi shall move via Bhopura Chungi Road from Mohan Nagar for Wazirabad Road and then towards Chandni Ram Akhara - U turn ISBT and enter ISBT.
- All Buses coming from Dhaula Kuan shall be diverted on Ring Road for taking Punjabi Bagh - Azad Pur - Akhara Chandni Ram - U turn ISBT and enter ISBT.
- All buses operating between ISBT and Faridabad (Badarpur) shall either terminate at Sarai Kale Khan or be diverted on Ring Road via Dhaula Kuan Punjabi Bagh - Azad Pur - Akhara Chandni Ram - U turn ISBT and enter ISBT.

OUTGOING

- No bus shall be allowed to take 'U' turn at northern loop of Ring Road near Buth Vihar (Monastery) and would be diverted towards Wazirabad to go Trans Yamuna or take U turn from Chandigarh Akhara and take loop of ISBT Flyover to go towards Shastri Park and Buses bound for Dhaula Kuan shall take Boulevard Road, Rani Jhansi Road, Link Road and upper Ridge Road (Vande Matram Marg).
- Buses bound for Loni Border shall proceed via Wazirabad Bridge and those bound for Ghaziabad shall proceed via ISBT Bridge.

DTC RECOVERY VANS

DTC recovery vans shall be stationed (from 05:00 AM on 15.08.2024 onward till diversions are cleared) as under -

- Central Control Room - Gokhale Marg
- Ghata Masjid
- Yamuna Bazar
- Delhi Gate
- Chhatta Rail Chowk

Note:- BUSES ORIGINATING FROM EAST, NORTH, CENTRAL, WEST, SOUTH AND INTENDING TO USE BSZ MARG-TILAK MARG- SUBASH MARG-RING ROAD [BETWEEN AKHARA CHANDIG RAM AND HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN BRIDGE BE DIRECTED TO AVOID THESE STRETCHES & TAKE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES AS SUGGESTED ABOVE.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- General public is advised not to bring cameras, binoculars, Remote Control car keys, umbrella, handbags, briefcases, transistors, cigarette lighters, tiffin boxes, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.
- Members of the public are requested not to touch any suspicious object. They are requested to immediately report about the presence of any unidentified/suspected object, suspicious movement of individuals & vehicles or anything out of the ordinary, to the nearest policeman.
- Flying of sub conventional aerial platforms like Para-gliders, para-motors, hang gliders, UAVs, micro light aircrafts, remotely piloted aircrafts, hot air balloons, small size powered aircrafts, quadcopters or para jumping from aircraft etc. are prohibited over the jurisdiction of National Capital Territory of Delhi up to 15.08.2024.

RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT AND INTERSTATE BUSES:

- Goods vehicles will not be permitted between Nizamuddin Khatta and Wazirabad bridge from 12:00 Midnight of 14.08.2024 to 11:00 AM on 15.08.2024.
- Interstate buses will not be allowed between Maharana Pratap ISBT and Sarai Kale Khan ISBT from 12:00 Midnight of 14.08.2024 to 11:00 AM on 15.08.2024.


RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF CITY BUSES APART FROM RESTRICTED ROADS:

Local city buses including DTC will not move on Ring Road from 12:00 Midnight of 14.08.2024 to 10:00 AM on 15.08.2024 between ISBT Kashmiri Gate and Ring Road - NH-24(NH-9)/NH 'T' point (Nizamuddin Khatta) and take available alternative route. The following road shall also be closed for movement for Inter

SIGNAGES

Adequate informative signages will be displayed for the guidance of vehicular traffic destined for the Red Fort at all important traffic junctions.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY INDEPENDENCE DAY 15-08-2024



PROHIBITED AREA
PROHIBITED AREA FOR GENERAL PUBLIC AND INTERSTATE BUSES

ROAD CLOSED FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC AND NOT TO BE USED

ROAD CLOSED FOR CITY BUSES (FROM 12:00 AM TO 11:00 AM)

INVERTED BUS ROUTES

SUGGESTED ACCESS TO OLD DELHI RLY STATION

SUGGESTED ACCESS TO KASTURBA GANJ HOSPITAL



SUGGESTED COMMONS FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC

ROUTE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC BUSES (GOING TO ATTEND DTC BUS)

METRO STATIONS

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• Hasina seeks probe, justice

approved at an advisory council meeting in Jamuna on Tuesday. Hasina's statement in Bengali was posted on X by her US-based son Sajeeb Wazed Joy. Stating that "many lives have been lost due to vandalism, arson and violence since last July", Hasina condoled the deaths of "students, teachers, police, pregnant policewomen, journalists, cultural activists, leaders of the Awami League and affiliated organisations and pedestrians". "My condolences to those, who -- like me -- are living with the pain of losing their loved ones. I demand that those involved in these killings and vandalism be properly investigated and the culprits be identified and punished accordingly," she said, as she recalled the assassination of her father and other members of her family on August 15, 1975. In her statement, Hasina expressed grief over the attack on Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, also known as Bangabandhu Bhaban, during last week's violence. Hasina said she and her sister Sheikh Rehana Siddiq -- both are in India -- had dedicated Mujibur's house to the people of the country.

"The memory that was the basis of our survival has been burnt to ashes. The father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, under whose leadership we have gained self-esteem as an independent nation, got self-identity and became an independent country, has been grossly humiliated. They insulted the blood of millions of martyrs," she said. Seeking "justice" for this humiliation, Hasina urged the people of Bangladesh to observe 'national mourning day' on August 15 by placing wreaths and offering prayers at Bangabandhu Bhaban. Hasina's call to people to gather in Dhaka on August 15 could lead to another flashpoint for the interim government, which has been backed by the Army and student protesters. While Awami League leaders are in hiding, two of Hasina's key aides -- Salman F Rahman, who was her private industry affairs adviser, and Anisul Huq, former law minister, were arrested in Dhaka. They were arrested in a case filed with New Market Police Station, said Mainul Hasan, Commissioner, Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

• USTM figures in NIRF top 200

there, Chancellor Mahbul Hoque began by commenting on the timing of the good news: "Kabhi aankh jalne se, upar paani daalne se achha lagta hai, hai na? (Sometimes when your eyes burn, doesn't it feel good when water is put on it?). This drew cheers and hoots from the students. In the past week, Hoque has been at the receiving end of vitriol from the Assam Chief Minister, ranging from accusations that he was responsible for flash floods in Guwahati last week because of deforestation and hill-cutting for construction work on the campus -- it is located on the outskirts of Guwahati but uphill in the descending hills of Meghalaya -- and that he is waging "flood jihad"; to saying that the architecture of the university's main gate, which has three domes atop, is a sign of "jihad". In fact, the auditorium in which Hoque was addressing his students had also been a target of attack. The large auditorium is a popular venue for major events and Sarma claimed that he is building a "bigger hall" in Guwahati so "nobody will have to

go to USTM". He had even called on students and staff from Assam to not work and study there. Hoque told his students and staff, "I am away from all politics. I am aware that I look like a religious man, but I am very much away from all religious activities. I only see the students' faces... The students make this institution. I never thought that we would be facing such negativity at any point of our journey." Hoque, a Bengali Muslim from Assam's Karimganj district, began his career by starting a computer training centre under the Manipal Group and went on to establish the Education Research and Development Foundation. Speaking to *The Indian Express* about Sarma's offensive against him and the university, Hoque said, "Is there any other private university from the Northeast in the ranking? We are the only university. If we have disturbed education in any way, will we get a ranking? And ranking is not for anyone thing. It includes all parameters. Quality education, in practice, outreach, collaboration, research."

FROM PAGE ONE FULL REPORTS ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM
Yunus reaches out to Bangla Hindus, visits temple, underlines justice and equal rights

"Rights are equal for everyone. We are all one people with one right. Do not make any distinctions among us. Please assist us. Exercise patience, and later judge -- what we were able to do and not do. If we fail, then criticise us," Yunus said, after meeting minority leaders. He said the administration would work towards a situation where Hindus and other minorities don't have to fear for their safety. According to minority organisations, there have been at least five deaths and 205 incidents of attacks on Hindus in over 50 districts since the fall of the Hasina government on August 5. On August 8, as Yunus was sworn in, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had extended his best wishes and urged him to ensure "the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities". This direct reference to the safety of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh underlined Delhi's expectations from the new players in Dhaka. "In our democratic aspirations, we should not be seen as Muslims, Hindus or Buddhists, but as human beings. Our rights should be ensured. All our problems lie in the decay of institutional arrangements. That is

why such issues arise. Institutional arrangements need to be fixed," Yunus said on Tuesday. "We have to establish human rights and freedom of speech. That is our prime goal," he said. Addressing the Hindu community, he said: "You just say you are human, you are citizens of Bangladesh, this is my constitutional right, and you have to ensure it. You just demand this, nothing else... I am here to say we are all equal, there is no scope to create any differences here." The interim government has set up a hotline for people to provide information about attacks on Hindu temples, churches, pagodas or any other religious institutions. Hindu community leaders said Yunus assured that "justice will be given to all" and he will work towards a situation where Hindus and other minority communities don't have to fear for their safety. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Basudeb Dhar, president of Bangladesh Pujá Udjapan Parishad and one of the top Hindu minority leaders, said Yunus conveyed that the administration would ensure justice for those from the community who faced attacks, and work towards

creating an atmosphere where Hindu temples, businesses and houses don't have to look for additional security. Sitting at the Dhakeshwari Temple, one of the most revered temples in Bangladesh, Dhar said the attacks on Hindu establishments began on August 4 evening, and intensified the next day. He said the attacks were widespread, as over 50 of the total 64 districts of Bangladesh were affected. "The number of 205 (incidents of attacks) is also expected to increase since more incidents are being reported... we are compiling the list," Dhar said. In many places, local Muslim groups were taking the "initiative" to protect some temples, including the Dhakeshwari Temple in Dhaka, he said. "These are positive developments and will help secure the peace," Dhar said. While Dhaka has witnessed some attacks, most have happened in villages and in the hinterland, especially in the border areas. A key reason behind the attacks was the absence of the police over the last week -- most have abandoned the police stations for fear of retribution by student protesters. The result: no

• In Bihar's PM plot case, SC says bail rule, jail an exception

grant of bail, the Court cannot decline to grant bail. If the Courts start denying bail in deserving cases, it will be a violation of the rights guaranteed under Article 21 of our Constitution," it said. The bench said this while granting bail to accused Jalaluddin Khan, a retired police constable, who was arrested under UAPA for renting the first floor of the Ahmad Palace building in Patna's Phulwari Sharif, which was in the name of his wife, to alleged PFI cadre. Opposing his bail plea, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had said that Khan, listed as accused number 2, was seen on CCTV grabs removing certain items from the first floor on July 6 and 7, 2022, along with accused number 1, who had been an active member of banned SIML. When police conducted a raid on July 11, 2022, following specific intelligence, those items were not found, indicating that Khan had tampered with the evidence. Writing for the bench, Justice Oka said there is no mention in the charge sheet about the nature of the articles allegedly shifted by Khan from the first floor premises. The bench also agreed with his counsel that "if" he "intended to allow the conduct of the objectionable activities of PFI by giving first floor premises on rent, he would not have installed CCTV cameras". It also raised doubts on the statement of a protected witness and said "there is nothing in the charge sheet which shows that the appellant has taken part in or has committed unlawful activities as defined in the UAPA. There is no specific material to show that the appellant advocated, abetted, or incited commission of any unlawful activities. A terrorist act is defined in Section 15(1). Assuming that the co-accused were indulging in terrorist acts or were making any act preparatory to the commission of terrorist acts, there is absolutely no material on record to show that there was any conspiracy to commit any terrorist act to which the appellant was a party. There is no material produced on record to

• Unhappy with handling of Kolkata case, HC orders CBI probe

three weeks. The bench directed the Kolkata Police to hand over the case diary and other documents to the CBI by 10 am Wednesday. Following the High Court order, sources in New Delhi said the CBI registered a fresh case after taking over the investigation and a team of forensic experts will leave Delhi to visit the spot to lift evidence. "Currently, we are assigning tasks to all the team members and will probe the case from all possible angles," sources said. Six pleas were filed in the High Court, including an appeal by family members of the victim whose body was found on August 9. In transferring the case to the CBI, the bench said "it has become imperative and necessary for this Court to exercise its jurisdiction failing which the confidence in the public mind would be shattered". This would also allay fears of petitioners regarding destruction of evidence. The bench said there was no significant progress in the investigation even after five days of the incident. "We are convinced to say so because even after a lapse of five days there appears to be no significant progress in the investigation, which ought to have happened by now and by further loss of time, we would be well-justified in accepting the plea raised by the writ petitioners, more particularly, the parents of the victim, that there is every possibility that the evidence will be destroyed and the witnesses will be influenced etc," it stated. Expressing displeasure over the manner in which the case was handled from the very beginning, the bench, in its order, stated: "One more aspect, which is also quite disturbing, is that a case of unnatural death has been registered with the Tala Police Station... It is submitted that under normal circumstances, a case of unnatural death is registered when there is no complaint. When the deceased victim was a doctor working in the hospital, it is rather surprising as to why the

• Govt should have spoken out against quota: Hasina son

Our government filed an appeal with the Supreme Court to reduce the quotas. I recommended we take a public stance, stating the court made a mistake and we don't want the quotas. But our government chose not to, expecting the judicial system to handle it," said Joy, who served as IT adviser to Hasina and now lives in the US. However, even as he acknowledged the mistake in hindsight, Joy added that he believes a foreign intelligence agency was behind the violent turn the protests took. "I firmly believe that a foreign intelligence agency was involved, especially because many of the demonstrators, starting from July 15, were armed with firearms. Firearms are very difficult to obtain in Bangladesh due to our successful control of military over the last 15 years. The only organisation capable of smuggling firearms into the country and supplying them to demonstrators would be a foreign intelligence agency," he said. Describing the events of the 24 hours leading up to his mother's departure from Bangladesh on August 5, Joy said that even a day before the situation spiraled out of control, neither he nor Hasina anticipated how rapidly it would deteriorate. "She had no intention of leaving the country. She was going to resign, submit a resignation to the President, and announce it in a public statement. I believe she was drafting the statement and preparing to record an interview. Everything was planned. In fact, she was about to start recording when the special security said, 'Ma'am, there's no time. We have to go now,'" he said in a video interview from Washington DC. He said Hasina was adamant on not leaving, but he convinced her to do so. "The special security force took her to a safe location inside the military air base, they had a helicopter ready for

• Delhi L-G rejects AAP choice, picks Gahlot to hoist Tricolour

at Chhatrasal Stadium, where the Delhi CM unfurls the national flag. On August 6, Kejriwal, who is in jail after being arrested in the now-scraped excise policy case, had written a letter to Saxena, saying that Atishi would unfurl the national flag in his place. While the Tihar Jail administration kept the letter on file and did not send it to the L-G, the AAP released a copy to the media. Three days later, Saxena's office wrote to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 9, on the "current impasse created because of peculiar circumstances of non-availability" of the CM for the occasion. In a note to Delhi Secretary (Home) on Tuesday, Principal Secretary to the L-G, Ashish Kundra, wrote that the MHA had authorised the L-G to nominate any minister from the Delhi Government for the purpose, and that he had nominated Gahlot. "Lieutenant Governor is pleased to nominate Minister (Home), GNCTD, Kailash Gahlot to unfurl the National Flag at the state-level Independence Day celebrations at Chhatrasal Stadium. Necessary arrangements may be made accordingly," Kundra wrote. Explaining the reasoning, he wrote: "As per practice, Delhi Police is responsible for the ceremonial march-past parade after unfurling of the national flag. The minute to minute programme of the state-level function of Independence Day is finalised by the Delhi Police/Home department... Honourable Lieutenant Governor has also noted that matters related

• Air hostess molested, rider held

which the woman protested against," a police officer said. "Soon, it started raining heavily and the rider asked the woman to get down and take shelter with him under a tree." The woman alleged that since the area was secluded, Jaiveer tried to molest her and started pulling her towards him. "The ordeal went on for a few minutes after which the woman raised an alarm," the officer said. "A man driving a Scorpio noticed her and pulled up near the spot. He began honking the car horn. Following this, the rider fled in his bike. He was arrested in Gurgaon within 12 hours." The car driver offered to help the woman and dropped her at a nearby Metro station at her request. The woman then went to her friend's house in Vasant Kunj. After she narrated the incident, the friend's mother called up the PCR, DCP (New Delhi) Devesh Mahla said a case has been lodged

• Helping Wayanad: Girls broke piggy bank, a woman her surgery fund

one a bicycle. They were moved by what they saw in Wayanad and Sivanandana said she wanted to contribute. Shivanya also agreed. Both of them agreed that the TV and cycle could be bought later," says their father C S Saneesh, a goldsmith. The family lives in a 600-sq-foot house in the village. Edathil Sreedharan, 64, a fish vendor at Panoor in Kannur, contributed his day's collection of Rs 53,000 to the CMDRF. "I always watch TV news while eating... It's a daily habit. But after watching news of the Wayanad tragedy, I just can't eat anything... the food just won't go down my throat. Giving up a day's earnings is the least I can do. There are people who have lost everything in Wayanad," he says.

DRF. "We were hoping to buy a car that can accommodate his wheelchair. He agreed to part with his piggy bank, where he saved his monthly disability pension amount (Rs 1,600). The car will have to wait. It was his decision to help the people of Wayanad," says his mother Thasni. Her husband Noufal Shah works in the Gulf. At Chembilode panchayat in Kannur, the 22-member Haritha Karma Sena, a women's self-help group that collects non-biodegradable waste from houses, contributed Rs 40,000 to the CM's Fund. Most of these women come from families that are below the poverty line and sell waste for recycling. Haritha Karma Sena co-ordinator D Jisha says, "We had set apart 10% of our income for emergency situations -- the treatment of a Sena member or her family, etc. We decided that we would contribute that money to the people of Wayanad. They deserve it more than anyone else." The CM Relief Fund has in the past received similar contributions during disasters and emergency situations, including floods, from people across Kerala and expatriates from the state in the Gulf and elsewhere. During the Kerala floods in 2018 and 2019, too, people from across the state and beyond had contributed in huge numbers. The CM Relief Fund had collected Rs 4,970 crore during the floods and Rs 1,129 crore during the pandemic.

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STIR OVER KOLKATA DOCTOR RAPE-MURDER ENTERS DAY 2

Calls for justice echo across city hospitals, patient care hit

ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

IT'S 11 AM on Tuesday. The registration counter at the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur outpatient department (OPD) in AIIMS is as busy as ever. Sitting nearby are an exhausted Prem Kumar Rastogi (65), a cancer patient, and his wife Babli. Rastogi is writhing in pain while Babli is frantically making calls to secure an appointment with a doctor. Around them, several anxious patients, some carrying their luggage, walk about, trying desperately to meet their doctor.

This is the scene at India's premier hospital where patient care has been impacted severely due to the ongoing doctors' strike against the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. It's the second day of the strike.

Rastogi and his wife said they stood in a queue since 2 am before getting an appointment in the oncology OPD. He met the doctor in the morning and was then referred to the urology department. There, he was asked to get a new registration card and was eventually given an appointment -- in September.

A daily wage labourer from Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad, Rastogi was being treated for prostate cancer at a local hospital back home when the doctors told him to go to AIIMS.

Worried about his condition, Babli, who accompanied him, said Prem was suffering from extreme stomach pain and blood in his urine. "Officials at the urology OPD counter told us doctors are only seeing follow-up patients, and not new ones, because of the strike," she added.

Like Prem, many patients who walked in for a consultation at AIIMS couldn't avail of treatment owing to the indefinite strike.

While the Calcutta High Court has ordered a CBI investigation in this case -- a major demand of the



Amit Mehra



Express

The operations at AIIMS OPD (above) were hit; doctors protest at RML, on Tuesday.

protesting doctors -- the strike is set to continue on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening, resident doctors' associations (RDAs) of AIIMS, Ram Manohar Lohia, Safdarjung and Lok Nayak hospitals announced that the protest will go on as their other demand, which is the central protection act for health professionals, is yet to be confirmed by the Centre.

At AIIMS, doctors only saw those with follow-up appointments. Due to the strike, patient registrations in the OPD fell by 66% while admissions dropped by 65%.

A major slump was reported in surgeries with a 90% reduction. Radiological and lab services fell by 45% and 25% respectively. AIIMS sees around 10,000 patients per day.

At the adjacent Safdarjung

Hospital too, OPD patients were seen only by consultants while registration at the counters was cut short by an hour.

The usual registration time is between 8.30 am and 11.30 am. Afternoon clinics, evening OPDs, and consultation for CGHS (Central Government Health Scheme) patients were stopped. Elective surgeries and diagnostic services too remained restricted.

Many patients, however, came to the OPD unaware that there was a strike. Lal Singh (40) came to Delhi from UP's Rampur in the afternoon for a nerve-related issue he had been facing for a long time. "We were not aware of the strike, else we wouldn't have come here," he said. "Now, I will have to spend the entire night in the hospital."

Scared, say doctors

Meanwhile, demands for justice echoed across hospitals. Expressing her anger over the incident, Dr Sakshi Chaudhary, an anaesthetist at Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, said it's time the government looks into how female doctors are at risk during night shifts. "It is a scary and risky situation when we are put on night shifts. What can a couple of security guards do if two-five people come and do something to us?" she questioned.

Sakshi said lights in a major portion of the hospital are switched off at night, forcing them to navigate "dark corridors and ramps while going from one department to another."

According to Dr Indra Shekhar Prasad, AIIMS RDA president: "A woman who was on duty was sexually assaulted and murdered brutally... if such incidents happen at workplaces, how will women work?..."

The Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) called for a nationwide shutdown of OPD services from August 13. The Federation of Resident Doctors Association (FORDA) has called off the strike.

At Delhi government's Lok Nayak Hospital, OPD services were restricted and consultants looked after patients. Hospital medical director Dr Suresh Kumar said the administration was given a notice by the Federation of Resident Doctors Association and the Lok Nayak RDA that all resident doctors will be on strike Tuesday.

"In such a situation, we have made special arrangements where consultants, specialists and chief medical officers look after patients in OPDs so they don't face any problems," he added. Kumar said the hospital is on high alert regarding the safety of doctors and the staff. "Last night, between 11 pm and 12 am, I inspected the security system... A meeting was also held with Delhi Police officers," he added.

Shooting reel, teen falls from 6th floor, saved by flower pot

NEETIKA JHA
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 13

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl was severely injured after she fell from the sixth floor of a building in a housing society in Ghaziabad when she was making a reel for Instagram on Tuesday, said police.

"The girl has been admitted to a hospital in Indirapuram and is said to be stable," said Swatantra Kumar Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad. Singh said that the incident occurred at around 6 pm. "She is a Class 11 student. In our initial investigation, the girl told us that she slipped from a stool on which she was standing while filming an Instagram reel on her balcony. She was trying to save the phone. She fell on the cemented flowerpot kept on the ground floor," said the ACP.

"The flowerpot had a lot of mud, which saved her. She has suffered a fracture in her right leg



The flower pot at the ground floor on which the girl fell. Express

and a minor injury on her forehead," he said.

The incident comes two days after a nursing student, Kamlesh, a resident of Dausa district of Rajasthan, died in an accident while attempting to take a selfie at the edge of Kadelia waterfall in Banswara district.

COACHING CENTRE DEATHS

'All this happened in your building, weren't told...?' Court asks co-owners

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

"ALL THIS was happening in your building and the tenants didn't tell you?" -- this is what Delhi court asked the four co-owners of the building in Old Rajinder Nagar where Rau's IAS Study Circle was operating. Principal District and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna on Monday was hearing the bail plea of the four co-owners of the building around two weeks after three civil services aspirants died in the flooded basement of Rau's.

"The owners never had the knowledge that one fine day, it will rain and these aspirants will die by drowning in the basement," advocate Amit Chadha -- representing the accused -- told the court in response. Chadha insisted that "knowledge" and "intention" are essential to attract the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita), which was the only non-bailable section

used in the FIR against the building co-owners. "Knowledge requires a degree of certainty... mere probability is not enough. It can't be considered a strict criminal liability," he said.

"The stormwater drains were completely choked," he added and pinned the blame on Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials responsible for the desilting of the drains near the area where the incident took place. It was the argument of the CBI, however, that these accused had this "knowledge". The counsel for CBI showed the judge a show cause notice, which was served a year ago stating that the basement was being used as a library.

The judge then pulled up the officials concerned. "This is a concern. Why was the officer sitting silent when the notice said this should be stopped within 48 hours?" Chadha said the notice was served to Rau's -- the tenants -- and not to the owners. The arguments on the bail pleas will now continue on Saturday.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE/CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 TH JUNE, 2024									
Amount in ₹ Lakhs except EPS									
Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended	
		30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
		(Unaudited)	(Note-3)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Note-3)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Revenue from Operations	1,12,015.00	1,15,477.30	1,00,178.56	4,27,017.85	1,12,015.00	1,15,477.30	1,00,178.56	4,27,017.85
2	Other Income	5,134.68	3,263.45	3,921.10	16,447.77	5,141.78	3,263.45	3,921.10	16,447.77
3	Total Income	1,17,149.68	1,18,740.75	1,04,099.66	4,43,465.62	1,17,156.78	1,18,740.75	1,04,099.66	4,43,465.62
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and exceptional items	40,958.87	37,434.84	36,438.02	1,55,481.40	40,964.47	37,410.71	36,438.02	1,55,457.27
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and after exceptional items	41,179.59	38,223.45	31,247.62	1,49,628.37	41,185.19	38,199.32	31,247.62	1,49,604.24
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	30,767.67	28,436.54	23,221.71	1,11,125.79	30,771.86	28,418.48	23,221.71	1,11,107.73
7	Total Comprehensive income (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	30,795.36	28,421.63	23,099.86	1,11,156.49	30,799.55	28,403.57	23,099.86	1,11,138.43
8	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹2/- each)	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
9	Other Equity				3,06,996.90				3,06,978.84
10	Earning per equity share (EPS)*								
	Basic (₹)	3.85	3.55	2.90	13.89	3.85	3.55	2.90	13.89
	Diluted (₹)	3.85	3.55	2.90	13.89	3.85	3.55	2.90	13.89

*EPS for quarters are not annualised.

Notes:

- The above unaudited financial results have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 13th August, 2024. The Statutory Auditors have conducted limited review of the unaudited Financial results.
- The above Financial Results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended from time to time.
- Figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2024 represents the derived figures between audited figures in respect of the full relevant Financial Year and the unaudited published year to date figures upto 31st December being the date of the end of the third quarter of the relevant Financial Year which were subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.
- In line with the Railway Board's Commercial Circular no. CC60 of 2019 regarding increase in catering tariff for post and pre-paid trains, the effect of enhancement of License Fee for the periods from 18th November, 2019 to 22nd March, 2020 (for post paid trains) and 27th November, 2021 to 31st December, 2023 (for post and pre-paid trains) has not been recognized as some of the licensees have challenged Company's decision in respective Hon'ble High Courts of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Guwahati and arbitration. As the matter is sub-judice and the occurrence is dependent on outcome of certain event in future, the impact of increase in License fees for pre-paid and post paid trains has not been recognized in the financial statements for the quarter ended 30th June, 2024 and for previous years up to 31st March, 2024.
- Upto the financial year 2022-23, the Company has provided Railway share @15% on the profits of the Railneer segment for plants run departmentally as well as the plants run on PPP. During the financial year 2023-24, as advised by the Railway board, the Company has provided the Railway share @15% on departmentally run Railneer plants and 40% on PPP plants. Also, provision for the differential amount of profit sharing @25% (40%-15%) up to 31st March, 2023 has been made for ₹ 1451.24 Lakhs during financial year 2023-24 and shown as an exceptional item in the financial results for the year ended 31st March, 2024, even though the Company has made representation to the Railway Board for sharing of profit at uniform ratio of 15:85 for all Railneer plants till FY 2022-23. Response from Railway Board is still awaited.
- As per the terms and conditions of the tender, in respect of 4 PPP Railneer plants, the Developer cum Operator (DCOs) are to be reimbursed the GST on sales (net of Input Tax Credit) availed by them. However, the complete information of ITC availed by DCOs is not available. As per the information made available by DCOs, an amount of ₹ 98.36 Lakhs has been accounted for during the quarter ended 30th June, 2024 and amount of ₹ 364.83 lakhs was accounting during FY 2023-24. These DCOs have represented against the claim of the Company for Input Tax Credit. This matter is being examined by the Management to decide on the future course of action.
- The National Anti Profiteering Authority (NAA) issued notice dated 25th February, 2022 for profiteering amount of ₹ 5041.44 Lakhs under section 171 of the CGST Act, 2017 for not passing the benefit of tax reduction to consumers. The show cause notice has been contested by the Company and matter was argued in August, 2022 but no order was issued by the Authority. However, as per the notification No. 23/2022-Central tax issued on 23rd November, 2022 (effective from 1st December, 2022) by the Government of India, Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been empowered to adjudicate the matter. The proceedings under the notice issued by NAA therefore stands concluded and now proceedings, if any, will be commenced afresh by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and as on date no communication has been received from CCI in this matter.
- Certain Licensees who are contractors of IRCTC for providing catering services in trains invoked arbitration clause seeking compensation on account of difference in rates of regular meal and combo meal as provided in terms of CC 63 of 2013 read with CC 67 of 2013 circular issued by Indian Railways and further claimed price of welcome drink provided in terms of CC 32 of 2014, for the period from 2014 till the date of above said circulars were in force. The arbitrator awarded a sum of ₹ 7471.65 Lakhs (approx.) in 13 petitions for the aforesaid services for the period from January 2015 to March 2020. On the basis of appraisal of the factual position, it is matter of record that the claimant never claimed said amount while submitting invoices for the aforesaid services rendered to the passengers. These all contracts are SBD contracts and were assigned to IRCTC post Catering Policy 2017. It is also a matter of record that the services were provided to the passengers of the Indian Railways and the amount so paid is required to be reimbursed to IRCTC by the Indian Railways. In these circumstances, there will not be any liability of the IRCTC as a consequence of the award and there is no need to make provision pursuant to the above awards. The Company has filed objection against Arbitral award and the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi vide Order dated 09.10.2023 directed the Corporation to deposit the awarded amount so as to stay the execution of the Arbitral Award. In compliance of the aforesaid order, the Corporation deposited a bank Guarantee to the tune of ₹ 8471.65 Lakhs so as to stay the execution of the said award. It is to mention that the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi has reserved the judgment in the said matter.
- (a) For the quarter ended 30th June, 2024, Exceptional items represent ₹ 220.72 lakhs towards the reversal of RU, Stabling and other charges waived off on Golden Chariot train by KTDC for the previous Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- (b) For the previous Financial Year 2023-24, net expense on account of Exceptional items amounting to ₹ 5853.03 Lakhs includes: (i) ₹ 5126.20 Lakhs being provision made towards revised fixed, variable and Custody charges for the two Tejas express trains w.e.f. 13th August, 2021 to 31st March, 2023 in line with the letter received from Ministry of Railways even though the Company has made representation to the Railway Board for waiver of this amount, (ii) ₹ 1451.24 Lakhs being provision made towards the differential amount of profit sharing @25% (40%-15%) up to 31st March, 2023 on profits of Railneer plants operated on PPP model and (iii) ₹ 724.41 Lakhs being excess provisions written back for previous years relating to various expenses.
- The figures for the previous year/periods have been regrouped/reclassified/restated, wherever considered necessary.
- Since, the subsidiary Company was incorporated on 10th February, 2024 and did not exist during the period ended 30th June, 2023 and hence, the figures for quarter ended 30th June, 2023 pertain to parent company only.

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 13th August, 2024

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BRIEFLY

AAP starts social media campaign against BJP

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party started a social media campaign, 'Satyameva Jayate', to celebrate the victory of truth against the "dictatorial" central government of BJP. AAP leader Atishi said, "From today, Satyameva Jayate DP campaign is being started on all social media handles of the AAP. All leaders, workers and party handles will use the Satyameva Jayate picture as part of it." **ENS**

Metro to start early on I-Day

New Delhi: The Delhi Metro will commence at 4 am on Independence Day in order to facilitate the public to attend the ceremony, officials said Tuesday. Train services will be available at a frequency of 15 minutes on all lines till 6 am Thursday with a regular timetable for the rest of the day, they said. **PTI**

Police nab 4 carjackers

New Delhi: Police arrested four alleged highway robbers from Rohini's Sector 30, an officer said Tuesday. "We have solved three armed carjackings and one robbery case," said Deputy Commissioner of Police Ravi Kumar Singh. "The arrested accused are being questioned for their involvement in other cases," he added. **PTI**

DEATHS AT ASHA KIRAN

Poor hygiene, staff crunch flagged repeatedly over year by CMO, HC told

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

UNHYGIENIC LIVING conditions, lack of drinking water, and staff crunch affecting care of inmates were among issues that were flagged to the administration at Asha Kiran Home at least eight times, according to documents filed before the Delhi High Court. These documents were filed as a compilation by the petitioner, NGO Samadhan Abhiyan, which has highlighted the condition of the shelter home in a PIL before the court.

These issues were raised by Chief Medical Officer in-charge Dr Jyotsna Bharti for over a year before the shelter home saw 14 deaths in less than a month in July. However, that did not push authorities into action, as per the submission. Superintendents of the male and female wings and the nursing officer were among those who were in the loop, the documents show.

Here's what the documents highlight:

March 23, 2023

Dr Bharti flagged injury cases among female inmates. "It has been noticed that injury cases from the female wing are reported frequently in the last few days. These types of incidents show that the care of residents is compromised which needs to be improved... appropriate action may be taken in the interest of the residents at earliest."

May 8, 2023

Dr Bharti raised concerns over the "neglect" in caregiving to a male tuberculosis patient. The pa-

GLARING LAPSES
Following a round of inspection in the male dormitories on July 6, CMO highlighted:



The shelter home saw 14 deaths in July. *Archive*

- "Residents were not properly dressed and groomed...general care was grossly compromised"
- "Welfare officer was not available for supervision and monitoring of food"
- "Dormitory was stinking badly"
- "Filth, urine, and stool lying all around toilets and residents were using the toilet facility barefoot"
- "Entrance of two dormitories full of filth as the drain was overflowing"

tient, she said, was admitted to the medical care unit for nearly two months after complaining of bedsores. While he was then shifted back after "complete healing", he again developed bedsores in 10 days. The relapse, she pointed out, "shows the quality of care provided to him during the stay in Male Cottage 2," where he was shifted after the healing from the first bout.

"The matter of non-availability of caregiving staff in Male Cottage 2 (designated cottage for male TB patients) has been repeatedly brought to your knowledge... but only short-term measures are being taken... due

to which the residents' care is compromising and health is deteriorating," she noted.

July 19

Dr Bharti, flagging the lack of improvement in the condition of residents and cases of gastroenteritis, TB, and low albumin levels, wrote, "It has been noticed that proper hygiene, sanitation, and monitoring by welfare officer as well as superintendents is not being adhered to as per norms. The Administrator has been apprised of the said situation many times but if the same conditions remain unchanged it may worsen the situation further."

Moreover, since March, Dr Bharti highlighted, 15 new cases of tuberculosis among male inmates, and two new TB cases among female residents were detected. "The MCU (medical care unit) has been advising to take proper care of residents in terms of their general hygiene, food, physical activities, and proper look after of residents for their well being and to protect them from such infections. Despite the instructions, the male residents were not been taken care of properly and that is evident from the notable surge in TB cases among male residents in comparison to female residents," she noted.

Recommending comprehensive medical examination of all residents at the shelter home, Dr Bharti also pointed out that a lot of residents were found with low body mass index, "which indicates lack of proper food and nutrients." "There is a need for proper monitoring of food distribution among residents and supervision while serving meals to residents," it was suggested, while underlining the need for immediate action to "prevent further escalation."

The CMO in charge undertook a round of inspection in the male dormitories on July 6 and she then communicated her observations: "personal hygiene of residents was very poor"; "residents were not properly dressed and groomed... general care was grossly compromised"; "welfare officer was not available for supervision and monitoring of food"; "dormitory was stinking badly"; "no proper cleanliness in toilet and bathrooms... filth, urine, stool was lying all around

toilets and residents were barefoot using the toilet facility which makes all dormitory unhygienic"; "entrance of two dormitories was full of filth as the drain was overflowing due to logging of sewage".

On July 15, Dr Bharti constituted a dedicated medical team to visit and inspect the premises and submit a report with recommendations or other steps required to improve the situation. Here's what the report submitted on July 18 recorded: a defunct RO system, tap water provided for consumption, "superintendents/ administrator failing to resolve such adverse conditions like basic need of adequate potable drinking water", "every second or third resident facing malnutrition condition, skin infection, lice, many have bedsores", "no proper ventilation, low-quality desert coolers".

On July 18, Dr Bharti again flagged an outbreak of acute gastroenteritis with four cases reported among residents and an inspection revealed that "residents in many areas were drinking tanked water."

Within four days, Dr Bharti then raised an alarm and sought reinforcements while writing to the Social Welfare Department that the acute gastroenteritis outbreak since July 16 had resulted in eight fatalities at Asha Kiran.

In another communication to the Social Welfare Department's director on July 22, she said — as per the documents — that superintendents were made aware of the situation from time to time, but the recommendations "were not complied with or halfheartedly implemented."

To unfurl Flag, why L-G chose 'reticent, dependable' Gahlot

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13



Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot. *Archive*

AFTER DELHI Lt-Governor V K Saxena nominated Delhi Home Minister Kailash Gahlot to unfurl the national flag on Independence Day, in the absence of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who is in jail in connection with the CBI's excise policy case, the question being asked is why him. Kejriwal had, in a letter from jail, said that Atishi would unfurl the flag.

Gahlot, the MLA from Najafgarh, was made a minister in 2017, replacing Kapil Mishra, who later joined BJP after making allegations of corruption against Kejriwal and former minister Satyendar Jain. He has been a quiet presence in the Aam Aadmi Party and the government over the years and is seen as having the CM's ear and trust.

Over the past few days, Gahlot has shared the stage with Saxena on several occasions. On Tuesday, in fact, Saxena was the chief guest and was accompanied by Gahlot at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the multi-level electric bus depot. Earlier, Saxena also attended the ceremony where new e-buses were inducted into Delhi's fleet.

Leaders in AAP see Saxena's move as an attempt to create a rift. "The L-G's main motive was to show he will not follow the CM's orders. That is why he rejected the directions and nominated Gahlot. But this will not work. The L-G can't unfurl the flag so he purposely appointed Gahlot to create a rift... but he (Gahlot) is focusing on party events, meetings as well as his duties as a minister," said an AAP leader.

"Even today, Gahlot ji tweeted that the multi-level bus

parking depot was the CM's dream project. These are just BJP's tactics and will not succeed," the leader added.

Gahlot did not respond to calls or messages. The AAP, in a statement, welcomed the L-G's decision.

Sources, meanwhile, pointed out that Gahlot has always shared a cordial relationship with the L-G. "He has never been part of any name-calling or blame game. He has mostly focused on his departments. Though there was some heartburn after the Revenue portfolio was taken from him and given to Atishi, it was managed within the party. The L-G is also fond of him. Add to this his strong background in the bureaucracy, where he is seen to have their ear, and he becomes a favourable choice," another leader said.

Another leader added that the reticent leader has been close to the CM since he became a minister. "The CM places his full trust in Gahlot ji and is appreciative of his touch with the bureaucrats. Over the years, Gahlot ji discussed any matters of interest directly with the CM. That is his nature and comfort zone," another leader said.

Multi-level e-bus parking depot to come up by 2026

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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TRANSPORT MINISTER Kailash Gahlot and Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena laid the foundation stone for a multi-level electric bus parking depot, touted as India's first such facility, at Southwest Delhi's Vasant Vihar Tuesday.

Gahlot said, "The Vasant Vihar Depot is not just a transportation hub, it is a symbol of Delhi's future-oriented vision for urban mobility. This depot will significantly enhance our capacity to manage the growing demand for public transportation while setting new standards in sustainability and innovation."

It is expected to be operational by August 2026. The cost is expected to be around Rs 406 crore, said officials.

Gahlot also said with advanced green technologies, energy-efficient systems, and solar

panels providing shading and renewable energy, this facility will serve as a model for future urban infrastructure projects.

According to officials, the state-of-the-art electric bus depot is designed to accommodate 434 buses, which is 3.5 times the current capacity of a regular e-bus depot that can hold 125 buses. It can also accommodate 230 cars and 200 bikes in its parking area.

"Additionally, the facility will be equipped with 85 charging points for both buses and public vehicles, promoting the adoption of electric vehicles in the city," said officials.

Officials added that the ground level of the depot will house 16 maintenance bed pits, ensuring streamlined servicing operations.

They also said since the depot will be built over Delhi Metro Line, a piling foundation will be used instead of a raft foundation to minimise vibrations.



TAKING STOCK

Taking note of the rising levels in the Yamuna due to discharge of water into the river from Haryana's Hathnikund Barrage, Delhi's Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj Tuesday reviewed preparations to tackle the situation in case of a flood. Overseeing the situation from a boat, Bharadwaj said the water level of the river has touched 204.35 metres at the Old Railway Bridge (ORB). The warning level is at 204.5 metres. *Praveen Khanna*

In Bhalswa Dairy, thousands of residents hit the streets to block bulldozers; MCD halts demolition drive, for now

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

EVEN AS bulldozers arrived at the Bhalswa Dairy Colony Tuesday following a Delhi High Court order, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was compelled to temporarily halt the demolition amid strong resistance from thousands of residents.

Expressing concern over cattle feeding on garbage from nearby landfills, saying that the quality of milk was being compromised, the High Court had recently ordered the relocation of dairies at Bhalswa to Ghogha Dairy Colony in four weeks.

The night before, barricades were put up around 8 pm. By 6 am on Tuesday, three bulldozers arrived. Security personnel were deployed by 7 am. By then, residents gathered at Gujjar Chowk, blocking the road, raising slogans, and waving the Tricolour.

"The MCD arrived with its bulldozers but, 10,000-15,000 people had gathered to stop the demolition, so the action could not take place. We will now carry

out the demolition after August 15 when more security personnel are available to be deployed in the area," an MCD official stated.

Residents alleged they were being unfairly punished for the waste management issues stemming from the Bhalswa landfill established in 1994.

In an official notice dated August 6, the MCD had given occupants of "illegally used dairy plots" in Bhalswa Dairy Colony a three-day notice to vacate the area. "A survey of Bhalswa Dairy Colony was undertaken by the department, wherein it was found that occupiers of the dairy plots had carried out unauthorised and illegal construction, changing its use to residential, commercial shops, factory or industry, godown, which is against the terms and conditions of allotment for operating the dairy plot in the form of dairy farming units," the notice read.

For many, the looming threat of losing their homes triggered panic. Vivek Kumar Sharma's family claimed he attempted to take his own life on August 9 after receiving the MCD notice. He



Residents gather near a bulldozer as they try to stop a demolition drive by the MCD in Bhalswa, Tuesday. *PTI*

was saved by neighbours who broke down his door to rescue him. "We sold our village land to make this house. It has just been two months since we shifted here, and now we are being asked to relocate," said Kumar's mother, Kamlesh, a factory worker. "Those who are living here on rent have vacated their houses but we do not plan on leaving. If my house, which is more precious than my own life, is being

demolished, what will I do by saving my belongings?" Kumar added. However, a police officer claimed, "He had made a PCR call, after he received the notice to vacate, that he had chest pain. We took him to the hospital for a check-up but nothing was found." Tauseen, 42, whose family has lived in the Bhalswa Dairy for years, expressed his frustration. "They announced yesterday that we should empty our houses and

there was no landfill — just a garbage dumping site. It was in 2012 when they (MCD) stopped working on garbage reduction at the landfill. We protested multiple times, after which operations to reduce the landfill's size began again in 2020; by then, it had turned into a garbage mountain. We stopped trucks from dumping garbage, and now, because of their careless attitude, we are being punished," he alleged.

Khan added, "After my *jhopdi* was demolished in Shalimar Bagh, I worked hard to earn money and build a house here. Now, this house too is being demolished. I've lost strength and courage to build another again."

Just like Khan, many other residents also purchased the allotted dairy land to build their homes. Abdur Rehman, 67, who had to be rushed to the hospital due to high blood pressure after the bulldozers arrived, said, "Many of us have spent our savings to build a house. If it was illegal to sell or convert this land for residential or commercial purposes, then why were they collecting house and commercial taxes from us every year?"

Ahead of I-Day, Jaish activities flagged at high-level meeting

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

IN THE backdrop of the developments in Bangladesh, and the run-up to the Independence Day celebrations, a need to keep a close eye on the activities of terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) was flagged during an inter-state coordination meeting of multiple law-enforcement agencies at the Delhi Police headquarters last week, it is learnt.

Ahead of the Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed the Delhi Police to coordinate with all law-enforcement agencies, states, and union territories. In this regard, an Inter-state Coordination and Core Group Meeting was held by the Delhi Police Commissioner on August 7. Security arrangements for Independence Day and action against organised crime were among the issues in focus at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by senior officers from the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Narcotics Control Bureau, Intelligence Bureau, National Intelligence Grid, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, which lasted for about two hours, an Inspector General-rank officer of the NIA said there were no specific intelligence inputs for August 15. However, the officer

flagged the inputs related to JeM, it is learnt.

Since its formation in 2000 by Masood Azhar, the JeM has carried out several terrorist attacks in India including Jammu and Kashmir, an officer said. The JeM was enlisted as a 'Designated Foreign Terrorist Organisation' by a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution and Azhar was designated as a 'Global Terrorist' in 2019.

Speaking of the recent agitation in Bangladesh, an officer of the Central agency said "some radicalised Muslim groups" are active in India, just like in Bangladesh, which has gone through one of its worst political crises.

"In the meeting, he requested all officers that sensitive areas need to be under observation... He also said some general law and order incidents are being given a communal colour and requested that such incidents be handled promptly," an officer said, citing the inputs report.

At the meeting, the Police Commissioner stressed the need to keep immigrants involved in crimes like burglary and snatching "under surveillance" and asked district DCPs to pay close attention to the verification of immigrants for a week.

Sharing another key aspect of the discussion, an officer said a Special Commissioner of Police-rank officer of the Delhi Police Crime Branch requested all states to share details of gun house dealers in case of adverse notice, adding that sources of ammunition may also be scrutinised.



A full dress rehearsal ahead of Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort, Tuesday. *Praveen Khanna*

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Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MUMBAI 1st floor, Terminal 1, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Santacruz (E), Mumbai - 400 099. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VARIOUS SLA BASED CONTRACTS AT CSMIA, MUMBAI Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), the concessionaire of CSMIA, Mumbai is inviting interested parties to submit their expression of interest for below works: 1. O&M Contract for BHS at T1 & T2. 2. Trolley Handling O&M and Loaders, Porters and Drivers. 3. Housekeeping for various areas like Terminal Buildings, Landside, Airside & other Misc services. 4. Security & Passenger Handling Services. 5. O&M of Various makes of Passenger Boarding Bridges & Maintenance of Aerial Work Platforms. 6. General Technical Services. Interested parties are requested to visit the website, www.csmia.adaniairports.com and obtain the EOI documents. EOI shall be available for download from 14th August 2024 till 5:00 pm IST on 23rd August 2024.

SH. SUDHIR KUMAR SIROHI Special Judge, NDPS Act. Room No.35, P.Building Patiala House Courts, New Delhi PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (See Section 82 Cr.P.C.) SC No. 8867/2016 NCB Vs Athar Parvej & Ors. 1) Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mr. MBI Victor S/o MBI Thomas R/o Buea South Province Cameroon, Local address flat no. 301, T-18, Uitech Horizon, Greater Noida (UP) has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 8C/22C/25A/9A/29 of NDPS Act 1985 and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused cannot be found and whereas it has shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) 2) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.09.2024. Sd/xxxx Special Court, NDPS Act CBC-19126/11/0012/2425 Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

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RailTel (A Govt. of India Enterprise) CIN- L64202DL2000G0107905 E-Tender No-RailTel/Tender/OT/CO/TP/2024-25/OSS/001, Dated 05-08-2024-Tender document for "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning and integration of OSS Solution at RailTel network (IP-MPLS & DWDM)". Tender Notice and doc available on www.railtel.in and https://railtel.envida.com.Addendum/ corrigendum will be uploaded on above websites only

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Government of India Ministry of Minority Affairs HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA हज कमेटी ऑफ इंडिया (Statutory body constituted under the Act of Parliament No.35 of 2002) ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HAJ 2025 The Haj Committee of India invites applications for Haj-2025 from intending Pilgrims through the online Haj Application Form available at website of Haj Committee of India https://hajcommittee.gov.in and the iPhone / Android Mobile App "HAJ SUVIDHA". The Haj Application Forms for Haj-2025 can be submitted through the above methods from 13.08.2024 to 11:59 PM on 09.09.2024. Applicants are advised to go through the Guidelines and Undertakings carefully before filling the Haj Application Forms. Applicants are advised that a Machine readable Indian International Passport issued before the closing date of application and valid upto 15.01.2026 is mandatory for Haj-2025. (Leyaqat Ali Aafaqui IRS) CEO, Haj Committee of India

ENROLMENT FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN DESIGNATED TRADES IN NAVAL SHIP REPAIR YARD(KOC) AND NAVAL AIRCRAFT YARD(KOC)

1. A total of 240 vacancies exists for apprenticeship at NSRY(Kochi) and NAY (Kochi) in the following trades.

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2. Reservation of Vacancies: (a) SC/ST and OBC: Vacancies for SC 1:10 and for ST 1:100 are in accordance with Sl. 13 of Schedule-IIA (See Rule 5) of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Notification dated 16 Jun 15. (b) For Physically Handicapped: 3% of vacancies for Apprenticeship training reserved vide Para III chapter II of the Apprentices Act 1961.

3. Eligibility Conditions: (a) Qualifications: Matriculation / Std X with a minimum of 50% marks & ITI Examination (Provisional National Trade Certificate acceptable) in relevant Trade with aggregate 65% marks. (b) Age: The upper age limit is 21 years as on 01 Feb 2025. Upper age is relaxable by five years for SC/ST candidates as per MOD Letter No. FM/0442/NHQ/1278 D(N-II) dated 14 Nov 1996 and three years for OBCS vide Sl. 4 of G.I., Dept. of Per. & Trg., O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT), dated 22-10-1993.

4. Application: To be forwarded as per format given below, by GENERAL POST ONLY and addressed only to The Admiral Superintendent (for Officer-in- Charge), Apprentices Training School, Naval Ship Repair Yard, Naval Base, Kochi - 682004, so as to reach latest by 16 Sep 24. 5. The applications should be accompanied by: (a) Passport Size Candidate's Photos (03 Copies) (b) Attested copy of SSC/Matriculation Marks Sheet and proof of date of birth (c) Attested copy of ITI (NCVT) Marks Sheet (d) Attested copy of latest Community certificate (for SC/ST/OBC only) (e) Attested copy of Certificates of Physical Disability (if applicable) (f) Certificate, if son / daughter of Armed Forces personnel / Ex- Serviceman (as applicable) (g) Certificate, if son / daughter of Defence Civilian/ Dockyard Employees (as applicable) (h) Copy of Character certificate signed by Gazetted Officer (j) Attested copy of PAN and Aadhar Card of candidates (Compulsory) (k) COVID Vaccination Certificate/COWIN Registration details 6. Employment: As per Apprenticeship Act-1961, it shall not be obligatory for Naval Ship Repair Yard, Kochi to employ Apprentice on completion of the training. Recruitment is undertaken as per Recruitment Rules promulgated by the Govt. of India. 7. Interested candidates may refer RDS&E web site for full details. CBC 10702/11/0034/2425

POWERGRID BIKANER NEEMRANA TRANSMISSION LIMITED (A 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd) B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 (CIN: U42201DL2023GOI415485) CORRIGENDUM Corrigendum to the advertisement published in newspapers dated 31.05.2024 and 04.06.2024 of Power Grid Bikaner Neemrana Transmission Limited (100% wholly owned subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited): LILO of both circuits of 400kV Bikaner (PG)-Bikaner-II D/c line at Bikaner-III PS (Package : TL-01) S. NO. Village Name Tehsil District 1. Bharu Khiran, Badrasar, Bharu pavan, Mehrasar, Jalwali,Nursar, Lakhusar, Noor mahammad ki dhani, Chak 15 JMD, Chak 16 JMD, Chak 18 JMD, Chak 19 JMD, Chak 20 JMD, Chak 21 JMD, Chak 22 JMD, Chak 1 DHM, Chak 2 DHM, Chak 23 JMD, Chak 24 JMD, Chak 3 DHM Bikaner Bikaner 2. Bera(Sardarpura), Natho ki dhani Chhatargarh Bikaner 3. Barju, Barala, Dinsar Pugal Bikaner 400 kV Bikaner-II PS - Bikaner-III PS D/c line (Package : TL-01) 1. Jaimalsar, Sarah borla, Kawani, Mehrasar, Jalwali, Lakhusar, Chak 26 JMD, Chak 27 JMD Bikaner Bikaner 2. Bandarewala, Barala, Barju, Dinsar, Bagesingh ki dhani Pugal Bikaner 3. Nokha Kolayat Bikaner 4. Bera(Sardarpura), Natho ki dhani Chhatargarh Bikaner 765 kV Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II D/c line (Package: TL-02) 1. Kalasar, Bharu Khiran, Badrasar, Bharu Pavan, Mehrasar, Jalwali, Nursar, Lakhusar, Noor Mahammad Ki Dhani, Jaimalsar, Sarah Borla, Kawani Bikaner Bikaner 2. Kelan, Ambaran, Bera (Sardarpura), Natho Ki Dhani Chhatargarh Bikaner 3. Rajasar Bhatiyar, Makrasar, Sawaisar, Chhattargad, Haphasar, Binjarwali, Doodi Muklera, Dulmera Station, Dausar, Kisturiya, Sotdhwal, Bamanwali, Jaisan, Maharana, Dheeraran, Uttamdesar, Sadheran, Dulmera, Hanseran, Khari, Sumana, Jakhar Wala, Kakar Ichchha, Kujli, Kalka, Muklera, Sahajarasar, Jogiyasan, Kharda, Basi Chaman, Kalu, Bhanipura, Beejhansar, Nathusar, Bas Karnisar, Rawansar, Knapharsar, Chandsar, Nakodesar, Koobiya, Garabdesar, 357-900 RD, 354-800 RD, 1 KM, 2 KM, 6 DLM Bikaner Bikaner 4. Sardarpura, Bandarewala, Barala, Barju, Dinsar, Bagesingh Ki Dhani Pugal Bikaner 5. Jalabsar, Ladhriya, Lakhansar, Delwan Sridungargarh Bikaner 6. Panpallya, Patam Desar, Ghadsisar, Amarsar, Rajasar Beekan, Khundiya, Kanwalasar, Adisar, Bejasar, Rajalwara, Charanwasi, Poonusar, Ramsisar Bhedwallya, Mitasar, Gomiya, Bandhanu Utrada, Somasar, Adisar, Bhihanlyon Dhora, Joron Ka Dhora, Silani, Bandhanau Dikhnada, Kheriyi, Gomatiya, Bandhanau, Thali Ka Dhora, Bandhanau Uttarada, Bangi Dhora, Gairtala, Chauraha Dhora, Kalyanpura Vidawtan, Kalyapura Purohitan, Udasar Chaman, Mori Dhora, Ramsara Pariharan, Bhomiya Dhora, Mehrasar Chachera, Chuli Dhora, Ranasar Bikan, Armalsar, Jeewandesar, Khetana Johra, Murchala Dhora, Malusara Johra, Derajsar, Rabana Johra, Gadradi Dhora, Sarsar, Nimwala Dhora, Kamasar, Udasar Bikaner Bikaner 765 kV Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II D/c line (Package: TL-03) 1. Jivan Ka Bas, Dandu, Pirana Johra, Gangiyasar, Muni Ka Bas, Bir Johra, Dhilsar, Nim Ki Bhar, Kodesar, Bagori Baje, Nathasar, Bidasar, Bhamu Ka Bas, Guga Ka Bas, Bhujana Johra, Suron Ka Bas, Anandpura, Bichalabas, Kant, Naina Ka Bas, Janewanon Ki Dhani, Maharadas, Bhagatpura, Kachholya Johra, Bhoja Bhar, Chaitana Johra, Rara Ki Dhani, Dattusariya Ki Dhani, Dhaka Ki Dhani, Gyanaram Ki Dhani, Lamdi Bhar, Bhutiya Bas, Chainpura, Haripura, Charanwasi, Kharkhari, Saubha Ka Bas, Ladusar, Hansasari, Panghrali Johri,Basri, Ninana Johra, Luna, Kalya Johra, Puniya Ki Dhani, Kayamsar, Dhandhuri Nayabas, Dhandhuri, Kaleran Ka Bas, Bahirji Ki Dhani, Pheeras Ka Bas, Gopalpura, Jisukh Ka Bas, Pipal Ka Bas, Hanutpura, Sonasar, Indrapura, Lalpur, Vasoda Ki Dhani, Kalera Ki Dhani, Khatikon Ki Dhani, Budana, Kalera Ka Bas, Loona, Ahiro Ki Dhani, Kalyan Johra, Hamin Ki Dhani, Tibra Ki Dhani, Ashawali Dhani, Kayamsar, Ashok Nagar, Hameer Khurd. Malasisar Jhunjhunu 2. 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Copy of the route alignment is available in the office of the undersigned. Notice is hereby given to the general public to make observation / representation on the proposed transmission system within two months from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned in writing. For further particulars and clarifications, please contact Kanchan Kumar Choudhary, Project In Charge, POWERGRID BIKANER NEEMRANA TRANSMISSION LIMITED, Bikaner Office, Leela Gauri Heights B-1 Karmi Nagar, Nagnechi Road, Bikaner, Rajasthan - 334003 Email: kanchan@powergrid.in Kanchan Kumar Choudhary Project Incharge A Maharatna PSU Government of Jharkhand Department of School Education and Literacy (Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi) JSCA Stadium Road, Sector- III, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 Phone: 0651-2444501, E-Mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com e-Procurement Notice - 3rd Call JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Development and Strengthening of Model School Dumaria located in East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 29.08.2024. The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website https://jhrkhandtenders.gov.in only. Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in. Sd/- (Aditya Ranjan) State Project Director Ref. No.: JEPC/CIV/03/513/2019/ 2983 Ranchi, Date : 13.08.2024 PR 332673 (Jharkhand Education Project Council) 24-25 (D) Jharkhand Education Project Council Government of Jharkhand Department of School Education and Literacy (Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi) JSCA Stadium Road, Sector- III, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 Phone: 0651-2444501, E-Mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com e-Procurement Notice - 3rd Call JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Construction of 09 Nos. of Upgraded +2 High School located in Giridih District of North Chotanagpur Division of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 29.08.2024. The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website https://jhrkhandtenders.gov.in only. Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in. Sd/- (Aditya Ranjan) State Project Director Ref. No. : JEPC/CIV/03/803/2023/ 2975 Ranchi, Date : 13.08.2024 PR 332650 (Jharkhand Education Project Council)24-25'D

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8 GOVT & POLITICS

Hindenburg: Cong to hold nationwide protest for JPC probe on August 22

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

AMID THE row over the latest allegations by US-based Hindenburg Research against SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and the Adani Group, the Congress Tuesday announced that it will hold a nationwide protest on August 22 demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the matter and removal of Buch from her post.

The announcement came after a meeting of AICC general secretaries, in-charges and PCC presidents which was presided over by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Speaking at a press conference, AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal said, "We have unanimously decided to have a nationwide agitation." Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said the party's demand is a JPC inquiry into the "Adani mega



Cong leaders Jairam Ramesh, K C Venugopal on Tuesday. ANI

scam in which the Prime Minister is fully involved and in which the financial market regulation has now been found to be severely compromised."

This came a day after the BJP rejected the demand for a JPC probe, with senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad accusing the Congress of "seeking foreign help to discredit (and) destabilise our financial markets and to create chaos in the country".

Venugopal said that Kharge and Rahul Gandhi "put forward

their views very strongly today" at the meeting. "We have adopted that there will be a massive national-level agitation on August 22 throughout the country. In the states, we will gear up the Enforcement Directorate offices, thousands of Congress workers will gherao the ED office in each state," he said.

Demanding the removal of Buch, he said, "The person, who has no credibility at all, cannot continue as a SEBI chairperson. There should be a JPC inquiry to

this mega scam."

Venugopal said the Congress is also demanding a nation-wide caste census from the Centre. "We are demanding an announcement of a national caste census without any delay. Therefore, we decided to have a national campaign on these issues, including the caste census and protection of the Constitution and reservation. We will chalk out a programme in detail in the coming days... There will be a massive national campaign on these issues," he said.

Venugopal also reiterated the party's demand that the Wayanad landslides be declared as a national disaster.

Regarding the Bangladesh issue, Venugopal said the Congress leadership at Tuesday's meeting "called upon the Government of India to take all possible steps to ensure that the targeted attacks on religious minorities and their places of worship in Bangladesh are stopped and to ensure that they are enabled to lead a life of security, dignity and harmony".

Fresh plea in SC seeks compliance with probe order against Adani

New Delhi: A lawyer has approached the SC with a fresh application seeking compliance with the top court's January 3, 2024 order wherein it had asked SEBI to complete — "preferably within three months" — the pending investigations into some of the allegations raised by Hindenburg Research against Adani Group.

Advocate Vishal Tiwari said the SC had in its order "clearly fixed the timeline of three months for the completion of investigations by SEBI". "By using the word 'preferably' it cannot be understood that no timeline was fixed. While three months have been specifically mentioned in the order, it is sufficient to be understood as prudent that a fixed time period is laid down for... completion of pending investigations," he said. ENS

SISTERS-IN-LAW CONTESTED BARAMATI LOK SABHA SEAT

Made mistake: Ajit on pitting Sunetra against Sule in polls

Supports Sharad Pawar, says his alliance partners 'should understand what they are saying' against veteran leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, PUNE, AUGUST 13

MAHARASHTRA DEPUTY Chief Minister and NCP president Ajit Pawar has said that he made a "mistake" by fielding his wife Sunetra Pawar against his cousin Supriya Sule from Baramati in the recent Lok Sabha polls.

"I love all my sisters. One should not allow politics to enter homes. I made a mistake in fielding Sunetra against my sister. This should not have happened. But the parliamentary board (of NCP) made a decision. Now I feel it was wrong," Ajit said on Monday in an interview with the Marathi news channel *Jai Maharashtra*.

Sule is the daughter of the NCP founder Sharad Pawar, who is now the NCP (SP) chief. She refrained from making any comments on Ajit's remarks, saying that "I have not heard Ajit Pawar's statement and therefore I cannot comment on it".

In July last year, Pawar's estranged nephew Ajit rebelled



Remarks in interview with channel *Jai Maharashtra*

against him along with his faction of MLAs and leaders, splitting their party to join the ruling Mahayuti alliance comprising the BJP and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

In the Lok Sabha polls, Ajit gave the NCP ticket to Sunetra in Baramati, the Pawar family's home turf, to take on Sule, who retained her seat by defeating her sister-in-law by over 1.58 lakh votes. "It was the decision of the NCP parliamentary board which I followed," Ajit claimed.

Days after the Lok Sabha polls, Sunetra was elected to the Rajya Sabha unopposed as the

NCP nominee.

Ajit is currently on a statewide "Jan Samman Yatra" as part of his mass outreach programme ahead of the Assembly polls slated for October this year.

In the interview, Ajit also came out in support of Sharad Pawar, who is being targeted by the BJP and the Shiv Sena, saying his Mahayuti allies should "understand what they are saying". "I will voice my opinion when we sit together," he said.

Ajit further said that since Pawar is the head of the family and a senior leader, he will not respond to any criticism from him.

On Tuesday evening, when state NCP chief and MP Sunil Tatkare was asked whether Ajit may return to Sharad Pawar after admitting his "mistake" over fielding Sunetra against Sule, Tatkare shot back, asking how such a question could be raised. "We have taken a very conscious decision to join hands with the NDA. It is our conscious decision to contest the Assembly polls as part of the NDA," he said.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



The Tricolour atop Red Fort ahead of Independence Day celebrations, on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

CATCHING KITES

AS PART of the security arrangements for Independence Day, Delhi Police are keeping a close watch on the website of the Meteorological department for latest weather updates — wind direction to be precise. One of the senior officers of the Central range had informed his colleagues that he got an input that on August 15, the wind will blow from the northern side and they should deploy 'kite catchers' accordingly. Stopping loose kites from flying down to Red Fort is also part of the security arrangements.

LOST IN TRANSLATION

SUPREME COURT Justice K V Viswanathan, while hearing a case on Monday was mildly miffed with the quality of translation of court records. Realising the translation could be done by artificial intelligence (AI), the bench headed by Justice B R Gavai told lawyers to be cautious. Justice Viswanathan jovially went on to add that while dictating orders, some oft-used phrases in judgments have hilarious AI translations in Hindi. "When I said leave granted (when the court agrees to hear a case), it would become 'chhutti sweekaar'," the judge said.

NEW FACILITY

PERSONNEL OF Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) can now purchase personal vehicles, two-wheelers as well as four-wheelers, from the Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandars (KPKB). The CAPF recently issued an order, informing the facilities that several automobile firms were offering vehicles at special price. Unlike other defence canteens, CAPF facilities didn't offer vehicles to its personnel. The order, however, said that as of date, there will be no GST concession on vehicles.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at an event in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

Confident we'll be able to work with whoever is US President: Jaishankar

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said India will be able to work with the President of the United States, "whoever he or she will be".

At the launch of Indiaspora's Impact report, a diaspora event also attended by US Ambassador Eric Garcetti, when asked about the coming US presidential elections, Jaishankar said: "Generally, we don't comment on other people's elections because we also hope others don't comment on us."

He said: "The American system will throw up its verdict... we have every confidence that we will be able to work with the president of the United States, whoever he or she will be."

In the elections to be held in November, Republican candidate Donald Trump is pitted against Democratic presidential nominee and current Vice-President Kamala Harris.

His comments came as the White House lauded US-India ties, saying President Joe Biden views the ties as one of the most consequential in the world. In a press briefing on Monday, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean Pierre said that the US works with India on key priorities, including the Quad. "The president views our

relationship with India as one of the most consequential in the world. And so we work closely with India on our most vital priorities, including through the Quad and the US-India initiative on this critical and emerging technology," Pierre said.

At the event, when asked about the issue of dual citizenship — a long-standing demand among the Indian-American community — Jaishankar said, "If I can find ways in which diaspora can work, travel and operate more easily, it will be much more important. When you get dual citizenship, it raises a fundamental issue; we would have concerns about what our citizens may be doing in the service of another country."

Jagdambika Pal to head House panel on Waqf Bill

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

SENIOR BJP MP Jagdambika Pal will head the Joint Parliamentary Committee set up to review the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which was referred for review after Opposition leaders called it "an attack on the Indian Constitution" — with even some BJP allies such as the TDP wary about it.

Lok Sabha officials said Speaker Om Birla had named Pal,

a four time MP from UP's Domariyaganj, as the head of the 31-member committee and a formal notification was expected soon.

The joint panel has 31 members — 21 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha — and will submit its report by the next session. From the Lower House, 12 are NDA MPs, including eight from BJP, and nine from the Opposition. From the Upper House, four panel members are BJP MPs, while five are from the Opposition, including YSRCP,



BJP MP Jagdambika Pal. File

and one is a nominated member.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill proposes several key changes, including allowing a non-Muslim chief executive officer and at least two non-Muslim members to be appointed by the state government to the Waqf

Boards at the state level. It is also proposed to bring the district collector as the arbiter on whether a property is Waqf property or government land.

The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 8 and referred to a JCP after a heated debate, with the government asserting the proposed law did not intend to interfere with the functioning of mosques and the Opposition calling it "an attack on the Constitution, the religious freedom it guarantees and a violation of the federal structure".

The 'return' of Yogi of old: How UP CM is readjusting gears amid rifts in state BJP

BHUPENDRA PANDEY
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 13

CAUTIOUS ABOUT his Hindutva leader image as he embarked on his second straight tenure as Uttar Pradesh CM in 2022, Yogi Adityanath has hardened his Hindutva stance in recent weeks as internal differences in the state leadership of the BJP came to the fore in the aftermath of the party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections. This is reflected in decisions UP government has taken in past month.

First was Adityanath's intervention last month to assure the residents of two Hindu-dominated colonies in Lucknow — Pant Nagar and Indraprastha Nagar —

that their homes would not be demolished. The residents were afraid because the Irrigation Department had marked the houses as being in the floodplain zone. On June 20, Lucknow Development Authority (LDA) completed a months-long operation of demolishing 1,800 structures, including 1,169 houses and 101 commercial establishments on 24.5 acres in the Akbar Nagar locality in Lucknow after declaring they had illegally encroached on the floodplain zone beside the Kukulrail river.

The next big instance was the police passing an order for roadside vendors and shopkeepers along the Kanwar Yatra route to display their names outside their establishments. The directive, first

announced by the police in Muzaffarnagar district last month, was attacked for being directed against Muslims. However, the Muzaffarnagar SSP claimed it would prevent confrontations. Amid an uproar, the state administration stuck to its guns and a week later the directive was made applicable to other parts of the state through which the Kanwar Yatra was supposed to pass.

Then in late July, the state government tabled a Bill to amend the anti-conversion law, making the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, more stringent. The UP Assembly passed the amendment Bill on July 30, again underlining its intent to quash "love jihad". Last week, the CM directed po-



UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Tuesday. PTI

lice officers to reactivate the "anti-Romeo squads" that had been first launched after he took charge of the state in 2017. They were briefly redeployed in 2022 after Adityanath returned to power. Then, at an event last week

where the statue of Ram Temple movement flag-bearer Paramhans Ramchandra Das was unveiled, Adityanath appealed for unity against an "impending crisis" threatening Sanatan Dharma. Referring to construction of Ram

Temple, he said it was not "final destination" but a milestone and the campaign to "secure Sanatan Dharma" should continue.

Over past weekend, Adityanath also weighed in on Bangladesh crisis and the situation of Hindus in neighbouring countries. He alleged Opposition was tight-lipped about them because of vote-bank politics.

His political journey began after his Guru, Mahant Avaidyanath, transferred his political and religious responsibilities to him and he became the Gorakhpur MP in 1998. At 26, he became one of youngest parliamentarians to be elected to LS that year.

Soon after, he formed an outfit called the Hindu Yuva Vahini.

The Vahini earned the identity of being cow vigilantes and joined individuals or Hindu groups in confrontations with members from another religion. Several of its office-bearers faced criminal cases for indulging in violence.

Even Adityanath had cases lodged against him. In 2005, Adityanath, known at the time for his incendiary speeches, made his way towards Mau after communal riots erupted there but he was stopped. He was named in cases registered after communal riots erupted in Gorakhpur in January 2007 following the death of a Hindu youth. The government later withdrew the case.

Adityanath, however, tried to

project a more moderate stand after becoming the CM in 2017. First, he dissolved the Hindu Yuva Vahini. But he balanced this with outreach to followers of Hindutva. He started the custom of using helicopters to shower flower petals on pilgrims from Kanwar Yatra. This custom has continued every year since then. Adityanath also moved against illegal slaughterhouses, forcing their closure.

After returning to power in 2022, he seemed to moderate his stand even more, his anti-crime, bulldozer-borne drive now directed against known gangsters and their aides or strongmen accused of inciting violence.

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BRIEFLY

UTTAR PRADESH
Teacher held for 'giving non-veg food' to students

Meerut: A government school teacher in UP's Meerut was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly offering non-vegetarian food to two Hindu students. The teacher, Mohammed Iqbal Khan, has also been suspended. The action was taken after two BJP councillors complained to the local Basic Shiksha Adhikari, who then reported the matter to the police. "Khan has been arrested," said SSP (Meerut) Vipin Tada. **ENS**

NEW DELHI
New version of 'FloodWatch India' launched

New Delhi: Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil on Tuesday launched a new version of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile app, which will provide flood forecast information for 592 monitoring stations — 392 more than the existing 200 stations. The mobile application, developed by Central Water Commission (CWC), allows "extensive and detailed overview" of flood conditions across the country. The CWC had launched the first version of the mobile application on August 17, 2023. **ENS**

CHHATTISGARH
Man gets death penalty for killing wife, kids

Raipur: A 34-year-old man, Umendra Kevat, who had murdered his wife and three children was sentenced to death by a sessions court in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur on Tuesday. The judge observed the crime as "Predetermined, Grave, Barbaric, Horrifying where innocent and helpless children were murdered by a man who was suppose to be their natural guardian." The incident had occurred on January 1 this year. **ENS**

Stock not exhausted, Army extends deadline for use of old combat uniform till June 2026

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

OVER TWO years after the Army introduced a new combat uniform for its personnel, it has recently issued guidelines on their use and management after it was found that much of the existing stock of old uniform had remained unused and could lead to wastage, *The Indian Express* has learnt. As per the guidelines, the existing stock of the old combat uniform will be in service till June 2026, as against the earlier deadline of June 2025. The Army had unveiled its digital print combat uniform in January 2022, a shift from its ear-

lier disruptive print combat uniform, and it was to be issued to all personnel in a phased manner over the next few years considering the existing stocking and provisioning mechanisms in place. To prevent misuse, the new uniform is only issued to the troops through ordnance chain as against the previous combat uniform which is available in the open market. According to sources in the Army, the existing stock of the old disruptive pattern combat uniform was supposed to be exhausted by June 2025. However, the latest assessment conducted by the Army suggests it would not be possible to exhaust the entire stock by June 2025 as the life of a combat uniform is 15 months. The sources said it was found several Army units stopped seeking old disruptive pattern combat uniform thinking that the new digital print uniform will be made available to them post June 2025. To avoid wastage of the existing stock and check any loss to state and objection by auditors in later years, the Army has issued the new guidelines extending the deadline for use of the old combat uniform till June 2026. Under the guidelines, all units will have to put in their demands to get the old disruptive print combat uniform from their respective ordnance echelons or the various ordnance units and supply chains for the troops and receive them when ready. Sources said Army formations have also been told not to put pressure on troops to wear the new combat uniform, while ordnance echelons will have to keep issuing the old combat uniform to troops even if they receive the new combat uniform through central procurement. The old combat disruptive print uniform will have to be issued to Defence Security Corps troops as they are not authorised to get new digital print combat uniform. Additionally, Army has stated no regional procurement of new digital print combat uniform will be carried out by ordnance echelons till existing stocks exhausted.

EXPLAINED
What's unique in new uniform?

SINCE THE old pattern of combat uniform was readily available in market, one of the challenges was to create a unique and multi-terrain pattern. The new digital print combat uniform, designed and developed by NIFT and introduced in January 2022, is said to be lightweight, robust and quick drying and more comfortable for the troops during operations.

BENCH ACCEPTS APOLOGY Top court shuts contempt case against Ramdev and Patanjali MD

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THE SUPREME Court Tuesday closed the contempt-of-court proceedings against yoga guru Ramdev and Patanjali MD Acharya Balkrishna in connection with a plea filed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) accusing them of making statements critical of modern medicine. Accepting their unconditional apology, a two-judge bench presided by Justice Hima Kohli noted that "though" their "initial conduct... prior to their tendering apology showed that the same was in violation of the undertakings given to this court...," after they tendered the apology, "efforts have been made by them to take steps to make amends". "This was not only by expressing regret for their conduct on affidavit and in person, but also by taking steps to publicise the apology tendered by them through advertisements, published prominently in national and regional newspapers," Justice Kohli said, reading out from the conclusions of the judgment. The court had summoned Patanjali MD Acharya Balkrishna for allegedly flouting an undertaking given to the court. The court was upset over a press conference held by Ramdev on November 22, 2023, in Haridwar and an advertisement issued by the company on December 4, 2023, after it had assured the court (on November 21, 2023) that it would not make any "casual statements claiming medicinal efficacy or against any system of medicine". The bench said, "No doubt the wisdom of tendering an unconditional apology dawned belatedly on the proposal contemners after this court rejected the first attempt made by them to offer a qualified apology, but their subsequent conduct demonstrates that they have made sincere efforts to purge themselves. Given the attendant facts and circumstances of the case, and efforts made by proposed contemners to absolve themselves of acts that amounted to breach of undertaking given to their court, we are inclined to accept the apology tendered by them and close the matter". "At the same time, they are cautioned to strictly abide by the terms of their undertakings. Any future intransigence on their part, whether by act or deed or speech that could tantamount violating the order of the court, or dishonouring the terms of the undertakings shall be [dealt with] strictly, and the ensuring consequences could indeed be grave," the bench said.

Stay lifted on release of Hema committee report on Malayalam film industry issues

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 13

THE KERALA High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition challenging the release of the report of the Justice Hema committee, which looked into the problems faced by women professionals in the Malayalam film industry. On July 24 the high court, in an interim order, stayed the release of the report following a petition moved by producer Saji Parayil, who had challenged the State Information Commission's July 6 directive to make the findings public. The information commission stepped in after the cultural affairs department, which appointed the Hema committee in 2017, declined to disclose the report under the Right to Information Act. A bench of Justice V G Arun lifted the stay and ordered that the report be published within a week. The court had given the interim stay hours before the state government was slated to release the report. The issue of publicising the committee report has been controversial in Kerala. The Government had earlier decided not to reveal the report, which has been with it for the last five years. The cultural affairs department was not ready to hand over a copy of the report even under the RTI Act.

In July 2017, the Government formed a three-member committee headed by retired high court judge K Hema to look into the woes of women in the film industry, including their safety, salary and working conditions. The demand for a committee to examine the issues faced by women in the industry came after a leading woman actor was abducted and sexually assaulted in a moving van in Kochi in February 2017. The incident exposed the insecurity of women professionals in the industry. After recording statements from several women professionals in the film industry, the committee submitted a 300-page report to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in December 2019. It had recommended the formation of a tribunal to look into the issues faced by women in the industry. Instead of disclosing it, the Government in January 2022 formed a panel to study the report and work out a plan to implement its recommendations. In May 2022, the Government released a draft of the recommendations of the Hema committee, which suggested making job contracts mandatory in the sector. Other recommendations included equal wages for men and women, ban on use of drugs and liquor at shooting locations, and safe working conditions for women at the locations.



TIRANGA, EVERYWHERE

Children watch the Tricolour being waved underwater ahead of Independence Day at VGP Marine Kingdom on the outskirts of Chennai, Tuesday. **PTI**

Kanwar Marg: NGT orders probe into illegal tree felling allegations

NIKHIL GHANEKAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE NGT principal bench ordered that a joint committee be formed to investigate the allegations of illegal and unnecessary tree felling for the proposed 111-km Kanwar Marg along the upper Ganga Canal and submit a report within four weeks. It has also questioned whether authorities had considered that a similar road project, along the canal, was rejected in 2010. The committee will comprise officials from the Forest Survey of India, a senior scientist (not below joint secretary's rank) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, UP Chief Secretary or his representative, and the Meerut DM (to act as the coordinating agency). It will probe six issues, including whether trees are being cut illegally for the proposed road, project is feasible and if an alternate route exists, work done so far is along the permissible width of 15/20 metre, and potential environmental damage among others.

The order passed by NGT bench last week pertained to a suo motu case related to felling of 1.12 lakh trees for the proposed Kanwar Marg. "It is not clear if while taking a fresh decision, the earlier report of 2010 and the conclusion recorded therein were considered. The concluding part also records there are already two roads connecting Ghaziabad, Meerut, and Muzaffarnagar with Uttarakhnad via NH 58 and Kavar Road on the left bank of the upper Ganga Canal. Therefore, it is also required to be shown if the feasibility of constructing the current road in the light of the earlier observations in the 2010 report was duly examined," the NGT noted in its order. The NGT also noted it was not clear whether geo-coordinates of trees along project route were available before they were cut. "By comparing the same, it can be ascertained if illegal felling of trees has taken place in process," the order read, adding that a large number of trees were proposed to be cut and, therefore, due caution was required to ensure that no illegal or excess felling of trees took place. Proposed by UP government, the road will be built along the right bank of the canal — from Murad Nagar to Purkaji, near Uttarakhnad. Set to pass through Ghaziabad, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar, the road will require a diversion of 222.98 hectares of protected forest land and felling of 1,12,722 trees. NGT has made the Surveyor-General of India a party to the case after it was revealed that the central engineering agency, Survey of India, had not complied with an earlier order. The agency was asked to file satellite images of the stretch under examination, showing the extent of trees that have been cut on both sides of the canal. In its order, NGT took record of photographs of tree felling filed by the petitioner, noting the submission that the UP Chief Secretary had carried out inspection at the project site last week. The tribunal also noted submissions that a similar project of the UP government had been rejected by Environment Ministry, owing to the potential biodiversity and forest damages it would cause.

Dera chief Ram Rahim gets 21-day furlough, walks out of Rohtak jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 13



ASARAM GETS PAROLE FOR TREATMENT

Jaipur: Rajasthan HC Tuesday granted parole to self-styled godman Asaram Bapu, 82, who is serving a life sentence for raping a minor, to undergo treatment for seven days at an Ayurvedic hospital in Maharashtra under police custody. "He has been granted seven days parole, excluding time of travel, at our own cost," one of the lawyers, who represented Asaram, said. **ENS**

and is lodged in the Sunaria jail in Haryana's Rohtak district. He was sentenced in 2017. The Dera chief and three others were also convicted in 2019 for the murder of a journalist more than 16 years ago. In May, the high court acquitted Singh and four others in the 2002 murder of the sect's former manager Ranjit Singh, citing "tainted and sketchy" investigations in the matter. A special CBI court had sentenced them to life imprisonment in the nearly 20-year-old murder case. Singh had been held guilty of hatching a criminal conspiracy with his co-accused. **—WITHPTIINPUTS**

Police arrest flower vendor a day after 7 killed in Bihar stampede

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JEHANABAD (BIHAR), AUGUST 13

THE POLICE Tuesday arrested a flower vendor in connection with a stampede that left seven people dead and 16 others injured at Baba Siddheshwar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad district, an officer said. Preliminary investigation revealed that the stampede happened following a clash between flower vendors and a few Kanwaris near the temple on Baravar hills in Makhdumpur block, District Magistrate Alankrita Pandey said. This is the first arrest in connection with the incident and the police are searching for two or three other flower vendors who are absconding, she said. "The entire area of the temple premises has now been made a vendor-free zone," the DM said. The arrest was made after analysing CCTV footage and recording the statement of those present there at the time of the incident, Pandey said. Seven people, including six women, were killed and 16 others injured in a stampede at the temple in the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. A large number of devotees had assembled at the temple to offer water to the deity on Monday in Shrawan, a holy month for Hindus. The police also decided to deploy 100 more security personnel along the route the Kanwaris take and near the temple premises.

A veteran's shift to Cong due to 'conspiracy' brings Assam BJP divide to fore: 'The problem is Himanta'

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 13

AMID LONG-running murmurs of discontent among the BJP old guard in Assam under a new crop of leaders under Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, veteran leader Ashok Sarma's recent shift to the Congress is the most decisive expression of the rift in the state BJP. A long-time RSS member, Ashok Sarma represented the Nalbari Assembly constituency from 2016 to 2021 when Sarbananda Sonowal was at the helm of the state's first BJP-led government. In the 2021 Assembly elections, the party dropped him and handed the Nalbari ticket to Jayanta Malla Baruah, a Congress leader who had joined the party in 2015. Himanta Sarma went on to become the CM and Baruah is now a state Cabinet minister. After months of tensions with the BJP leadership, Ashok Sarma

resigned from the party on August 2 and formally joined the Congress on August 10. Ashok Sarma said his decision had "caused a storm" within his family full of RSS members. Ashok Sarma told *The Indian Express* he was compelled to leave the BJP because of a "conspiracy" by "some new leaders" in the party. "My problem was the principles on which we had brought up the BJP to form a government in Assam are gone. The problem is Himanta Biswa Sarma. Just look at the things he says. He called himself a *pogola kukur* (mad dog)," he said, referring to the CM's remarks at the BJP state executive meeting earlier this month. In a "warning" to the Congress, Himanta Sarma said the party should not "provoke" a "pogola kukur". "We have worked in politics to serve people. We receive a salary as MLAs and I receive a pension, but we are not MLAs



Ashok Sarma was Nalbari MLA from 2016 to 2021

and ministers just for our profit. But today the way wealth is being gathered by those leading the government is being spoken about everywhere... I cannot support this mentality," he said. During his joining ceremony, Ashok Sarma also attributed his decision to the state BJP leadership's "communalism", saying this was a new character of the party in the state. "In these three years, by repeatedly talking about Hindu and Muslim, he (Himanta Biswa

Doc accused of raping two patients in Odisha booked, gets 'thrashed'

SUJIT BISOIYI
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 13

A RESIDENT doctor at Cuttack's SCB Medical College and Hospital, one of Odisha's premier healthcare centres, has been booked for allegedly raping two patients in the hospital campus. The accused, who police have not yet named, has subsequently been admitted to the ICU of the hospital after allegedly getting beaten up by relatives of the patients. Police sources said the incident took place on Sunday after the accused, who worked in the cardiology department, came in contact with the two patients who had gone to the hospital to get an echocardiogram test done. The two patients lodged a complaint at the Mangalabag police station in Cuttack after which

the police registered a case. "Based on the complaint lodged by the patients, we have registered a case and are investigating the matter. We will record statements of the victims, and take further steps based on the evidence collected during the investigation," Cuttack Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (ADCP) Anil Mishra told reporters. On the alleged thrashing of the doctor, the ADCP said police were aware of the incident. "If we receive any complaint in this regard, we will investigate it and take action," said Mishra. Hospital authorities have not responded to requests for comment. Established in 1944 as Orissa Medical College, and subsequently renamed SCB Medical College and Hospital in 1951, the healthcare facility caters to coastal Odisha and nearby states like West Bengal.

UP anti-conversion law aimed at upholding spirit of secularism: HC

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 13

WHILE REJECTING the bail plea of a man booked on several charges, including those under the anti-conversion law, the Allahabad High Court recently observed that the primary objective of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, is to guarantee religious freedom to all, thereby, reflecting the social harmony and spirit of India. The court noted that the Act's objective is to uphold the spirit of secularism in India. A bench of Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal hearing the matter stated in its order: "The Constitution confers on each individual the fundamental right to profess, practice and propagate his religion. However, the individual right to freedom of conscience and religion cannot be extended to construe a collective right to proselytize, the right to religious freedom belongs equally to the person converting and the individual sought to be converted." The court made these observations while hearing the bail plea of Ajeem, who was charged in a case registered in Badaun under Indian Penal Code sections 323, 504 and 506. Police also invoked the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act. In the FIR, a woman alleged that Ajeem, who had made videos of her, was blackmailing her. She

claimed he had sexually exploited her and was pressuring her to marry him. She was allegedly living with Ajeem and was being forced to "embrace Islam, eat non-vegetarian food and wear clothes typically worn by Muslims."

Ajeem has been in jail since June 27, 2023. In his bail plea, Ajeem said the woman had left his home voluntarily, and falsely implicated him in the case. He also pointed out that the woman, in her statement, admitted she had solemnised marriage with him.

Opposing the bail plea, the government counsel argued that the woman's statement revealed that she was coerced into accepting Islam and that her Nikah ceremony with Ajeem was performed without any conversion.

The court then said: "As there is contravention of sections 3 and 8 of the Act, 2021, which is punishable under Section 5, and the applicant having failed to make out a case for bail, bail plea stands rejected... The basic object and reason of the enforcement of the Act was to guarantee religious freedom to all persons... The objective of this Act was to sustain the spirit of secularism in India."

The Allahabad HC further said: "According to the Constitution, State has no religion and all religions are equal before the State, and no religion shall be given preference over the other. All persons are free to preach, practice and propagate any religion of their choice."

RAPE-MURDER OF KOLKATA DOCTOR

OPD services remain affected as doctors' strike enters Day 2

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MEDICAL STUDENTS and residents doctors at key government health facilities across the country continued protests for the second day on Tuesday, seeking justice and speedy trial in the recent rape-murder of a doctor in Kolkata four days ago.

Resident doctors in Maharashtra started an indefinite strike Tuesday morning in support of the nationwide protests by their colleagues against the Kolkata incident. All elective services in hospitals across the state have been halted, but emergency services will continue uninterrupted, Maharashtra State Association of Residential Doctors (Central-MARD) president Dr Pratik Debaje told PTI. "From 9 am, we have stopped work at all OPDs (out-patient departments) and elective services have been stopped. Now, only emergency services are operational across the state," Dr Debaje said.

Medical services at PGIMER, Chandigarh, remained partially shut on Tuesday as resident doctors continued their strike for the second day against the Kolkata rape-murder. The emergency services at the hospital, however, were on. "Our protest continues



Junior doctors protest in Karnataka's Hubballi on Tuesday. PTI

today," said Dr Perugu Praneeth Reddy, joint secretary of the Association of Resident Doctors, PGIMER.

The doctors are demanding their safety be ensured at hospitals. Doctors at Patna Medical College and Hospital, Nalanda Medical College and Hospital and Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital stayed away from OPD services.

Emergency services, however, remained operational.

A doctors' association in Uttar Pradesh has written to Union Health Minister P Nadda, pressing for improved security measures at medical institutions, even as doctors continued protests against the Kolkata rape-murder case.

The state RDA's president Dr Hardeep Jogi said the association has written to the Union Health Minister, urging for safety and security measures at hospitals.

He said the protest has been joined by Centre-run medical colleges such as Aligarh Muslim University, Banaras Hindu University, and several hospitals run by the state in Meerut, Jhansi, Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Agra, and relatively newer ones in Greater Noida, Saharanpur and Orai.

Junior doctors at state-run Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi started 'pen-down' agitation by boycotting OPD services and elective surgeries in protest. However, they continued to attend emergency services at the premier hospital.

NMC: Take steps to ensure safe workspace

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE NATIONAL Medical Commission (NMC) has issued a notice to all medical colleges and institutions to ensure a safe working environment. Measures such as installing CCTV cameras in sensitive areas and availability of adequate security have been suggested.

This comes after nationwide protest of doctors following the rape and murder of a 31-year-old doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College.

The notice states: "All medical colleges are requested to develop a policy for a safe work environment within the college and hospital campus for all the staff members including faculty, medical students, and resident doctors. The policy should ensure adequate safety measures at OPD, wards, casualty, hostels and other open areas in the campus and residential quarters."

The notice says all corridors be well lit in evening, other than installing CCTV cameras and security.

Rainfall that caused Wayanad landslides influenced by climate change, shows study

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THE RAINFALL that triggered the recent landslides in Wayanad, killing more than 200 people, were made 10 per cent heavier by human-induced climate change, a new study has found.

The study by World Weather Attribution (WWA), an international group of researchers, found that the excessive rainfall in the early hours of July 30 that triggered the landslides was "once in a 50-year event".

Wayanad received 140 mm rainfall in a day on July 30, which the study said was the third heaviest single-day rainfall event on record for the district.

"Overall, the available climate models indicate a 10 per cent increase in intensity. Under a future warming scenario where the global temperature is two degree Celsius higher than pre-industrial levels, climate models predict even heavier 1-day rainfall events, with a further expected increase of about 4 per cent in rainfall intensity," the study said.

It said this would further increase the risk of landslides in the region.

"The increase in climate change-driven rainfall found in this study is likely to increase the potential number of landslides

that could be triggered in the future, raising the need for adaptation actions that may include the reinforcement of susceptible slopes, landslide early warning systems, and construction of retaining structures to protect vulnerable localities," it said.

WWA researchers specialise in assessing the influence of climate change on extreme weather events worldwide. Their earlier studies had concluded that the heatwave in India in April last year, and again in June this year, had also been influenced by climate change.

"One-day spells of rainfall are increasing in Kerala... Before climate change, similar downpours in Kerala were incredibly rare. However, in today's climate with 1.3°C of global warming, they are more likely, expected to occur on average about once every 50 years," it said.

The study also found that factors such as quarrying for building materials, and a 62 per cent reduction in forest cover in Wayanad between 1950 and 2018, may have contributed to increased susceptibility of the slopes to landslides during heavy rainfall.

"More stringent assessments of landslides, restricting construction in hillside areas and minimising deforestation and quarrying are needed to avoid similar disasters in the future," it said.

Bangladesh border situation: Govt panel, BGB held 83 meets in 3 days

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A COMMITTEE formed by the Centre to monitor the current situation along the border with Bangladesh has held 83 flag meetings with the Border Guards Bangladesh over the last three days and around 241 Simultaneous Coordinating Patrolling in the vulnerable border area of Eastern Command, a spokesperson said on Tuesday.

The committee was formed on June 9. "A meeting of members to monitor the situation on the Indo-Bangladesh border was held on August 10. On the directions of the DG BSF, members of the panel communicated with their counterpart. They have had around 83 flag meetings at vari-

ous levels over the last three days," a BSF spokesperson said. "While appreciating the BGB role in preventing Bangladeshis coming to the border, BSF authorities impressed upon them to protect the safety of Indian citizens and people belonging to minority communities in Bangladesh," the spokesperson added.

"In all bilateral field meetings, matters related to border security and other mutual interests have also been discussed. Also, commanders devised channels for effective coordinated mechanisms to share real time information on various operational matters with BGB. Besides, 232 meetings have also been conducted with the Indian villagers residing along the International border of Eastern Command to

make them aware about the prevalent situation in Bangladesh and seek their cooperation in border management," the spokesperson said.

The BSF spokesperson said that BGB has not only been co-operating with BSF on the International border on operations matters, but also taking steps for the safety of Indians and people from minority communities in Bangladesh in collaboration with their civil authorities.

"On August 9, when 1,500 Bangladeshis had assembled near zero line on Coochbehar-Lalmonirhat District border inside Bangladesh, the BGB made efforts in collaboration with civil authorities of Lalmonirhat District, Bangladesh to persuade them to return," the spokesperson said.

Bihar Police forms SIT after constable, her 4 kin found dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, AUGUST 13

POLICE IN Bihar's Bhagalpur district formed a special investigation team (SIT) after a woman constable and her four family members, including her husband, were found dead at their quarters in the district police lines on Tuesday morning.

Constable Neetu Kumari (32), her son and daughter, and her mother-in-law were found with their throats slit, while her husband, Pankaj Kumar (34), was found hanging from a ceiling fan, the Bhagalpur police said.

Police said they suspected Pankaj first killed Neetu and the others and then took his own life. They said they also found a suicide note in Pankaj's pocket saying he suspected Neetu of having an affair.

"In the suicide note, Pankaj claimed that the reason behind taking the extreme step was his wife's illicit affair with someone. The matter is being examined further," Bhagalpur Range DIG Vivekanand told reporters.

The DIG said the incident might have taken place in the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday.

"According to locals, a milkman saw the bodies lying in pools of blood and informed Neetu Kumari's neighbours... they said Neetu and Pankaj had a heated argument over some trivial issue outside their quarters on Monday night."

Announcing the SIT, the Bhagalpur SSP's office said: "It looks like Pankaj drugged the food of the four and slit their throats after they fell unconscious. Later, he also died by suicide."

J&K contempt case: IAS officer gives written apology to judge

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13

A DAY after he sought time from the J&K and Ladakh High Court to "think over" it, IAS officer and Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner Shyambir Singh appeared before the Chief Judicial Magistrate who had called for contempt proceedings against him and filed a written apology.

Deputy Commissioner Singh "appeared" before the court of CJM Ganderbal Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi and tendered a "sincere apology", an order by the CJM's court said. "A written apology in the form of affidavit has been filed stating therein that there has never been any deliberate or willful attempt to interfere with the administration of justice and that in view of the contempt proceedings drawn by the Hon'ble Court of Learned Sub-

Judge/Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal... the deponent therein tenders his sincere apology in the instant matter," the order read.

"The respondent verbally reaffirmed that he is tendering the apology sincerely and he undertakes that he will not cause any interference in the judicial functions and will always respect the courts of law," the order said, adding, "The apology has been placed on file and a copy of the same is submitted to Hon'ble High Court of J&K and Ladakh for further kind orders..."

On Monday, Singh, a 2018-batch IAS officer, had appeared in the HC — which initiated the contempt proceedings against Singh on the back of a contempt reference sent by CJM Qureshi — and apologised, saying he had no intention of "undermining the dignity of the learned court".

Division Bench of Justices

Atul Sreedharan and Sanjeev Kumar, however, told Singh that if he was sincere in his apology he should go back to the CJM court and apologise there. The HC listed the case for August 14. Singh then asked the HC for time to think over whether he would file a written apology to the CJM and "personally appear" in his court.

In his contempt reference, CJM Qureshi accused DC Singh of not only failing to comply with one of his previous orders but of also personally attacking him "by manipulation and fabrication". He had also alleged that the DC had launched an inquiry into some land he owned as an act of "revenge" for passing an adverse order and withholding his salary in a land acquisition case, where some petitioners had approached the CJM saying they had not been compensated by the government for land acquired from them.

Rajasthan man held for tying wife to bike, dragging her around village

Jaipur: A woman in Rajasthan's Nagaur district was allegedly thrashed by her alcoholic husband, tied to a motorcycle and dragged around a village, police said Tuesday. The video claiming to show the woman tied to the motorcycle and being dragged surfaced online Monday after which police arrested the man.

According to Nagaur police, the man identified as Premaram Meghwal (28) who was in an inebriated state had a fight with his wife after he got angry with the way she talked to his mother. To punish her, he tied her to his bike and later dragged her around the village. The incident was recorded by a bystander who later sent it to Meghwal's sister-in-law.

Nagaur Superintendent of Police, Narayan Togas told *The Indian Express* they have taken suo motu action against the man, from Naharsinghpura village, and have arrested him. **ENS**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Keeping in view the Independence Day Ceremony-2024 at Red Fort on 15th August, 2024 the train movement between Delhi Jn. and Delhi Shahdara Stations will remain temporarily suspended for 2 hrs & 15 minutes from 6.45 a.m. to 09.00 a.m. As a result the following trains will be affected on 15th August, 2024 as per details given below :-

Train No. & Name	Train to be Reschedule/Regulated at Station
18102 Jammu Tawi- Tatanagar Express	Will be regulated at Delhi Jn. Station & will depart after security clearance
12038 Delhi Jn. - Kotdwara Siddhabali Jan Shatabdi Exp.	Will depart at 09:00 hrs. after security clearance
15910 Lalgarh - Dibrugarh Avadh Assam Express	Will be regulated at Delhi Jn. Station & will depart after security clearance
15484 Delhi Jn. - Ailpur Duar Sikkim Mahananda Exp.	Will depart at 8:50 hrs. after security clearance
04401 Delhi Jn. - Saharanpur DMU Express Special	Will depart at 09:10 hrs.
12324 Barmer - Howrah Superfast Express	Will be regulated for 60 minutes between Rewari - Delhi Jn.
04946 Delhi Jn. - Ghaziabad Special Express	Will be regulated at Delhi Jn. Station & will depart after security clearance
12225 Azamgarh - Delhi Jn. Kaifiat Express	Will depart 90 minutes late from Azamgarh on 14.08.2024
14042 Dehradun - Delhi Jn. Mussoorie Express	Will depart 70 minutes late from Dehradun on 14.08.2024
04404 Saharanpur - Delhi Jn. MEMU MEX Special	Will be regulated between Ghaziabad - Delhi Shahdara till security clearance

TRAINS CANCELLED ON 15th AUGUST, 2024

Train Number 04413 Ghaziabad - Delhi Jn. EMU Special will remain cancelled.
Train Number 04486 Delhi Jn. - Sahibabad Special Express will remain cancelled.
Train Number 04447 Ghaziabad - Delhi Jn. EMU Special Express will remain cancelled.
Train Number 05000 Shamli - Delhi Jn. Special Express will remain cancelled.
Train Number 04940 Delhi Jn. - Ghaziabad EMU will remain cancelled.

DIVERSION OF TRAINS ON 15th AUGUST, 2024

Train No. & Name	Diverted Route
04091 Khurja - Shakurbasti MEX Special	Sahibabad-Tilak Bridge-New Delhi-Delhi Kishanganj
04339 Bulandshahr - Tilak Bridge Express Special	Sahibabad - Tilak Bridge

SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS ON 15th AUGUST, 2024

Train No. & Name	Terminate at/ Originate from	Cancelled between stations
04401 Delhi Jn. -Shamli-Saharanpur DMU Special Exp.	at Shamli	Shamli - Saharanpur
04402 Saharanpur-Shamli-Delhi Jn. DMU Special Exp.	from Shamli	Saharanpur - Shamli
04288 Delhi Jn. -Aligarh MEMU Special Express	from Ghaziabad	Delhi Jn. - Ghaziabad
01622 Saharanpur-Shamli-Delhi Jn. Special Express	at Delhi Shahdara	Delhi Shahdara-Delhi Jn.
01617 Delhi Jn. - Shamli Special Express	from Delhi Shahdara	Delhi Jn. -Delhi Shahdara
04931 Aligarh - Delhi Jn. Express Special	at Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad - Delhi Jn.

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COMMANDO CAMP ON FOREST LAND

File affidavit on action against Assam top forest officer, NGT tells Centre

NIKHIL GHANEKAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE NATIONAL Green Tribunal's (NGT) eastern bench directed the Centre to file an affidavit indicating action taken against Assam's senior forest officer MK Yadava who "permitted diversion of forest land for making a commando battalion camp on 28 hectares of forest in Geleky, Sivasagar district."

In an order passed Friday, the eastern bench said it was not for the top forest officer to decide whether the commando camp would impact forest conservation or not since that decision has to be taken by the Centre under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Hearing the ongoing plea alleging violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, the NGT bench said, "There is nothing on

record to show there is any permission or sanction granted by the Central Government for diversion of forest land in question for the constructions referred to in the affidavit of the PCCF, Assam."

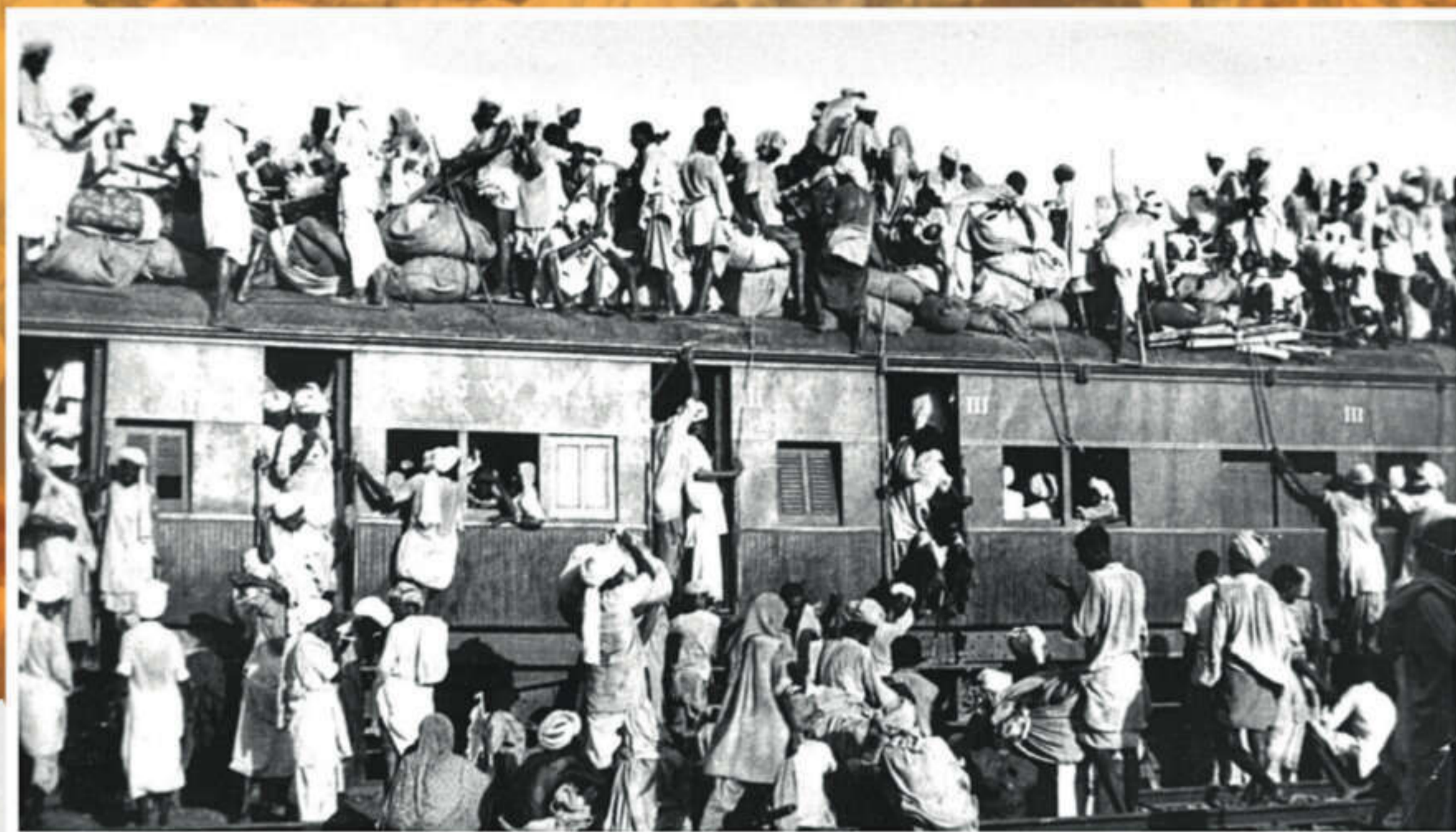
"The affidavit of MoEF&CC (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) shall also indicate what action has been taken against the then PCCF (Principal Chief Conservator of Forest) Shri MK Yadava who permitted diversion of Forest land in violation of Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for making solid constructions to house 800 personnel with arms, ammunitions and sophisticated weapons with parade area, exercise areas, shooting area, adequate housing etc," the NGT order said.

This is the second case involving forest officer Yadava, who is currently Special Chief Secretary (Forests). In the other case, the re-

gional office of the Environment Ministry had served a show cause notice to Yadava after it found violation of forest laws in the construction of a commando battalion camp in Hailakandi district.

In May this year, the eastern bench had ordered a committee of senior Environment Ministry officials to probe into allegations of forest law violations. However, a report is yet to be filed.

In an affidavit filed before the NGT, the Assam forest department had argued that the construction for the battalion "is an activity for forest conservation and forest management and while undertaking the activity, no tree felling has been resorted to." The Tribunal said in its order, "...we are of the view that it is not for the PCCF Assam to take a decision... since the decision in such a case has to be taken by the Central Government..."



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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 Kuldeep, S/o Sh. Pappu, R/o H. No. J-275, Mangolpuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 567/2019, dated 17.06.2019, U/s 33 D.Ex. Act, P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Kuldeep cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Kuldeep has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Sh. Rishabh Kapoor Metropolitan Magistrate North-West District, Room No. 105 Rohini Courts, Delhi DP/10706/OD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Mohd. Sabre Alam, S/o Abdul Gaffar R/o : 862/03, Sodh Nagar, Plain Colony, New Delhi also at Hamari Tola, Choti Hamari, Post Chorahi, P.S. Khudawanpur, Dist. Begu Sarai, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 559/2015 Date : 25.8.2015 U/s : 63 C.R.Act, Police Station, Darya Ganj and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Mohd. Sabre Alam cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Sabre Alam has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Shri Anuj Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Metropolitan Room No-296A, Dist. Tis Hazari, Court, Delhi DP/10232/CD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr. P.C. Where as complaint has been made before me that accused Wakeel S/o Sh. Munshi Raza, R/o- Jhuggi No. 62/72, Patrachar Colony, Timarpur, Delhi also at Village- Dehlu Pur, Post- Raniganj Kaithola, Lal Ganj, Pratappgarh, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 289/24 U/s 323/308/427/34 IPC PS Wazirabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Wakeel cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Wakeel has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Sh. Chatinder Singh Judicial Magistrate-First Class-07 Central Distt, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi DP/10656/N/2024 (Court Matter)

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REGIONAL OFFICE: Bank of Baroda, First Floor, Diamond Complex, Dilli More, Darbhanga-846004 Cont. No. 8969513429, Website: www.bankofbaroda.com. POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property) [As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the BANK OF BARODA under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank. [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Section 13 (4)] Whereas : The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on below mentioned date calling upon the following borrower to repay the below mentioned amount in the notice to repay within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय मध्य प्रदेश भोपाल दिनांक 06/08/2024 कमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25 (297) निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25 (211), Bhopal, Dated 24-06-2024 द्वारा Photo Identity Making System के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरण के समय सारणी में "आंशिक संशोधन" के संबंध में "शुद्धि पत्र" (Corrigendum/Addendum) जारी किया गया है जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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Office of Executive Engineer, Construction Division, P.W.D. Amroha E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders No 1528 / E-Tender/24-25 Dated : 07-08-2024 1. The Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD Amroha on behalf of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractor registered with UP PWD Class A, B, C & D (For Road Works) The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works, Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

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उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (2024-25) विद्युत जानपद पारेषण मण्डल आगरा 5. अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-11/विजा040म0/आगरा/2024-25-132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र जानपद हाथरस पर 01 अदद 33 के0वी0 गुहतरा 'बे' के जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य। समय अवधि 06 माह, धरोहर धनराशि ₹0 14,000.00, निविदा मूल्य ₹0 1000+180=1180.00, अन्तिम तिथि 29.08.2024।

कार्यालय: प्रधानाचार्य, डा० भीमराव रामजी आंबेडकर राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, कन्नौज। पत्रांक-अधि०/क्रय/निविदा/2024-25/6665 दिनांक-09/08/2024 निविदा सूचना डा० भीमराव रामजी आंबेडकर राजकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, कन्नौज में कालेज ऑफ नर्सिंग हेतु मैनपावर (आउटसोर्स ऑफ मैनपावर) तथा सेवाओं की आपूर्ति हेतु निम्नलिखित विवरण के अनुसार जेम निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जेम पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि व समय-21.08.2024 अपराह्न 12:00 बजे एवं अन्तिम तिथि 12.09.2024 की सांय 5:00 बजे तक।

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, जल नवन, श्री ब्लाक, नेहरू कालोनी, देहरादून पत्रांक-294 / ई-निविदा / 2023-24 ई-निविदा सूचना उल्लेखित जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय मण्डल, देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा, ई-बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कॉमिश्नियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

Indian Bank Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bisar Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18-05-2024 Calling upon the borrower **M/s Maa Durga Fly Ash Bricks and Paver Block Prop- Mrs Sunita Mishra, Vill-Bedaulya Parsanva, Po- Amba, Aurangabad, Bihar-824113** with our Singhpur Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1973395/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Only)** plus interest w.e.f. 18-05-2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **9th day of August of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 1973395/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Only)** and interest thereon along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred to be incurred by the bank.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities"

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Khata No.	Plot No.	Title Deed No	Area	Boundary (as per deed)
54	123	120	6.00 Dec	North - Rajendra Mishra, South - Pind East - Pakki Sadak, West - Awadh Bihari Sharma
54	123	Dated 05-01-2022	6.00 Dec	North - Rasta, South - Pind, East - Niz Kreta West - Niz Bikreta

Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Mrs Sunita Mishra W/o- Mr Himanshu Kumar Gautam, Ward No-5, Children Paradise Public School, Bedolya, Po-Amba, Aurangabad, Bihar-824111.

Date: 09.08.2024 Place: Singhpur

Sd/- Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **9th day of August of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 33,85,148/- (Rupees Thirty three Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred forty eight Only)** and interest thereon along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred to be incurred by the bank.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Khata No.	Plot No	Sale Deed no	Area	Boundary
43	150	4328 Dated 01-07-2016	3.125 Decimal	North: Karha Pind, South: Nij Bikreta East: Nij Bikreta, West: Ramnareesh Singh

Guarantor/Mortgagor: 1. Sri Manish Kumar, S/o Sri Ram Nareesh Singh, Vill - Mayapur, PO - Dhano, PS - Daudnagar, Dist - Aurangabad, Bihar - 824113. 2. Sri Raju Kumar S/o Ram Nareesh Singh, Vill - Mayapur, PO - Dhano, PS - Daudnagar, Dist - Aurangabad, Bihar - 824113.

Date: 09.08.2024 Place: Jinoriya

Sd/- Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)

Indian Bank Zonal Office, Gaya(e-AB), South Bisar Talab Road, Gaya, Bihar-823001

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **9th day of August of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 1218310/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Ten Only)** and interest thereon along with legal expenses and other expenses already incurred to be incurred by the bank.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities"

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Holding No.	Plot No	Mortgage Deed No.	Registered Mortgage Deed no	Boundary
281	821	3662 Dated 19-06-2019	2.00 Dec	North- Gopal Tiwari, South- 7 feet Rasta by Bikreta, East- Nij Bikreta, West - Sarita Devi

Guarantor : 1. Mrs Khushboo Kumari D/o- Birendra Singh Vill-Pasawan, Po-Dhanawan, PS-Daudnagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824113.

Date: 09-08-2024 Place: Aurangabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)

Bank of India ZONAL OFFICE: SIWAN ZONE 1st Floor, Tarwara More, Siwan - 841226, E-Mail- zo.siwan@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India under securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table within 60 Days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers / Guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued U/S 13 (2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/ guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property (Secured Assets) Described in the table given below, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the said Act Read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date(s) mentioned against the respective property. The aforesaid borrowers / Guarantors in particulars and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA. For the amount shown in the respective column of the table and interest thereon.

Name of Borrower	(1) Branch (2) Date & Amount as per Notice U/S 13 (2)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Possession of Assets
Borrower- Mr. Ali Akhtar S/o- Late Sher Mohammad And Guarantor- Mr. Shamsheer Ali S/o- Ali Akhtar, R/o- Makhdm Sarai, Lahera Toli Ps- Ninety Two Rupees and Eighty Three Paise) and interest thereon.	(i) Siwan (ii) 05.04.2024, Rs. 22,49,392.83 (Twenty Two Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Rupees and Eighty Three Paise) and interest thereon.	Property is in the name of Mr. Ali Akhtar S/o- Late Sher Mohammad Situated at Makhdm Sarai, Lahera Toli, ward no 27/36 (Old) 15(New) PS-Siwan Town & Dist- Siwan (Bihar) having Khata No.-1390, Khesra No.-4204, Holding No.-291, Taazi No.-1474, Thana No.-231, Area 5.00 Dhur, Sale Deed No.-13095 Dated 20.08.1999. Boundaries:-North- Nazarul Khatoun at present, Mumtaz, South-Ishmail, East-Abdul Manar, West-Road	12.08.2024

Date: 12.08.2024 Place: Siwan

Sd/- Authorised Officer (Bank of India, Siwan Zone)

राज्य कृषि प्रबन्ध संस्थान

जिला - पंच (3)/संकाय/एच/ए/2024-25/5546 दिनांक - 01/08/2024

जीलाधी सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि कार्यालय राज्य कृषि प्रबन्ध संस्थान, दुर्गापुर, जयपुर के परिसर में स्थित निम्न कम्प्यूटर आईटम्स से सम्बन्धित अनुपयोगी सामानों की नीलामी "जहाँ है जैसी स्थिति में है" उसी स्थिति में की जायेगी।

क्र. सं.	सामान का विवरण	पुस्तक मूल्य (राशि रुपये लाखों में)	नीलामी की दिनांक व समय	घरोहर राशि
1	कम्प्यूटर हार्डवेयर, कम्प्यूटर निन्दर, लेपटॉप, यू.पी.एस, टीपी फोटोकॉपीयर्स प्रोजेक्टर इत्यादि।	12.35	29.08.2024 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे	24,700/-

अंतः राज्य प्रदूषण बोर्ड द्वारा जारी E Waste Licence प्राप्त इच्छुक व्यक्ति / फर्म निम्नलिखित दिनांक व समय पर उपस्थित होकर घरोहर राशि जमा करवाकर बोली में भाग ले सकता है। बोली की अन्य शर्तों कार्यालय के नॉटिस बोर्ड, विभागीय वेबसाइट www.agriculture.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

संकाय संख्या/सी/3704

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for under noted work:-

1. Name of work: CTR(P)-25.0 Tkm & TSR(P)-55.0 Tkm with TRT machine & Manual TRR(P)-7.8 km in the sanctioned locations at various section of Delhi Division under DEN/Track.
2. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 9,92,11,726.30/-
3. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 6,46,100/-
4. Completion period: 18 Months
5. Date of opening: 05.09.2024

The e-tender is to be submitted through railway website 'http://reps.gov.in'. The tenders can be submitted on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 05.09.2024 and shall be opened there after.

No.: 128-W/S/DEN-C/NIT-8-2024-25-WC Date: 13.08.2024 2518/2024

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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

- (1) Purchase of Fully Built Aerial Lift of 14.5 Mtr. and Comprehensive Maintenance, Re - invited e-tenders
- (2) 78103

Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

PRO/AAM(M)/51/2024 GENERAL MANAGER

Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Corrigendum 1 for Tender Notice 26 Dt. 01/08/2024

Online tender through E-Tendering system www.maha-tenders.gov.in in the above said tender is extended up to 16/08/2024 at 3.30 PM. Tender Opening Date 21/08/2024 at 4.00 PM. Terms and conditions remains same as per main tender documents. Date 13/08/2024

Sd/- City Engineer Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट

शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 886 तेनुघाट दिनांक 02.08.2024 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-WRD/TDD Tenughat/ NIT/ DMFT/05/2024-25 दिनांक 02.08.2024 जो विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसका PR.No. 331814 Water Resource (24-25) D है। जिसमें निविदा खुलने की तिथि 22.08.2024 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न के स्थान पर 23.08.2024 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न पढ़ा जाय।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, PR 332682 Water Resource(24-25).D तेनुघाट बाँध प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट

File No.-P/ESFO21/3/2023-TT, E-430

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Department of Food & Public Distribution

Government of India

Kalyanpur, Kanpur Dated- 13.08.2024

Notice Inviting Tender

Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur, on behalf of President of India invites Sealed Tenders for purchase of "Chimney" from Indian Manufacturers/ Authorized Dealers /Firms of the Central/ State Government Organization/ Autonomous Bodies/ Public Sector Units/ Private units having prior experience of undertaking such work.

The Tender document with complete details of equipments including technical specifications and other terms & condition can be downloaded from the website www.nsi.gov.in. Bids must be submitted on or before 03.09.2024 upto 01:00pm. The Bids will be opened on the same day at 03:00 PM onwards.

Sd/- (Yogesh Chandra Srivastava) Administrative cum Purchase & Sales Officer

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड Container Corporation of India Ltd. (एन एल एन एल के अंतर्गत) (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

PUBLIC AUCTION/TENDER NOTICE

DISPOSAL OF UNCLEARED/UNCLAIMED IMPORTED CARGO THROUGH E-AUCTION

Container Corporation of India Ltd. shall auction scrap items, empty damage containers and unclaimed/uncleared imported cargo landed at the terminals of Area 1 and Area 4 those containers arrived on or before 31-01-2024 through e-auction on 29-08-2024 on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". All details along with Terms & Conditions of auction sale & cargo details will be available on www.concordindia.co.in & www.mstcccommerce.com w.e.f. 16-08-2024. All importers including Government Undertakings/Departments whose containers/goods are lying unclaimed/uncleared and falling in the said list uploaded in website at respective terminals, because of any dispute, stay by Court/Tribunal/others or any such reason may accordingly inform the concerned Executive Director at Area 1 and Area 4 CONCOR as well as Commissioner of Customs of the concerned Commissioners, and file their objections/claims regarding disposal of such goods within 7 (Seven Days) of this notice failing which the goods will be auctioned on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" without any further notice. For full details please log on to www.concordindia.co.in & www.mstcccommerce.com Executive Director, Area 1

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चतरा।

शुद्धि-पत्र

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चतरा के अन्तर्गत मुच्यमत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के तहत ई-निविदा संख्या- 08/2024-25/RWD/CHATRA, दिनांक-23.07.2024, जिसकी प्रारंभिक की अंतिम तिथि 21.08.2024 है तथा P.R. No. 330517 (Rural Work Department) 24-25 (D) है, उसमें निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है :-

1. उक्त निविदा के Identification No.-RWD/CHATRA/37/2024-25 (ग्राम हुमरा दुर्गीदाग मेन रोड से नारायणपुर मेन रोड भाया पलकडीह, बरवाडीह बाजार तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य, लं.-2.50 कि.मी.) में प्रशासनिक स्वीकृति के आधार पर प्राकृतिक राशि 252.84 लाख मात्र प्रकाशित की गई है, जिसका परिमाण विषय (BOQ) की राशि 249.76684 लाख मात्र (2.50 करोड़ से कम) हो गया है तथा कार्य सम्पत्ति की अवधि 12 माह पढ़ा जाय।
2. अन्य शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

PR 332629 Rural Work Department(24-25)D कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, चतरा।

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Letter No. 710 Date Extension/Corrigendum Notice No.1 Dated 12.08.2024

Due to unavoidable circumstances, due dates of Tender Notice No 03/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2024-25 invited by Office of the Executive Engineer Project Civil Maintenance Dhalipur Dehradun are extended as per following details:

Last Date & Time for submission of tender : 20.08.2024 upto 13:00 Hrs
Last Date of Off line Submission of document (Document in original) : 21.08.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date of opening of tender : 21.08.2024 at 13:00 Hrs.
List of Plant & Machinery Required of Schedule-C Item No 1 to 10 Quantity as per site requirement in place of given Quantity in tender document.
All other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" Executive Engineer

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CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE JAMMU & KASHMIR 10 August 2000

On 10th August 2000, a 40 Battalion of CRPF party was on bank encashment duty at the SBI Main Branch, Residency Road, Srinagar. While Ct/Dvr K. Sambaiah was stationed at the gate, a small blast occurred. As additional forces arrived to inspect the scene, an IED hidden in a car exploded, engulfing the area in flames. Ct/Dvr K. Sambaiah sustained severe burn injuries and was evacuated to Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, where he succumbed to his injuries on August 14th, attaining martyrdom.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE CHHATTISGARH 14 August 2012

On 14th August 2012, troops of 210 CoBRA Battalion launched an operation against Maoists in the jungles of Piseapur, PS-Basaguda, district Bijapur. While combing the dense jungle, Shaheed Constable S. Prabhu, acting as the scout, detected suspicious movement and immediately alerted his troops. Advancing tactically, the troops encountered heavy fire from Maoists who had taken secure positions. A fierce gunfight ensued, and Shaheed Constable S. Prabhu, leading from the front, inflicted injuries on several Maoists with his accurate fire. However, he was fatally wounded and attained martyrdom. His keen observation and fearless advance foiled a well-planned ambush, saving his fellow troops from significant casualties. For his bravery and gallant actions, he was posthumously awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry by the Honourable President of India.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE JAMMU & KASHMIR 14 August 1965

In August 1965, 6 Battalion of CRPF was deployed along the Line of Control in Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir. Enemy troops launched a fierce attack on the CRPF post at Gilli, which was bravely repelled by our troops. During the battle, Constable Naresh Mishra's bunker was completely destroyed by a rocket. Despite this, he continued to engage the enemy, firing until his last breath. For his exceptional gallantry and unwavering valor, Constable Naresh Mishra was posthumously awarded the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry.

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE Inspector Jitender Singh Chauhan

ITBP salutes its braveheart Inspector Jitender Singh Chauhan of 31st Battalion, who laid down his life in the line of duty on this day in Arunachal Pradesh in 2014.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)

Tender Notice (1st call)

Contractors, Registered appropriate class in Unified Registration System (e-Registration) invited Online tenders for the following works:-

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
132/ 157221	B.T. Patch Repair Work, Wmm Patch Repair And Other Repair Work Of Abhanpur Section No-03 & Nawapara Section Under Sub Division Abhanpur 1.Dadarjohi Manikchauri Tokro Kodapar Marg (MDR) 1/2 to 1/10=9.40 km, 2. Dongitral Piprad Umarpoi Sandarkera Road (Main District Road) 1/2 to 1/7=2.60 km, 3. Tari Patwara Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 4/2=3.20 km, 4. Chipridih Internal Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 1/6 Length 0.60 km, 5. Jawalbandha approach road (VR) 1/2 to 1/6 Length 0.60 km, 6. Jawalbandha-Khola road (VR) 1/2 to 3/6 Length 2.60 km, 7. Nawagaon Jandi Marg (VR) 1/2 to 3/10= 3.00 km, 9. Navapara Chhanta Kathiya Road (MDR) 1/2 to 2/10 = 2.00 km, 12. Navapara Parsada Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 1/10= 0.85 km, 11. South Ghont Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 2/10 = 2.00 km, 12. Navapara Paragaon Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 1/10= 1.00 km, 13. Lakhna-Champaran Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 5/10=5.00 km, 14. Sonesili-Chhata Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 2/10 (2.00 km).	Rs. 80.00 Lakh
133/ 157222	B.T. Patch Repair Work, Wmm Patch Repair And Other Repair Work Of Various Roads of Abhanpur Section No.-01, Section No.02 & Khilora Section Under Sub Division Abhanpur 1. Jangson-Khola Road (VR) 1/2 to 2/4 Length 1.40 km, 2. Satpara Approach road (VR) 1/2 to 1/10 = 1.00 km, 3. Sarkhi Sakri Beler Sarabada Road (MDR) length 8.30 km, 4. Kendryia Singarbhattha Chhachhanpari Marg (MDR) 7/10 to 1/02=2.00 km, 5. Parsulidih Lankend Khilora Road (MDR) 1/4 to 2/6, 3/4 to 3/6, 4/4 to 4/6 and 2.20 km, 6. Chhote Urla Approach roads (VR) 1/2 to 1/10= 1.00 km, 7. Baler-Kopedud Road (Rural Road) 1/2 to 1/4 =0.30km, 8. Abhanpur Baler Approach road length (Rural Road) 2/2 to 2/4 = 0.25 km, 9. Urla Pacheda Road Length (Rural Road) 6/2 to 7/2 (5 m)=1.075 km, 10. Chandi Belar Sarbada Marg (Rural Road) 3/2 to 3/6=4/2 to 4/8(70 m) 1.270 km, 11. Abhanpur Kolar Tekar Marg (MDR) Km. 1/2 to 3/6=5/2 to 1/2=8.47 km, 12. Chhachhanpari Juhm Mundra Marg (VR) 1/2 to 3/4=5/6 to 6/10=3.70 km, 13. Amadi Ravelli Marg (Rural Road) 1/2 to 2/10=3.68 km, 14. Bendi Approach road (rural road) 1/2 to 2/2=1.20 km, 15. Jhanki Bakura Biora Marg (Rural Road) 1/2 to 8/4=7.30 km, 16. Chhachhanpari Khilora Marg (Rural Road) 1/2 to 3/4=2.40 km.	Rs. 80.00 Lakh
134/ 157223	B.T. Patch Repair Work on Various Roads Under Section No. 1, Sub Div. 3 Raipur 1.Simga Tilda Kharora Arang Nawapara Magarload Dhantari Road (SH-20) KM Length 7.5KM 2.Gourbhat Bhalaria Tamasvini Tandul Road KM 1 to 17 Length 17KM 3. Uparwara Charaya Kurru Road KM 6 to 6 to 10 Length 5KM 4. Vidhanasabha Fly Over KM 1 Length 1KM 5.Torla Kathiya Abhanpur KM 1/2 to 3/2 Length 2.2KM 6.Jangamond Pond Danganiya Road KM 1 to 12 Length 9KM 7. Sunderkaria Kathiya Nawagaon Road KM 1/2 to 3/2 Length 2.2KM 8.Kathiya Tara Ugetara Nawagaon Road KM 1 to 5 Length 5KM 9.Ganoud Kharkharahadih Road KM 1/2 to 3/2 Length 2.2KM 10. Jounda Mandlore Road KM 1 to 3 Length 3KM 11. Torla Tila Champaran Jounda road KM 14 to 18 Length 5KM 12. Charoda Khapri Tamasvini Bhurka Pond Road KM 1/2 to 4/2 Length 3.2KM 13. Torla Bhurka Kumbhar Road KM 1/2 to 5/8 Length 4.8KM 14. Tara 17 Nos. Nali Nawagaon KM 1/2 to 3/8-100 Length 2.7KM 15. Doma Gourbhat Road KM 1/2 to 2/4 Length 1.4KM 16. Dhambi Ganod Road KM 1/2 to 2/4 Length 1.4KM 17. Bhothidih Champaran Road KM 1/2 to 4/8-100 Length 3.7KM 18.Cherya Kurru Road KM 1/2 to 4/8-100 Length 3.7KM 19.Torla Approach Road KM 1/2 to 2/2 Length 1.2KM	Rs. 120.00 Lakh
135/ 157224	W.M.M. & B.T Patch Repair work on Various MDR & Village Roads in Section No.3 Road Under Sub Div. No. 3 Raipur 1. Jhanki Murra pacheda Road 3.00 km 2. Uparwara bus stand to ITM university length km 2.00 km 3. Administrative Academy murra internal Road length km 1.00 km 4. Kendri Uparwara Road km 3.1 km 5. Bhevalundi to Uparwara Road length 1 km 6. Diva to nimora Road length 0.60 km 7. uparwara to manuhkar Road km 2.00 km	Rs. 30.52 Lakh
136/ 157225	B.T. PATCH REPAIR WORK ON VARIOUS ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION SUB DIVISION NO.-1, SECTOR-17, NAVA RAIPUR (C.G.) Abhanpur Kolar Tekari Sompai khilora Road km 11/2 to 22/6 km	Rs. 25.00 Lakh

Last date of tender Download Date up to 27.08.2024 Time 17:30 PM

Note :- All eligible/interested contractor/Pros are mandated to get enrolled on the e Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1 Raipur (CG)

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TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online tenders in Single Bid system are invited for ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE FIGHTING AND FIREALARM SYSTEM AS INSTALLED AT MMLP/KATHIWARA RAJASTHAN FOR 36 MONTHS only through e-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000.00 through online from the website (www.tenderindia.com/CGL).

Tender No.	CONARE-1/MMLP KATUWARA/TECH/O&M OF FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM/2024
Estimated Cost	Rs. 66.43.709/- (inclusive of GST)
Period of the contract	36 Months (24 Months+12 Months) (As per Clause-6 of Section-II)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 1.32.874/- (through e-payment) as per clause 2 (a) of section-I
Cost of Document*	Rs. 1000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Tender Processing Fee*	Rs. 3540/- (inclusive of 18% GST) through e-payment which is Non-refundable
Date of Sale (On Line)	From 14.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. to 03.09.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of submission	04.09.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Date & Time of Opening	05.09.2024 at 15:30 Hrs.

* Through e-Payment

CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details log on to www.tenderindia.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Discussion paper for inviting comments/objections from stakeholders/ general public for finalization of draft 4th Amendment (2024) to Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020.

All general public/stakeholders requested are to submit their objections/comments/suggestions on the above-mentioned draft discussion paper available on Commission website i.e. (<https://herc.gov.in>), to the Secretary, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, Bays No. 33-36, Sector- 4, Panchkula-134112 either in person or through post or e-mail. The last date of submission of objections/comments/suggestions is 02/09/2024 till 05:00 P.M. The public hearing will be held on 04/09/2024 at 11:30 AM in the court room of the Commission.

Sd/- Narender Kumar, HERS Secretary, HERC

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पत्र. 716 **Tender Notice** दि. 13.08.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Ichari dam invites bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below :

NIT No.- 02 & 03/EE(E&M)/Ichari dam/ 2024-25

Name of work/supply/services etc.: 1- Annual cleaning of trash rack including disposal of trash at Ichari Dam in District Dehradun. 2- Annual contract for Operation & Maintenance of LT panels, DG set and lighting system of Ichari Dam in District Dehradun.

Estimated cost: Rs.15,77,124.00 & Rs.1352952.00 (GST Extra) respectively

Date of availability of bid document on website: 13.08.2024 from 16:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids : 03.09.2024 up to 11:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

Executive Engineer (E&M), Ichari dam.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HARYANA RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS CORRIGENDUM

In light of Govt. notification No. 40/13/2024-1SW dated 16.07.2024 and in partial modification to this office advertisement dated 08.08.2024; the Clause No. 11 (iii) of the advertisement shall be read as under:

"for BC-A & BC-B category candidates :- The candidates belonging to above categories are directed to obtain the fresh/latest BC-A or BC-B certificate, as the case may be, as



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

KEEP SOCIAL PEACE

Yunus-led dispensation should mitigate atmosphere of fear among Bangladesh's minorities, ensure their protection

IMMEDIATELY AFTER BANGLADESH'S agitating students declared that they wanted Muhammad Yunus to lead the country's interim government, the 84-year-old Nobel Laureate issued an appeal: "Let us make best use of this victory. Let us not let this slip away because of our mistakes. Please refrain from violence". These words spoke of the enormity of the task before the widely-respected economist, banker and social entrepreneur: Uniting a bitterly-divided country and restoring its democratic fabric following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina in a mass upsurge. If Hasina's 15-year old rule was tainted by the arrests of Opposition leaders, suppression of dissent and crackdowns on free speech, the protests against her regime fueled concerns of a return to political instability and reopening of past scars — many of them leftovers of Bangladesh's liberation movement, some going even further back to the Partition of the Subcontinent. Events in the week since he has taken over as the head of the interim government, have underlined that applying the healing touch and holding social peace should be Yunus's first priority. Especially worrying are reports of more than 200 attacks on Bangladesh's largest religious minority, the Hindus — at least five members of the community have lost their lives and the properties of several others have been vandalised since August 5. Bangladesh's interim head of government has reiterated his call for peace. But words of calm won't be enough. Yunus will have to arrest the collapse of law and order and ensure that the country's minorities are protected.

Hasina became the face of the secular version of Bangladesh's polity, in the face of the rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism and even as the country witnessed episodes of low-intensity communal tension. The protests against the Awami League regime began on the country's campuses, so widespread was the discontent, the movement encompassed most sections of Bangladesh's society, including the Islamists. Even in the early phase, it was apparent that the political was becoming intertwined with the communal. The turmoil has continued even after Hasina's flight from the country. The Hindus, traditionally Awami League supporters, have become soft targets during the retaliation against the excesses of the Hasina regime. Most of the attacks have taken places in rural areas and along Bangladesh's border with India. The absence of the police — most of them have fled their stations for fear of retribution by the protestors — seems to have emboldened other miscreants. It has also added to the vulnerabilities of the minorities.

Bangladesh's interim government comprises academics, civil society activists, student leaders and former government officials. By all accounts, the Awami League, or its supporters, are missing. Yunus was persecuted by the Hasina regime, which weaponised labour laws to convict the father of micro-finance. But in steering Bangladesh past a difficult period, he must be large-hearted. Hasina has made an ignominious exit. Now, not even the party's worst critic will deny the stakes of the Awami League in the future of Bangladesh's polity. The wounded nation needs representatives of all its parties to put their heads together and apply the salve. It's up to Yunus to make the first move.

FAILING HER

Protests against rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata point to chasm between intent and outcome on women's safety

A TRAINEE DOCTOR walks into a seminar room after a 36-hour shift to rest, the only place available in the absence of a duty room. The next morning she is found dead, her body bearing marks of grievous sexual assault. A junior nurse finishes her shift and goes to change. She is sexually assaulted and choked nearly to death. She lives for 41 excruciating years afterwards in a vegetative state. Separated by decades and cities, the fate of these two women — the 31-year-old doctor in Kolkata's state-run RG Kar Medical College who was found dead on August 9, and Aruna Shanbaug, assaulted in November 1973 in Mumbai's KEM Hospital — shows that when it comes to women's safety, not much has moved in India despite the loud assertions of "nari shakti".

In Kolkata, amid ongoing investigations, a civic volunteer has been arrested. Issues flagged year after year have surfaced — CCTV cameras that don't work, absence of on-call rooms with wash rooms, ill-lit areas that women staffers prefer to avoid after dark and inadequate security measures that have made doctors increasingly vulnerable to violence. The larger failure is the chasm between intention and outcome when it comes to women's safety. Promises made in the aftermath of the horrific December 16 gangrape incident in 2012 have largely been reduced to lip service: The 100 per cent increase in the budgetary allocation of the Nirbhaya Fund for 2024-25 notwithstanding, data shows that between 2013, when it was set up, and 2022, less than half of the allocation had been used. Society and institutions will need to keep up with changing realities. According to the All India Survey on Higher Education, in 2020-21, the ratio of women to men studying medicine was 1:1. In nursing, there were 310 women for every 100 men. Yet, implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal) Act, notified in 2013, has been half-hearted: In May 2023, the Supreme Court called out "authorities/management/employers" for failing to ensure a "safe and secure work place" for women.

If this is a moment for the administration of RG Kar Medical College to confront questions about its responsibilities towards students and staff, it also calls for a wider introspection. There is a fundamental problem in the way issues of women's safety are addressed. The clamour for capital punishment, or "encounter", as TMC party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has suggested, shows a tone-deaf reliance on instant justice. There is no consolation that can mitigate the pain of the bereaved; no atonement for acts of senseless violence that cut short lives full of promise. The only lesson that can be taken away from this is to make good on promises of empowerment and equality and a commitment to the due course of justice.

POLITICIAN & TECH BRO

Donald Trump's interview with Elon Musk was all predictable, all boring

KIM KARDASHIAN'S CROWN is safe, Bigg Boss will continue to thrive. The great challengers to "reality" TV — disgruntled billionaires playing victim — are still a force to reckon with in politics, business, conflicts and many things besides. What they are not is entertaining. Beyond the politics, that was the most obvious takeaway from Tesla, SpaceX and X (formerly Twitter) boss Elon Musk's two-hour interview with the man hoping, once again, to be US President, Donald Trump, streamed on the former's social media platform on August 13.

The essence of the conversation was encapsulated in the first few minutes — with conspiracy theories, self-promotion and a glancing acquaintance with facts. The live stream was delayed by about 40 minutes and Musk blamed the glitch on a distributed denial-of-service attack — the server was flooded with users in an attempt to cause a crash. He provided no evidence for this claim. Trump, for his part, marveled at the number of users, perhaps confusing curiosity for support. Both abused their bete noires — Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Democrats and migrants for the politician; regulation, taxation and those who impose them for the tech bro. It was all predictable. More importantly, it was all boring.

Both Trump and Musk have gone beyond their core competence, to great success. From real estate to TV to the White House; from South Africa to space, and perhaps to Mars. They are adept at controlling news cycles and grabbing eyeballs. But the art of conversation is just a little more difficult than demagoguery. And not everyone can be a reality star, a la the Kardashians. For both the influencer and the interviewer, that's good news.

The post-Mandal moment

It is here. It calls for a new language, a different politics



SUHAS PALSHIKAR

THE RECENT RULING of the Supreme Court allowing states to sub-classify SCs and STs for the purpose of preferential treatment in reservation has produced two pronounced responses: Political parties are trying to duck the issue by not committing themselves while most proponents of the reservation policy are upset about and critical of the ruling. Both the silence and the criticism represent the unease with the post-Mandal moment. The ruling itself, and the various judgments, are characteristic of the concerns and confusions of the post-Mandal moment.

Mandal — understood as caste politics — has had two connected but separate trajectories: One pre-Mandal and the other occasioned by the Mandal Commission Report. The former is a historically anchored life of democratisation, involving long-term struggles against caste. In this sense, the life of Mandal had its origin in the writings and work of Jyotiba Phule and Periyar. This pre-Mandal life of the idea of Mandal was made possible by BR Ambedkar. Subsequently, and as a consequence, the question about the *pichhad* (backward castes) drew attention since 1967 in the universe of electoral politics.

The other life of Mandal revolved around the question of reservation — this was one that shaped post-1967 politics in the north. This second life of Mandal culminated in a complicated mix. Having hit the headlines in the 1990s, by the turn of the century, Mandal politics in the electoral arena had run its course.

But by then, a noisy consensus was shaped among parties and political elites that competitive and aggressive fortification of the reservation regime was the only and sufficient flag-bearer of the social justice policy. The absorption of Mandal politics by various parties, notably the BJP, and after a quarter century, now by Congress, has been accompanied by the reductionist approach that numerical representation is an adequate response to a more complicated social reality of injustice.

In the pre-life of Mandal, questions of government policy were intrinsically based on the larger goal of "anti-caste" politics — that is, on the goal of doing away with caste-based injustice and unfairness. This was the most valuable contribution of Ambedkar to the discourse of social justice and democracy. By the turn of the century, that umbilical cord with more fundamental issues got severed. This development meant that rather than Mandal

3.0, we entered into a post-Mandal moment where the anti-caste context got lost and concern with reservation got distorted.

Mandal as an idea represented three sets of contradictory and yet complementary elements. One, it set off a critical examination of our public sphere in terms of mirror representation and also gave rise to the substantive question of a fair share in power. Though connected, these are distinct sides of the same issue: One looks at easy solutions and the other warns us about the monumental challenge. This made us aware of the narrow social base of our elites and at the same time, moving farther from crude enumeration of everyone's caste background, this element drew attention to the asymmetry of power.

Two, the Mandal moment emphasised the need to fortify the reservation regime — by moving beyond SCs and STs, by addressing questions of reservation in promotion and by rejecting the reservation/merit binary. At the same time, the Mandal moment also sensitised policy discourse to the need to permeate actual policy choices with a concern for social justice in the broader sense. The emphasis on reservation often led to easy escapes for policymakers. The question of policy based on social justice was easily eclipsed in the shadow of the bureaucratisation of the reservation regime and consequent endless recourse to the judiciary.

Three, in the realm of mobilisation, the Mandal moment strengthened the politics of building social blocs. This could enrich democracy and also enable the backward communities to engage in politics beyond localised vote banks. But simultaneously, the Mandal moment also underscored the aspirations of individual castes leading to single caste identities as the bases of formation of perpetually competing political groupings. In the case of each of these three elements, thus, the possible gains were often neutralised by short-term and cosmetic tactical advantages.

Much of the disappointment with the SC ruling emanates from a comfortable security in continuing to recognise caste blocs that made sense half a century ago. It is believed that various legal fortifications and expansions to the existing reservation regime are adequate state responses to pacify the Mandal energy without having to destabilise the social equilibrium of power. By opening up the possibility of regrouping of caste blocs and by ask-

ing (perhaps as obiter dicta, and even juridically unnecessarily) uncomfortable questions about who benefits from reservation and by employing the clumsy concept of creamy layer, the ruling has thrown up crucial questions.

Whether the Court had ruled this way or not, the post-Mandal moment was already here and needed a response from academia, policymakers and social activists to three issues. First, if the reservation policy represented an urgent need to intervene in caste-related asymmetry, how do we tweak that policy from time to time in order to ensure that it redresses the more disadvantaged from among the intended beneficiaries? Two, as Indian society moves away from an easily comprehensible overlap of caste, class and power, how do we address the new labyrinths of power asymmetry? Reservation for EWS was a smart way to avoid this question. But the question is bound to re-surface. Three, do we expect the SC, ST and OBC to be seen as permanent blocs? Democratic politics will inevitably bring internal political divisions in these administratively approved blocs. Is our politics ready to imagine and shape new social blocs that will attend to both socio-economic and democratic compulsions that lead to disintegration of the existing blocs?

The responses are bound to be tentative, pragmatic and even crude. But responses will surely be needed. Consider the existing challenges. Among many castes from SCs and tribes from STs, there is a long-standing and deep concern over their condition. This results in distrust and competition within the SC/ST population. Most states have already grouped OBCs into sub-categories in order to allay the fears of "more backward". A number of politically strong agrarian castes are waging struggles for reservation in response to their deteriorating condition in the material sphere.

These and similar challenges suggest that issues will have some continuities but many discontinuities from the Mandal moment and, similarly, the frameworks to define the issues and analyse them will have to be freshly worked out. While the language from the Mandal era may still appear attractive, a post-Mandal moment has arrived — requiring a different language and a different politics.

The writer, based in Pune, taught political science

WHEN GURU DUTT MET PLATO

In his centenary year, making sense of the director's cinematic subversions



SUMANA ROY

EVERY SEMESTER, GURU Dutt visits my classroom. He comes in unexpectedly, like he does in the film *Pyasa* (1957). My students haven't heard of him. If he'd been alive, he'd have been 99, older than their grandparents. I had to turn to him for help with explaining Plato's "Allegory of the Cave", a text that is not commonly read in a Creative Writing classroom, but I had my reasons — I wanted them to understand the dialogic form through two very old texts, *The Republic* and the *Bhagavad Gita*.

Like Socrates said to Glaucon, I ask my students to let the classroom become a cave. "Imagine that the cavern has a mouth that opens to the light above, and a passage exists all the way down to the people. They have lived here from infancy, with their legs and necks bound in chains. They cannot move. All they can do is stare directly forward. Imagine that far above and behind them blazes a great fire." What these "captives" see is shadows, which they take to be the only possible truth.

We continue reading Shawn Eyer's translation in which Socrates says, "Imagine one of them is set free from his shackles... What do you think his reaction would be if someone informed him that everything he had formerly known was illusion and delusion, but that now he was a few steps closer to reality, oriented now towards things that were more authentic, and able to see more truly?... Would

he, rather, believe that the shadows he formerly knew were more real than the objects now being shown to him?"

I play the song "Yeh duniya agar mil bhi jaaye toh kya hai", as if to illustrate Plato's allegory. Guru Dutt's name in the film is Vijay, meaning "victory", used with characteristic melancholic irony, for he is a poet whose poems are ignored, and whose imagined death brings more commerce than his life. In the song, he stands with his arms outstretched, a silhouette that Dutt would repeat in "Jaane woh kaise log the jinke pyar ko pyar mila" in the same film, almost as if he were ploughing the light. The publisher, Ghosh, wealthy, powerful, controller of careers and destinies, is on the dais in the auditorium. Such is the architecture of conditioning that, like the people in Plato's cave, the audience's backs towards the poet and the source of light.

By interchanging the location of the two — of the poet behind the audience and the publisher on stage — Dutt challenges our habit of thought while showing us how commerce dominates and displaces both art and the artist. Vijay's poems are rejected by publishers and his family; his girlfriend leaves him to marry Ghosh. Goaded by the prostitute who loves Vijay and his writing, Ghosh publishes Vijay's poems, hoping that news of the poet's death might push up sales. This is the *duniya*

— on the dais — that Vijay wants to burn. What is being rejected? *Mehlon, takhton, taajon, samaj, daulat* — riches, fame and success. How does it matter if this world is won — *yeh duniya agar mil bhi jaaye toh kya hai?* Dutt subverts this in every way he can — notice how the "spotlight" is on the publisher, while the poet sings in the darkness of the auditorium.

Whose history is this, and whose conditioning? It is as much the struggling poet's history as it is India's, then only 10 years old, confused between materialism and the spiritual life necessary for art and calm. The nation and its new culture are unable to give him a home, a stage, where the moneyed publisher stands. Dutt's is also an allegory of the cave — it is a rejection of an idea of poetry, of the stage. The poet has come in like the audience, a "common man". He stuns them, not like Shakespeare's Titania, but into contemplation, into reflection, as every poem must.

At such a moment, as Plato and Dutt corroborate each other, the Creative Writing classroom is liberated of the worship of "craft" and can move beyond the chatter of reviews, agents and publishers to the philosophical: How will a poet who says "Mere samne se hatao yeh duniya" write about the world, this *duniya*?

Roy, a poet and writer, is associate professor, Ashoka University. Views are personal

AUGUST 14, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

TAMIL TOWN TORCHED

SRI LANKAN ARMY troops set fire to the entire Tamil-dominated Manner town in retaliation against a guerrilla ambush of a military convoy. Thirty Tamil extremists were reportedly killed in an encounter with the security forces at Kaithady, Chunnakam and Kayta. Ten extremists were killed in an exchange of fire at Kaithady and 15 while the army was clearing "roadblocks" set up by the extremists.

LA OLYMPICS END

A LIGHT-RADIATING SPACESHIP and a friendly "visitor" from another planet closed the 1984

Olympic Games in a dazzling science fiction sound-and-light show. With the Los Angeles Coliseum plunged into darkness, the mock spaceship, its lights changing colour against the background of ear-splitting "Star Wars" synthesiser music, hovered over the stadium.

NSA AMENDMENT

TOTAL CHAOS PREVAILED in the Lok Sabha when the National Security (second amendment) Bill, 1984, was being voted upon after a day-long debate. Amid strong protests from the entire opposition against the chair's ruling that only one member of a party would be allowed to speak at the third reading stage, the

Deputy Speaker, G Lakshmanan, announced, albeit inaudibly, that the bill had been passed and abruptly adjourned the House.

NEW PUNJAB ADVISER

SEVERAL TOP-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS have been made as part of the Centre's plan to revamp the Punjab administration. R V Subramaniam, who was heading the expert committee on Punjab, has been appointed an adviser to the Punjab Governor Satarawala. The appointment of S S Dhanoa, as the new chief secretary of the state, has been finalised. Both Subramaniam and Dhanoa have been asked to takeover their jobs on August 16.



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Return of the Foreign Hand

Conspiracy theories about Sheikh Hasina's ouster avoid the bigger questions in Bangladesh. What is needed is for Delhi to look ahead, deepen ties with the new regime



RAJA-MANDALA

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ONE OF THE more fascinating theories in the Indian media on the fall of Sheikh Hasina suggests that Muhammad Yunus, an 84-year old economist branded as a "CIA agent", has led the overthrow of the mighty Awami League in Dhaka and outwitted its biggest external supporter and the regional power, India.

Seriously? Conspiracy theories have long enjoyed great currency in the Subcontinent. They don't need proof and can't be disproved. Rulers in South Asia have resorted to the "foreign hand" theory whenever they faced trouble at home. Conspiracy theories were the staple of Indian politics in the second half of the 20th century. When she faced resistance against her authoritarianism, Indira Gandhi reflexively blamed the foreign hand, mostly the CIA. As she imposed Emergency in 1975, Indira Gandhi and her left supporters blamed the "fascists" at home and the "imperialists" abroad for trying to overthrow her "progressive" government.

One had thought that a "rising India" is now self-confident and secure in its own skin; and that it had overcome the impulse to blame the "foreign hand" for any unwelcome or unanticipated development. But the shock of "losing an ally" in Dhaka seems to have triggered a Delhi derangement.

Conspiracy theories pander to political prejudices and discourage common sense. They avoid reckoning with the causes of a political catastrophe staring in your face. You don't have to be a geopolitical genius to recognise that Sheikh Hasina was increasingly unpopular. She emaciated her party and turned it into a personal fief. Repeatedly rigged elections, a hardening monopoly over power, a shrinking bubble around the great leader, and growing authoritarianism combined with post-Covid economic challenges were building up anti-regime steam in Bangladesh for a while. The student movement against quotas provided the final trigger for the political blowout.

We can certainly empathise with Sheikh Hasina for clinging to the conspiracy theory. For she might be in the very early stages of grief—denial—at the loss of power. It will be a while before she comes to terms with the sources of the tragic end to her extraordinary political career that has truly transformed Bangladesh. Hasina appears convinced that the US overthrew her because she refused to give America a military base. She is not the only South Asian leader who is blaming the US for losing power. Pakistan's former prime minister, Imran Khan, has been at it since he was defenestrated in a successful no-confidence vote in the National Assembly in April 2022. Like Hasina, Imran Khan also thinks his refusal to give a base ("absolutely not" were his famous words) was what turned America against him.

To be sure, the US military is looking for bases and facilities as it responds to the Chinese military challenge in Asia. But to suggest that the US so desperately needs bases in Bangladesh and Pakistan that it is organising coups would be outlandish. But then paranoia



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does not need evidence to thrive. The coup theory also gives too much credit to the CIA. The South Asian lore about the CIA's prowess outpaces the agency's capacity. Consider the following: The CIA could not organise the ouster of much-reviled President Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela in the recent elections. The US failed to oust the communist regime in Cuba, in power for more than 60 years. Both are in America's backyard.

The CIA is not the only one that inspires the feverish imagination of South Asian conspiracy theorists. Our own external intelligence agency, R&AW, is blamed these days for any regime change in the neighbourhood.

Whether they realise it or not, in blaming the "foreign hand", the conspiracy theorists are indicting the Indian establishment for a major failure. If you say the CIA conducted a coup next door, right under India's nose, which has a huge footprint in Bangladesh, you are accusing Delhi of missing the big moment in Bangladesh. A serious Indian post-mortem on the origins and evolution of the Bangladesh crisis and Delhi's management would indeed produce valuable long-term lessons for India's regional policy. However, it is important to remember that no power, global or regional, can control politics in areas of strategic interest. And no government, however resourceful, is immune to utterly misreading the ground situation in other countries.

Instead of taking comfort in conspiracy theories, the Indian strategic community must reflect on Hasina's tragedy. As Shakespeare urged us in Richard the Second, "For God's sake, let us sit upon the ground/ And tell sad stories" of the fall of kings and queens.

Hasina's story is about both triumph and tragedy. She survived against great odds, and saved the legacy of the nation's liberation from Pakistan. Over the last 15 years, Hasina turned Bangladesh into a fast-growing economy and a "model" for other developing countries, including Pakistan to follow. She has also helped India and Bangladesh transcend some of the bitter legacies of Partition, settled the boundary dispute, ended cross-border terrorism, enhanced regional connectivity and boosted bilateral and regional trade. Like all tragic heroes, she had fatal flaws—the relentless determina-

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tion to concentrate power in her hands and an inability to heal the deep political divisions in the country over its identity and history. Notwithstanding her tragic end, Hasina will go down as a truly historic figure in the evolution of the modern Subcontinent.

India has every reason to regret Hasina's fall from power, but Delhi can't be detained by what happened in the last few days. It must look ahead and cooperate with the new rulers in Dhaka to build on the solid foundation she constructed for the bilateral strategic partnership. Delhi must also signal empathy for the student movement that is seeking political liberalisation and wider economic opportunities. As it contributes to the immediate stabilisation of Bangladesh and its long-term rise, the US will remain an important partner for India.

Over the last few years, Delhi and Washington have moved closer to each other on South Asian issues. In the last few months, there has been an important effort to reduce bilateral differences on Bangladesh. Recall that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had introduced Hasina to President Joe Biden at the G20 summit in Delhi and encouraged Washington to reduce the political pressure on Dhaka. Despite the many questions about the January elections in Bangladesh, the Biden Administration offered to cooperate with the new government led by Hasina. The problem in the end was not between Delhi and Washington. It was about Hasina rapidly losing touch with her people. Even a massive collaboration between the RAW and the CIA could not have stopped the political clock that was ticking for Hasina's unpopular rule.

Finally, the conspiracy theories in play today are unlikely to undermine the deep structural convergence between Indian and US interests in the Subcontinent and its waters. The current crisis in Bangladesh and the gathering storm in Burma demand more intensive India-US consultation and cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and its littoral.

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A caveat in the jobs data

Considering the methodological limitations of employment datasets, it is surprising that claims of rapid growth of jobs should be made



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STUDIES BASED ON the KLEMS data are being widely quoted to counter claims of poor job creation in the country. This database has been developed as part of an international project and has a very respectable parentage, nurtured by scholars from the Delhi School of Economics and ICRIER since 2009 and housed in the Reserve Bank of India since 2022. Hence, it is necessary that we examine the methodology of generating the data, going into sectoral details and original sources.

The KLEMS database consisting of data on capital (K), labour (L), energy (E), material (M) and services (S), currently available for the period 1980 to 2024, is meant to provide a "measurement tool to monitor and evaluate productivity growth at the industry level as well as the aggregate economy". It uses data from different rounds of the employment-unemployment surveys (EUS), the periodic labour force surveys (PLFS), the National Account Statistics and the Annual Survey of Industries. In the absence of yearly data from the National Statistical Office, the available data are used as benchmarks and interpolated for other years.

As per the methodology, the EUS and PLFS data are used to determine the sectoral distribution of workers by the usual principal and subsidiary status (UPSS) for four groups—rural male, rural female, urban male and urban female. Since the surveys do not provide the absolute number of workers, the estimated worker-population ratios (WPR) for the four groups from the survey are multiplied by the total population. Population for the survey years can either be interpolated using Census numbers or taken from the population projections of the National Population Commission under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

In the methodology segment of the RBI report, it is noted that for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, the all-India figures for the employed persons are taken from the Economic Survey 2021-22. For 2020-21 onwards, population projections by the MoHFW are used. But these projections are available for males and females only, and consequently, a uniform growth is applied for projecting populations in rural and urban segments. The worker numbers are then distributed among the industry groups, considered in KLEMS, according to their shares in employment as in PLFS.

Importantly, the population figures projected by MoHFW are on the higher side due to a sharp decline in fertility rate during the period from 2010 to 2020. This implies that the total labour and workforce, obtained through the multiplication of the projected population with the WPR, would be overestimated. The estimated rural population would be higher also because it is assumed to grow at the same rate as the urban population while, empirically, the rate in rural ar-

reas is much less. Since WPR in rural areas is higher than in urban areas, the total employment generated in the years of the twenties would work out as higher than the actuals.

The forgoing explanation clearly shows that the RBI does not produce any employment figures independently. The UPSS-based WPR is used on a projected population to obtain the numbers. There is a significant drop in WPR, as per UPSS, from 2011-12 to 2017-18, as we shift from EUS to PLFS and the KLEMS assumes there is no problem of temporal comparability. The WPR, however, has gone up significantly for rural women with some increases also for the other population segments, in the subsequent years. These WPR values applied on somewhat higher population estimates, as discussed above, would produce inflated employment numbers.

In the KLEMS database, employment in agriculture increased from a near stagnant 20 crore before 2018-19 to 25 crore in 2022-23. Correspondingly, the service sector employment went up from 17.2 crore to 20.2 crore. Manufacturing employment grew from 5.5 crore to 6.3 crore.

The number of workers would go up systematically due to the population increase and the methodology of projection even when the WPR remains the same. Similarly, manufacturing employment goes up although the ratio of manufacturing to total workers goes down, as per the PLFS. It is important to note that the employment data includes those with subsidiary employment, implying the inclusion of persons having a tenuous connection with work. A large majority of them are engaged as unpaid family workers. Using EUS/PLFS data along with the projected population to claim employment generation would thus be misleading, without any reference to the nature and quality of work.

A study by economists at the SBI compares the projected total employment based on the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) data with the numbers available in the RBI KLEMS database. The ASUSE survey covers a subset of all unorganised enterprises and excludes those in construction, the corporate sector and government, besides those registered as factories and cooperatives. The survey estimated the number of persons employed in such enterprises to be only 10.96 crore. This is being inflated to claim that total employment in 2022-23 is 56.8 crore, close to KLEMS data. This needs to be investigated.

Employment in enterprise surveys indicates a position in the enterprises. It is not easily reliable to information on individuals, collected in household employment surveys, that are considered superior for employment data. Independent estimates from these two sources do not match for reasons well known. Similarly, data on the registration of MSME units in the Udyam portal usually does not imply new job creation, nor do the monthly changes in EPFO subscription mean additional employment generation.

Considering the methodological limitations of these data, it is surprising that claims should be made of a rapid growth of employment, that too of decent jobs.

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A port of no return

In Great Nicobar Island, a port was won, a wildlife sanctuary lost

IMAGINE A LARGE patch of low-lying land on the outskirts of any of our ever-expanding metros. Though registered in government records as a lake, it has been dry for a few years because of poor rains. By a sleight of hand well-known to the Indian public, the land is taken over by a builder, a high-rise is constructed in double quick time and occupants move in with much fanfare. The rains return, land becomes lake and the residents are marooned. The aggrieved home-owners go to court, which, in turn, asks the government to fix responsibility. The government sets up an enquiry committee which comes back with an ingenious solution: The lake that was a lake till recently was never a lake in the first place. And now that there is a building here, how can this be a lake anyway? If migratory birds were visiting, it was their illusion that this was a lake, and the bird sanctuary here had been denotified many years ago anyway.

A farce (or should we call it subterfuge?) much bigger than this has just been played out in the Great Nicobar Island as reported by this newspaper ('Nicobar port plan: Flagged in no-go zone earlier, now in permitted area', IE, July 29).

At the heart of the matter are two related aspects: First, a category of land labelled by Indian law as coastal regulation zone (CRZ)-IA and second, the environmental clearance

granted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to a Rs 42,000 crore transshipment port in Great Nicobar Island's Galathea Bay. Coastal areas that are notified as protected areas (wildlife sanctuary and national park), with mangroves, corals, turtle-nesting beaches, seagrass beds and nesting grounds of birds among others, are included in CRZ-IA. Significantly, they are out of bounds for large construction projects such as the port in question in Great Nicobar Island.

The beach at Galathea Bay, the site of the proposed port, is one of the most significant nesting sites in the Indian Ocean of the giant leatherback, the world's largest sea turtle, in addition to three other species that also nest here. The project site also has coral colonies and mangroves as mentioned in the project's environment impact assessment report; the adjoining coastal forests have important nesting sites of the endemic Nicobar megapode. It was to conserve this richness and diversity that Galathea Bay was proposed in 1997 as a wildlife sanctuary over 11 sq km of sea, coast and coastal forest. This was clearly CRZ-IA and a port was out of the question here.

But the path was cleared, first and foremost, by denotifying the sanctuary in January 2021 even though the turtles continue nesting here. Put together, the

Galathea Bay WLS should never have been de-notified, the MoEFCC's environment appraisal committee (EAC) should never have recommended the project for clearance and the MoEFCC should never have cleared the project that it did in November 2022. This was then challenged in the National Green Tribunal, which even as it failed its mandate spectacularly, could not help but note that the project site had 20,668 coral colonies and "that part of the project is in CRZ-IA area where Port is prohibited".

The NGT then appointed a high-powered committee (HPC) headed by the Secretary, MoEFCC, with a key member being the Chief Secretary (CS), Andaman and Nicobar Islands, to look into the matter. It did not strike the NGT that the CS is the chairman of the board of directors of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), the project proponent whose environmental clearance was under question or that the MoEFCC was the very agency that had granted this clearance. They would be sitting now in judgement on a challenge to their own actions.

The problem however remained unresolved because the project site was still CRZ-IA based on scientific records, in reports of the Andaman and Nicobar Coastal Zone Management Authority and the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management

(NCSCM) and, indeed, the order of the NGT constituting the HPC. A port still could not be allowed and a solution was still needed. The workaround came via a ground-truthing survey the NCSCM is supposed to have conducted recently. Read carefully the following statement from ANIIDCO's affidavit in the NGT that was also the basis of the IE report: "The HPC came to the conclusion that in the Report submitted by the NCSCM, it has been determined that construction of port is permissible in CRZ-IB area but not permissible in CRZ-IA. The NCSCM, hence, concluded that no part of the project area is falling under CRZ-IA."

The turtles still nest here, the mangroves still stand, the megapodes still forage and breed here and 20,668 coral colonies still flourish in the adjoining waters. This is still CRZ-IA, but now that the port has been approved, this cannot be IA. It should never have been IA in the first place. The cart was unfortunately before the horse all along but this has been corrected now.

The hurtling into a legally-sanitised abyss can continue now with a peaceful, law-abiding mind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN ACT OF DEFIANCE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Super Sifan, a hero in more ways than one' (IE, August 13). Undoubtedly, one of the most representative moments of these games would be Sifan Hassan donning the hijab on the podium during the closing ceremony while receiving the gold medal for the marathon category at the Olympics. In the charged nationalistic atmosphere of France, and by extension Europe, such an act of defiance—France banned its athletes from wearing this garment at the opening ceremony—is inspiring. That the world does not require such defiance to register discrimination is sad. Things must change.

Animesh Rai, Noida

OVERHAUL NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Doctor's rape-murder: Mamta gives police a week to resolve case' (IE, August 13). The rape and murder of a resident doctor in a Kolkata hospital has put the spotlight on the safety of women in hospitals. Doctors are now protesting across India, asking for a central law to protect healthcare workers, citing rising attacks. But is it the lack of a specific law that is responsible for attacks on health workers and healthcare facilities? It is estimated that the likelihood of assaults against health

WORKERS IS FOUR TIMES GREATER THAN THAT AGAINST PROFESSIONALS IN GENERAL WORKPLACES. Several risk factors contribute to violence against doctors, including understaffing, lengthy waiting times for patients and poor quality of healthcare services. An overhaul in the system where neither the caregiver nor the patient is exposed to undue vulnerability is the need of the hour.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

THE SAME OLD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the Olympics' (IE, August 12). A post-mortem on our poor medal tally after Olympics has become routine—we learn similar lessons each time. India's overall medal tally of 41 at all the Olympics explains how we wallow in false pride. Our performance at the games has only deteriorated over the past 25 years: from the best-ever 50th place in 2008, we have slid to our lowest-ever of 71 in Paris, a stark reflection of the awful state of sports in the most populous country. Rather than investing extensively in the creation and updating of sports facilities around the country, integrating sports and academics to draw more youth to sports, we just make bids to host the most expensive sporting extravaganza in 2036.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

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Court Building Annex-1
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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उ० प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि० अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं० 11-ईसीटीसी/मुगदाबाद/2024-25 ई-टेंडर, चार माह की वैधता हेतु दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-2

अधोलिखित विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है। विशिष्टकरण संख्या 01 पर अंकित निविदाओं के प्राप्त होने/खोले जाने की दिनांक व समय 03.09.2024, 14.00 बजे एवं 04.09.2024 14.00 बजे है। विशिष्टकरण संख्या: 01; कार्य का नाम: 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र, पुरकाजी, मुजफ्फरनगर पर 01 अर्ध 33 के०वी० भारतीय वेवेरेज वे के जानपदीय निर्माण कार्य। निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टकरण, कार्यावधि, परेशर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु http://etender.up.nic.in अथवा www.upptel.org पर लॉगिन करके साइट पर देखा जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद परेषण मण्डल, उ०प्र०पाण्डोलि०, मुगदाबाद, "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये" पत्रांक-3265, वि०- 13/08/2024

उ०प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना अनुभवी कार्यकर्ता / निर्माता फर्मों से निम्नलिखित ई-निविदा तीन भागों में निर्धारित तिथि को 15:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है जो उसी दिन 16:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत विवरण समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन के उपरान्त ई-टेंडर की वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध रहेगा तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन / तिथि विस्तार हेतु निविदा खोलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। किसी भी निविदा को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त / अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार अधीनस्थान्तरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। ईटीसी-21/2024-25 अल्पकालीन:- 132 के०वी० एटा-श्री सोमनन्द लाइन हेतु 300MVA, 132 के०वी० EHT केबिल की आपूर्ति एवं लेइंग सम्बन्धित कार्य। ईटीसी-22/2024-25:- विद्युत परेषण खण्ड, प्रथम अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र लौरेर पर 132/33 के०वी० आई०टी० 'बे' का निर्माण एवं 40 एम०वी०ए० परिवर्तक की स्थापना सम्बन्धित कार्य। ईटीसी-23/2024-25:- 220 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र अतरीली पर 40 एम०वी०ए० परिवर्तक की स्थापना एवं दुलाई सम्बन्धित कार्य। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत परेषण मण्डल, लाल डिग्गी, अलीगढ़। राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाये, विद्युत चोरी की सूचना "www.igpowerup.org" पत्रांक-1143-वि.पा.मं. (अ)/निविदा प्रकाशन/2024-25, दिनांक-13.08.2024

KIND ATTENTION RAIL PASSENGERS! IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Railways have decided to provide stoppage of Train No. 22425/22426 Ayodhya Cantt. - Anand Vihar(T.) - Ayodhya Cantt. Vande Bharat Express at Aligarh Jn. on experimental basis. The detailed timings are as under:-

Train No. & Name	STATION	Timings		Effective Date (from Originating Station)
		Arr.	Dep.	
22425 Ayodhya Cantt.-Anand Vihar(T.) Vande Bharat Express (6 Days in a week)	ALIGARH JN.	21:33	21:35	From 16.08.2024
22426 Anand Vihar(T.)-Ayodhya Cantt. Vande Bharat Express (6 Days in a week)		07:30	07:32	From 16.08.2024

For any kind of information, passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

Sr. DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:

Sr.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	93245979	Leakage Current Analyser for Surge Arrester Model - SA301, make scope or similar as per RDSO Spec. No. TI/SPC/PS/LCMLA/0030.	07 Nos.	09.09.2024

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained.

Sr. DMM/NS/LP/93245979/2024, Date: 12.08.2024 2532/2024

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Name of work: Upgradation of mandatory facility of pre-cooling cum battery charging (PCBC) points at ACC/NDLs of Electrical Coaching DLI Division under DRM LS Plan Head-42 (2023-24).

Tender No.	30-Elect-3T-Chg-2024-25
Approx cost of the work in (Rs.)	Rs. 80,46,325/-
Cost of tender form	NIL
Address of the Office	Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/Chg/Northern Railway, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 1,60,900/-
Period of completion of work	04 Months
Date & time of submission of tender	05.09.2024, 15.00 hrs.
And opening of tender	05.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. DEE/Chg/DLI

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Md. Amir S/o Md. Anis R/o 961 Gali No.7, Near Kashmiri Bulding Chouhan Banger Jafrabad Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 397/2020 U/s 323/341/506/34 IPC at PS: Jafrabad, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Md. Amir** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Md. Amir** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Md. Amir of FIR No. 397/2020 U/s 323/341/506/34 IPC of PS: Jafrabad, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.09.2024**.

By order
Aayushi Saxena
Metropolitan Magistrate-05
Shahdara Distt. Room No. 48,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/10446/NE/2024

गया नगर निगम अतिअल्पकालीन ई-पुननिविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०- 07/2024-25

(ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

- विज्ञापन दाता का पदनाम एवं पता
- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि
- निविदा प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि/समय
- श्री बिड मीटिंग का समय स्थान/तिथि
- संवेदक द्वारा निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि/समय
- अग्रघन, सभी मूल शपथ पत्र एवं Exiting Commitment का मूल कामजात तथा परिमाण विपत्र के मूल्य का बैंक गारण्टी जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय एवं स्थान
- कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्रारम्भित राशि (₹00 मं)	अग्रघन की राशि (₹00 मं)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (Non refund able)	Bid Processing Fee (Through Online Payment)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	मुल्खमकी बुद्धजन आश्रय स्थल के संचालन हेतु विस्तार/लतल (एकल), गद्दे, गद्दे का कवर, तकिया कवर के साथ बेडशीट, तकिया कवर, रजार्ड/रजार्ड, कम्बल/रजार्ड (एकल) कवर, मच्छरदानी (एकल) इत्यादि सामग्रियों (उपस्कर) का काम।	1647000	33000	5000	As Per EPROC 2.0	15 दिन
2	मुल्खमकी बुद्धजन आश्रय स्थल के संचालन हेतु जूते का रोक, कुर्सी, फ्लोरिंग/रली कुर्सी, अलमारी (टोटो) कामोर्ड, अलमारी (बडी) कागडिग कुर्सी/टैबल, विस्तार टै टैबल, कार्यालय कार्य हेतु कुर्सी इत्यादि सामग्रियों (उपस्कर) का काम।	1279500	25600	2500	As Per EPROC 2.0	15 दिन
3	मुल्खमकी बुद्धजन आश्रय स्थल के संचालन हेतु कूलर, रूम हीटर/कोअर, वाटर पुरिफायर, वाटर डिस्नेन्सर (समूह वंदा), गीजर (वाटर हीटर), एयरकंड यंत्र, स्पीनर के साथ डिजिटल प्रोसेक्टर, पीएल विस्तार, डिजिटल विद्युत कीमता, सेप्टीय, डेस्कटॉप, प्रिटर/स्कैनर, इन्सुल्ट किलर/कैबर, आयर्नर, आयर्नर बोर्ड, एलसीडीटीवीसी केमरा, इन्वर्टर, एलसीडीटीवीसी टीसीडी, निस्कार वाइडर, सिंग वाइडर, मशीन, ऑयल प्रिन्टर, डिजिटल मंत्रा, रजार्ड पत्रा, दुग्ध लार्डट इत्यादि सामग्रियों (उपस्कर) का काम।	752750	15100	1250	As Per EPROC 2.0	15 दिन
- निविदा की वैधता अवधि: 120 दिन
- निविदा कामजात अपलोड करने से पूर्व संवेदक को "Bid Processing Fee" & Transaction Processing Fee निम्न विधि से जमा करना होगा:-
 - "Bid Processing Fee" & Transaction Processing Fee is mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. Internet payment gateway (Credit/debit Card), Net banking, Online Challan, NEFT/RTGS.
 - Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-Procurement portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date and time specified in the NIT. The department doesn't take any responsibility for the delay/Non Submission of Tender/Non Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Non-availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reason."
- कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/लोक उपग्राम में निबधित हो अथवा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय/राष्ट्रीय स्तर के ही कोटेशन में भाग ले सकते हैं परन्तु उक्त का लेटर ऑफ निबन्धन प्राप्त होने के बाद एवं एकराजना में पूरे पथ विभिन्न विभाग/अधीक्षण कार्य विभाग में निबन्धन कराना अनिवार्य होगा। यदि भवन का निर्माण कार्य होगा, तो भवन निर्माण कार्य का निबन्धन भी मान्य होगा।
- विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना विभागीय वेबसाइट https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in अथवा https://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar में देखा जा सकता है। नगर आयुक्त गया नगर निगम PR-005865 (B & C) 2024-25 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION ENGINEERING WORK

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.DRM-BRC 076 to 077 OF 2024-25 Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C), Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works: 1. **Tender No. : DRM.BRC 076 of 2024-25. Name of Work : Repairs to roofing of Darol Depot. Approximate cost of the work (in Rs.) : 64,03,084.30 Bid Security to be deposited (in Rs.) : 1,28,100.00 2. Tender No. : DRM BRC 077 of 2024-25. Name of Work : Need base repair of Existing hand pump for One Year and Providing & Fixing of new handpump at required locations under jurisdiction of ADEN GDA and ADEN BRC. Approximate cost of the work (in Rs.) : 9,62,291.70 Bid Security to be deposited (in Rs.) : 19,300.00 For All Above Tenders Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender : Tender is to be submitted on 30.08.2024 before 15.00 Hrs, and is to be opened on same date at 15.30 Hrs. Web site particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased : Web site www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (WA/C) Western Railway, Pratnagar, Vadodara-4 153 Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly**

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APCPDCL :: Vijayawada e-Procurement Tender Notice

The APCPDCL invites bids on AP e-Procurement platform vide Tender Specification No: CPMPT-01/2024-25 for Procurement of 3550 KMs of 55Sq mm AAA Conductor required for various works in available are documents Bidding APCPDCL. at https://tender.apcprocurement.gov.in from 14-08-2024. Ph: 0866 2955455 & Email: egpmm.epcdcl@apcpcdel.in.

Sd/- Chief General Manager/P&MM
APCPDCL, Andhra Pradesh.

No. 3116PPCL/ADVT/11/2021-22 Dt. 13.08.2024

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Director/Admin Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for under noted work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Approximate cost of work	Earnest money to be deposited	Completion period	Date of opening
A.	Repair to leaky roof and providing covering over water tanks & AC units and roof of buildings in NRCH in the section of SSE/WNRCH.	Rs. 89,99,981.53	Rs.1,80,000/-	8 Months	06.09.2024
B.	Operation and maintenance of 200 KLD combined sewage treatment plant and effluent treatment plant with online monitoring system for three years at Northern Railway Central Hospital in the section of SSE/WNRCH under ADEN/NRCH.	Rs. 50,96,086.26	Rs.1,01,900/-	36 Months	06.09.2024

The e-tender is to be submit through railway website "www.ireps.gov.in". The tenders can be submit on website up to 15:00 hrs. on 06.09.2024 and shall be opened there after.

No.: 128-W-269-O.E-T-5A-5B-NRCH-2024-25 Date: 13.08.2024

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मध्यप्रदेश शासन ऊर्जा विभाग मंत्रालय

मध्यप्रदेश विद्युत नियामक आयोग के वर्तमान अध्यक्ष का कार्यकाल दिनांक 02.01.2025 को समाप्त होने के फलस्वरूप उत्पन्न रिक्ति को पूर्ण के लिए चयन प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ की गई है। मध्यप्रदेश विद्युत नियामक आयोग के अध्यक्ष के पद के लिए उभयपक्ष उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित करने के लिए राज्य शासन द्वारा आम सूचना क्रमांक 5958/2195683/2024/13/04, दिनांक 13.08.2024 जारी की गई है, जिसमें नियामक आयोग के अध्यक्ष पद हेतु सेवाशर्तों एवं आवश्यक अर्हता संबंधी जानकारी का विवरण है। उक्त आम सूचना मध्यप्रदेश शासन, ऊर्जा विभाग के पोर्टल http://energy.mp.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। इच्छुक उम्मीदवार अपने आवेदन अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 17.09.2024 तक निम्न पत्र पर प्रेषित कर सकते हैं :-

अपर मुख्य सचिव,
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भोपाल 462004 (मध्यप्रदेश)

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शुद्धि पत्र

इस प्रमंडल द्वारा आमंत्रित, पुननिविदा (अल्पकालीन निविदा) आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-01 SBD/2024-25 जिसका PR No.-003676 (Planning) 2024-25 है, को निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है। पूर्व आमंत्रण सूचना के रूप सं०-03, 06, 08, 09 12 16 18 एवं 21 को जमीन उपलब्ध नहीं होने के कारण स्थगित किया जाता है। निम्न वर्णित केवल संशोधित युक्तों के लिए ही निविदा आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की शेष बातें एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

इसे इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाय। कार्यपालक अभियंता स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन, कार्य प्रमंडल खगड़िया PR. No.005962 (Planning) 2024-25

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17 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 78,956.03 ▼ 692.89 (0.87%) NIFTY: 24,139 ▼ 208 (0.85%) NIKKEI: 36,232.51 ▲ 1,207.51 HANG SENG: 17,174.06 ▲ 62.41 FTSE: 8,198.88 ▼ 11.37 DAX: 17,711.08 ▼ 15.39

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹72,850	₹83.97	\$79.67	₹83,500

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of August 12

International market data till 1900 IST

TENTATIVE WEIGHT GOES UP FROM AROUND 19% TO CLOSE TO 20%

India's weight in MSCI equity index rises; 'may fetch around \$3-bn inflows'

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MSCI INC has added seven stocks including Rail Vikas Nigam (RVNL), Oil India, Vodafone Idea, and Zydus Lifesciences in MSCI India Index, resulting in net passive inflows of \$2.7 billion to \$3 billion from foreign institutional investors (FII) into the country.

The other stocks that have been included in MSCI India Index, which is part of MSCI Global Standard Index, are Dixon Technologies India, Oracle Financial Services and Prestige Estates Project. The latest changes will be effective from the close of August 30, MSCI said.

Bandhan Bank has been excluded from the index. "With all the adjustments in the EM (Emerging Market) Pack, India's tentative weight will remain close to 20 per cent. India should witness net FII passive inflow of \$2.7 billion to \$3



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billion," said Abhilash Pagaria Nuvama Alternative & Quantitative Research. Given the current pace and momentum, India's weight could potentially cross 22 per cent by year-end, he said.

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close to 19 per cent from 18.3 per cent.

"For HDFC Bank, the long-awaited weight increase is finally happening. MSCI has made an exception by raising with lower adjustment factor, leading to an inflow of \$1.8 billion, equivalent to 93 million shares, with an impact of about 4.5 days in August Rejig," Pagaria said. The remaining float adjustment (second and final tranche) is expected to be

EXPLAINED
E India's MSCI weight might increase further

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done in the November 2024 rejig, provided the foreign room remains at least 20 per cent, which is unlikely to pose a problem, he said. HDFC Bank shares ended at Rs 1,603 apiece, down 3.46 per cent, on BSE.

In the MSCI India Domestic Small Cap Index, 25 stocks, in-

cluding Gulf Oil Lubricant India, Bajaj Hindusthan Sugar, GMR Power & Urban Infra, Go Digit General Insurance, India Shelter Finance, Inox Green Energy Services, Inox Wind Energy and Keystone Realtors, have been added.

MSCI excluded eight stocks including Cochin Shipyard, Indian Renewable Energy, Jaiprakash Associates and Network 18 Media & Investments from MSCI India Domestic Small Cap Index.

Separately, MSCI clarified that starting from the August 2024 Index Review, it will implement the index review changes, including changes in the Number of Shares (NOS), Foreign Inclusion Factor (FIF) and Domestic Inclusion Factor (DIF) of Adani Group and associated securities that have been previously postponed.

MSCI continues to monitor Adani Group and associated securities, including related to free float, and will issue further communication if appropriate.

GST Council to meet on Sept 9, rate rationalisation talks likely to be on table

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RATE RATIONALISATION, covering the future course for tax slabs and correction of inverted duty structure, under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, notices being sent to companies for their overseas operations, and the recent debate over tax rate on insurance premium are likely to be discussed in the GST Council meeting to be held next month. In an official statement on Tuesday, the Council said the next meeting would be held on September 9.

"The 54th Meeting of the GST Council will be held on 9th September, 2024 at New Delhi," GST Council said in a post on social media platform X.

Before the Council meet, officers from states and Centre will meet on September 8. "There is the unfinished agenda of rate rationalisation. A move towards it would require initial steps in the form of discussions within the ministerial committee. The committee would be asked to present the work done so far for a wide ranging discussion in the Council. It also needs to be looked into whether a timeline has to be fixed for the ministerial committee to submit its recommendations on rate rationalisation and changes in the slabs," an official said.

The Council is also expected to take up the notices being sent to companies, especially for their overseas operations even after having issued a clarificatory circular earlier. GST authorities had earlier this month made a partial reversal from their earlier position by withdrawing notice of Rs 3,898

RATES ON SOME ITEMS TWEAKED IN JUNE MEET

■ In its previous meeting held in June, the GST Council, which had met for the first time since formation of new Union government, tweaked tax rates on some items, and took a series of steps to bring down litigation and ease compliance for taxpayers

crore to tech major Infosys out of the total tax demand of Rs 32,403 crore raised earlier in July-end for the five-year period starting 2017-18. In its previous meeting held in June, the GST Council, which had met for the first time since the formation of the new Union government, tweaked tax rates on some items, and took a series of steps to bring down litigation and ease compliance for taxpayers. The overall GST rate rationalisation and streamlining of the slab structure, which falls into four broad categories of 5 per cent, 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 28 per cent, has been a long pending issue.

After the previous Council meeting on June 23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the next meeting of the GST Council the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rate rationalisation under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sumant Chaudhary, will give a presentation on the status of the work and aspects covered by the panel and work pending before the panel. "There will be a presentation by the GoM irrespective

of whether the report is drafted and then Council will start the discussion on rate rationalisation in the next meeting," Sitharaman had said.

In September 2021, the GST Council had set up a GoM to examine rate rationalisation. The committee had submitted an interim report in June 2022. While there have been internal discussions about merger of slabs or creation of a new slab in between 12 per cent and 18 per cent, the concerns have centred around whether it would create any revenue losses for the states and the Centre. The concern of maintaining revenue neutrality has weighed on such discussions earlier. Revenue neutrality is seen as a crucial factor as a study by the RBI had earlier shown that while the Chief Economic Advisor's report had pegged the revenue neutral rate at 15.3 per cent, the weighted average GST rate stood at 14.4 per cent in May 2017, and subsequently dropped to 11.6 per cent by September 2019.

Rate rationalisation is a crucial step towards simplifying India's GST regime, Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner, EY said. "To ensure the process is effective, it is imperative to consider the overall tax burden on end consumers when reassessing tax slabs. Prioritising sunrise sectors, such as new energy, is essential to drive down final product prices, including those in business-to-business transactions. Additionally, addressing classification ambiguities is vital during this exercise. Wide-ranging industry consultations before implementing new rates will help align stakeholder expectations and facilitate a smooth transition," he said.

BRIEFLY

Niti Aayog seeks proposals to evaluate CSS

New Delhi: Niti Aayog has invited proposals for evaluation of centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) across nine crucial sectors, including health, agriculture and education. According to Aayog, each sector will require a separate application through the GeM portal. PTI

India, US ink 'landmark' MoU on MSMEs

New Delhi: India and the US on Tuesday signed a "landmark" agreement that provides a framework for both sides to explore cooperation in MSME sector. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the MoU would enable MSMEs to foster trade. PTI

MSI begins export of Made in India Fronx to Japan

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Tuesday said it has commenced export of its sports utility vehicle Fronx to Japan. The first consignment of over 1,600 vehicles left for Japan from Pipavav port. PTI

Vedanta to sell 2.6% stake in Hindustan Zinc

New Delhi: Vedanta Ltd on Tuesday said that its board has approved the sale of up to 11 crore shares or 2.60 per cent stake in Hindustan Zinc through an offer for sale. PTI

Hindustan Copper's PBT soars by 148%

New Delhi: Hindustan Copper has achieved a profit before tax (PBT) of Rs 154.12 crore in the quarter ended June 2024 — 148 per cent higher than the corresponding quarter of previous year. Total income achieved by the company was Rs 500.44 crore. ENS

Adani can sell Bangladesh-bound power in India

New Delhi: An Adani Power coal-fired power plant under contract to sell all its output to Bangladesh can now supply the domestic market after an amendment to India's power export rules, helping the company hedge against political risks in Bangladesh. REUTERS

Resolution of IBC cases took 716 days in 2023-24

In 2023-24, the percentage of realisable amount to admitted claims was at 27%, showed the recent data provided by the corporate affairs ministry to Rajya Sabha



"During financial year 2023-24, a total of 12 amendments to various regulations and model bye laws were carried out, thereby effectuating about 86 changes in the regulatory framework to further strengthen the insolvency resolution process," Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Harsh Malhotra said in a written reply

AVERAGE TIME TAKEN FOR RESOLUTION PROCESS

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
557 Days	654 Days	716 Days

- At least 19,770 cases were pending before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) as on June 30, 2024. Out of the total, 10,125 cases were pending for more than a year
- The number of ongoing corporate insolvency resolution processes stood at 1,973 as of June 30, 2024
- As per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), the stipulated resolution time for a case is 330 days
- As many as 3,019 cases were pending before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. Out of them, 1,356 cases were pending for over a year
- The 330-day timeline is exclusive of extensions granted by the NCLT

TO SUPPORT RESEARCH & INNOVATION

₹1L-cr fund to create opportunities for youth: FM

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THE ANUSANDHAN Kosh of Rs 1 lakh crore will provide long-term financing to support research and innovation in sunrise domains, which will create new avenues for India's tech-savvy youth, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

The fund was announced in the interim Budget for FY25. The Centre is in the process of drawing up a comprehensive scheme to provide concessional capital support to private sector to encourage them to adopt indigenous deep-tech and cutting-edge technologies in defence, energy and electronics. "We are strengthening Deep-Tech technologies, which will

help the Defence Sector become Aatmanirbhar. Innovation, research and development is one of the key priorities of our government's policies for making sure India becomes a developed nation by 2047," Sitharaman said addressing the 11th convocation of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Bhopal. Normally, Indian firms take

tested foreign technology as they don't explore untested local technology with the same enthusiasm.

By giving the concessional window of financing, companies can take the Indian technology for their product development with lesser risk because they could get long-term loans at low or nil rates of interest with a moratorium, etc. FE

Starbucks CEO Narasimhan steps down, Chipotle's Niccol to take over

REUTERS BENGALURU, AUGUST 13

STARBUCKS NAMED Chipotle Mexican Grill head Brian Niccol as its new CEO on Tuesday in a management shakeup as it tries to fend off pressures from activist investor Elliott Investment Management.

Niccol replaces Laxman Narasimhan, who officially took over as CEO in April last year and was poached from Lysol maker Reckitt to undertake a "reinvention" of the world's biggest coffee chain.

But Starbucks stock has continued to suffer, losing roughly 20 per cent of its value over the last five years when the broad-market S&P 500 has gained more than 80 per cent. In July, the company fell short of sales expectations due to weakening demand in the United States and China. Starbucks stock was up 21 per cent in early trading on Tuesday and on track for its best day ever, erasing all of the losses for the year. Chipotle's shares were down 9 per cent. Elliott, which owns a sizable stake, has been pressuring the



(L-R) Outgoing Starbucks CEO Laxman Narasimhan and new CEO Brian Niccol.



Photo: X/LinkedIn

company to improve its performance and stock price, proposing Starbucks expand its board and improve governance. Elliott's offer was reported to be part of an effort to allow Narasimhan to keep his job as CEO. When asked on CNBC if activist Elliott was consulted about the shakeup, Starbucks Board Chair Melody Hobson said it had not been. "We look forward to engaging with all of our shareholders about this new development," she said. It is unclear what will happen with negotiations with Elliott. Niccol inherits several chal-

lenges at the coffee giant, which recently tweaked its model to focus on mobile pickup and delivery orders rather than cafes set up for long visits. In China, Starbucks has encountered competition from rivals discounting coffee prices, while its cafes in the Middle East have been subject to some pro-Palestinian boycotts amid the Israel-Hamas conflict. "(Niccol is) going to turn the company around. It will be a little bit of a heavy lift for the first few quarters, but Niccol (has) proven what he can do at Chipotle," said Thomas Hayes, chairman at Great Hill Capital. "This guy is a fixer and a doer and an executor," Hayes said. Niccol joined Chipotle in 2018 from Taco Bell and has seen the company's annual sales more than double to nearly \$10 billion. In its most recent quarter, quarterly results topped Wall Street estimates on strong demand. Starbucks said Niccol will start in his new role on Sept. 9 and that CFO Rachel Ruggeri will serve as interim CEO until that time. Chipotle said its board had appointed Scott Boatwright, chief operating officer, as interim CEO.

CCI orders rare recall of Apple antitrust reports

REUTERS NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

ANTITRUST BODY Competition Commission of India (CCI) has taken the unusual step of recalling two reports that detailed alleged breaches of competition law by Apple, which complained that the regulator had disclosed commercial secrets to competitors including Tinder-owner Match.

The move will prolong an already delayed investigation, which began in 2021, centering on Apple's alleged abuse of its dominant position in the apps market to force developers to use its proprietary in-app purchase system, at a fee of up to 30 per cent.

Apple has already been subject to antitrust probes and orders in Europe, Japan and Korea, as well as lawsuits from corporate rivals. It has denied all wrongdoing.

Reuters reported last month that two reports prepared by India's antitrust investigations unit in 2022 and 2024 and circulated to concerned parties in July found Apple had exploited its dominant position in the market for app stores on its iOS operating system, to the detriment of app developers, users and other payment processors.



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However, in an August 7 confidential order, the CCI asked all Apple's opponents in the case for the return of the reports.

"It is imperative that such information be maintained confidential, ensuring that no unauthorised disclosure occurs," the CCI said in a four-page order signed by its top four officials.

The order follows Apple's private complaint to the CCI that versions of reports shared with parties disclosed "Apple's confidential commercial sensitive information" adding that the watchdog must "recall and withdraw" them, the order showed.

The order did not say what information Apple was concerned about. A source with direct knowledge of the matter pointed to disclosures related to revenue generated by Apple's India app store

and figures on market share. Apple says it is a small player in India, where phones using Google's Android system are dominant.

Among those now being asked for the return of the reports are Match and Indian startup group ADIF, which represents financial giant Paytm and other companies.

Apple and Match declined to comment. The CCI did not respond to requests for comment. Prateek Jain, an associate director of ADIF, said the recall highlighted the importance of protecting commercial secrets while ensuring investigations are thorough and impartial.

"Indian startups deserve a fair playing field, free from the constraints imposed by dominant global players," he added.

Disconnect unregistered lines over spam calls, blacklist: Trai to telcos

New Delhi: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) on Tuesday directed telcos to disconnect all telecom resources of unregistered telemarketers found making spam calls, and to blacklist them for up to two years.

Further, Trai has asked telcos to comply immediately with its latest directive and submit regular updates on action taken in this regard on a fortnightly basis. Issuing its directive to telcos, Trai said this "decisive action" is expected to significantly reduce spam calls and provide relief to consumers.

Trai in a release said it has issued "directives to access providers to disconnect all telecom resources of unregistered

senders for making spam calls and to blacklist such senders under the Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulations, 2018" regulations. Towards this, TRAI has mandated all access service providers to stop voice promotional calls whether pre-recorded or computer generated or otherwise from all unregistered senders or telemarketers (UTMs) using bulk connections or other telecom resources. "... All promotional voice calls from the unregistered Senders/ Unregistered Telemarketer (UTMs) using Telecom Resources (SIP/ PRI/ other telecom resources) shall be stopped immediately," Trai said. PTI

AI powered: Google unveils new phones, gadgets

California: Google has unveiled a lineup of new Pixel smartphones with deeper integrations of its artificial intelligence technology.

Android users can also now pull up Gemini, Google's chatbot, as an overlay on top of another app to answer questions or generate content.

Pixel 9, the base 6.3-inch display model, will retail at a starting price of \$799, which is \$100 more than the previous model. This and the 6.8-inch Pixel 9 Pro XL will begin shipping later in August, a company spokesperson said. Google announced new versions of its smartwatch, the Pixel Watch 3, and Pixel Buds Pro 2 wireless earbuds on Tuesday as well. REUTERS



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Amid Hindenburg probe calls, look at JPCs on financial allegations

VIKAS PATHAK
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THE OPPOSITION has demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate the Hindenburg Research allegations against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch. The BJP has rejected the demand.

Investigative JPC
 A JPC is an *ad hoc* body comprising members from both Houses of Parliament, roughly in proportion to party strengths in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The representation of Lok Sabha is double that of Rajya Sabha. A JPC, therefore, acts as a mini Parliament to carry out detailed scrutiny of a specific matter within a specific time frame. Joint committees are set up by a motion passed in one House and agreed to by the other. The details of membership and subjects relating to a particular JPC are decided

by Parliament. A JPC can look into documents and examine officials of any ministry or institution concerned. If one or more members disagree with the majority in a JPC, they can submit notes of dissent. It is up to the government to take action on the recommendations of the committee. If it so wishes, the government may launch investigations on the basis of a JPC report. But it must, in any case, report on the follow-up action taken on the committee's recommendations. Based on the government's reply, the committee submits an 'Action Taken Report' in Parliament. The Action Taken Report can be discussed in Parliament, and the Opposition can ask questions of the government. For the opposition, a JPC matters because it can then get access to all details around an alleged scam, and can also ensure that the issue stays in news. This can bring significant political pressure on the government — a rea-

son why all governments resist demands for an investigative JPC.

Financial investigations
 So far, only three JPCs have been constituted to investigate alleged financial crimes — on the 2G spectrum scam in 2013, on the Ketan Parekh share market scam in 2001, and on the securities and banking deals relating to Harshad Mehta in 1992. The JPC investigation into the Bofors scam was significant, too. A JPC formed in 2013 to investigate the VVIP AgustaWestland chopper scam and the role of alleged middlemen in the transaction did not take off after the BJP refused to participate. **2G SPECTRUM (2013):** The JPC report absolved Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of wrongdoing, saying he was misled about the procedure to be followed by the Department of Telecommunications on is-

suance of Unified Access Services licenses. It said that the assurance on maintaining full transparency in following established rules and procedures of the Department, given by Minister of Communications and Information Technology A Raja in all his correspondence with the Prime Minister, had been belied. The BJP and several other opposition parties rejected the report, calling it an attempt to cover up the scam. The BJP described it as the most shameful scam in India's history. The JPC disagreed with the conclusion on revenue loss reached by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), saying the "very move for calculation of any loss on account of allocation of licence and spectrum is ill-conceived". It concluded that the consistent stand taken by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India for non-revision of licence fee and not favour-

ing auction of spectrum was in conformity with the policy prescriptions of New Telecom Policy 99 and the 10th Five-year Plan document that treated telecom as an infrastructure sector for the decade commencing 2002. **SHARE MARKET SCAM (2001):** Heavy exposure to the stock markets led to a run on the deposits of Ahmedabad-based Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank (MMCB). The exposure was due to Ketan Parekh, a stock broker who was also a director of MNCB. It was alleged that at his behest, the bank issued pay orders without the backing of funds. Parekh was accused of using this money to rig share prices of 10 Indian companies between 1995 and 2001. The scandal was revealed after MNCB failed to honour the pay orders it had issued. A JPC was formed in 2001, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was Prime Minister, and it submitted its report after 105 sittings in December 2002. The report recommended sweeping changes in stock market regulations.

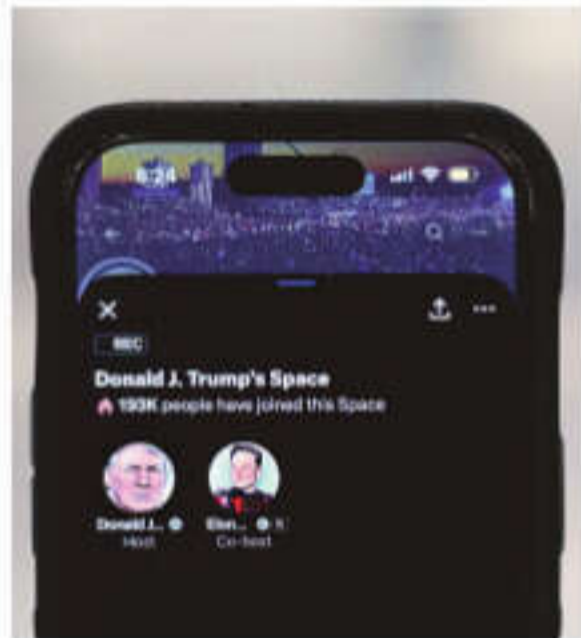
However, its recommendations were not fully implemented. Parekh was convicted for a year in 2008 and for two years in March 2014. **SECURITIES & BANKING TRANSACTIONS (1992):** Allegations that "Big Bull" Harshad Mehta, who had become a household name, had diverted funds from the public sector Maruti Udyog Limited to his own accounts, leading to a 570-point fall in the Sensex, set off a major political storm, and led to the formation of this JPC during the tenure of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao. The CBI filed 72 sets of charges relating to criminal offences, and in October 1997, a special court set up to examine the securities scandal-related cases approved prosecution on 34 charges brought by the agency. There were also about 600 civil cases related to the matter. There were four convictions, and Mehta himself was sentenced in September 1999 on charges of fraud relating to Maruti Udyog Limited. However, the JPC's recommendations were not fully implemented.

EVERYDAY TECHNOLOGY

WHAT IS A DDOS ATTACK, CAUSE OF TRUMP-MUSK INTERVIEW GLITCHES?

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BILLIONAIRE ENTREPRENEUR Elon Musk hosted former US President and Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump on his social media platform X on Monday evening for a live audio interview. However, their conversation started after a 40-minute delay and witnessed several glitches. This happened due to what appeared to be a "massive DDoS attack on X", Musk said in a post.



The X Space with Donald Trump and Elon Musk. Reuters

What is a DDoS attack?
 A Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack simply means that a website or any other online service cannot be accessed because it has been the target of attacks from a malicious actor. This is done by directing many users towards an online server simultaneously to "flood" it. It results in slow page loading times or a stoppage in internet services. Computers connect to the Internet and one another through unique Internet Protocol (IP) addresses assigned to each device. The data they exchange is divided into smaller chunks, called "packets". The tech company IBM's website notes, "By using up a resource's available bandwidth, DDoS attacks prevent these resources from responding to legitimate connection requests and packets." In a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack, multiple sources work against one target. This makes the culprit harder to locate.

work and receive an acknowledgement. However, they deliberately leave out the necessary step of confirming that connection. Multiple incomplete connections result in a load for the server, making completing real connections difficult.

What are the signs of a DoS attack?
 Slowing internet speed and difficulties in accessing sites can mean a DoS attack. In the past, X systems have faced difficulties due to other reasons. In 2023, Musk hosted Florida Governor Ron DeSantis on Spaces, the same audio platform on X where he hosted Trump. That interview also began after a delay of 30 minutes. Musk blamed the high volume of listeners — around 4,20,000 — for the strained system. This time, more than a million people tuned in. Anti-virus software can help detect unusual online traffic, alert users and thwart DoS attacks. **How significant can DoS attacks be?**
 DoS attacks can cause major disruption, lasting between a few hours to a few days. In 2016, major websites like Spotify and Amazon were unavailable for many hours because of a DDoS attack.



HARISH DAMODARAN

ON 1.5 ACRES of his 2.5 acres of land in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district, Raghuvendra Verma (38), raises broiler meat chickens in two environmentally-controlled poultry sheds that house 11,000 and 9,000 birds respectively. He rears day-old chicks that weigh 35-45 g for about 37 days, until the birds are roughly 2.5 kg each, and ready for slaughter. Verma does six cycles annually — each of around 60 days, including 20 days of downtime to remove litter, clean floors, and pressure-wash his equipment. His six batches last year (mid-May 2023 to mid-May 2024) yielded marketable birds with aggregate weight of 320,865 kg.

Contract farming
 The day-old chicks come to Verma's farm from a broiler hatchery of the IB Group at Mundgaon in the district's Dongargarh tehsil. The company, which is officially ABIS Exports (India) Pvt Ltd, has a turnover of Rs 11,000 crore, and also supplies feed for the birds and farm-cleaning chemicals such as copper sulphate, formalin, bleaching powder, and hydrochloric acid. The broiler feed comprises a pre-starter (400 g for 12 days when the chicks grow to 400 g); starter (1,200 g from 12-25 days, when they reach 1,300 g); and a finisher (after 25 days). The birds consume 3,300 g of feed to grow to 2 kg, and 4,000 g to reach 2.5 kg. At the end of the rearing period, the IB Group takes back the mature birds to market them. Verma gets a "growing charge" of at least Rs 10/ kg, which can go up if market prices go up, or if he produces birds with lower mortality rates, above-average body weight, and less feed consumed per kg. (The last is called feed conversion ratio, and is an indicator of management efficiency.) Last year, Verma received a growing charge of Rs 14.89/ kg on average, which, on 320,865 kg, translated into a gross revenue of Rs 47.78 lakh. After deducting expenses — mainly on labour, electricity, diesel, and rice husk (which is used as bedding material for



Newly-hatched pre-vaccinated day-old chicks at IB Group's commercial broiler hatchery in Mundgaon, Rajnandgaon. Harish Damodaran

chicks) — of close to Rs 2.5 lakh per cycle or Rs 15 lakh annually, he netted Rs 32-33 lakh. Verma has invested Rs 90 lakh on his two environmentally-controlled sheds that have automatic feeding and drinking lines (one pan for every 30 birds, one water nipple for 10-12 birds), exhaust and air circulation fans, cooling pads, lighting and diesel brooders (to provide heat and keep the chicks warm in the first few days). Each shed has a control panel to regulate the feeding, brooding, and lighting systems, and to maintain the required temperature, humidity, and ventilation levels. Optimum temperatures for bird growth are 32-34 degrees Celsius in the first three days, gradually reducing to 26-28 degrees during 12-24 days, and 24 degrees or below after 35 days. **Types of poultry sheds**
 Digeshwar Sinha (30), has a smaller 3,300-sq-foot "open" poultry house for 2,500 birds in Chhattisgarh's Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district. He has invested Rs 9 lakh in a basic shed with feeders and drinkers, fans, sprinklers, jute curtains to beat the summer heat, and wood shavings-fired bukharis or gas brooders, but no automation. Open houses require more space per chick, the birds have a generally higher mortality rate of 10-12% compared to the 3-5% in birds reared in environmentally-controlled

sheds, and take longer to reach the 2-kg or 2.5-kg weights. In the last cycle, 71 out of Sinha's 2,520 birds died. The ones that were marketed weighed a total 5,954 kg, or 2.43 kg per bird on average. The base growing charge for open houses is Rs 8/ kg, and IB Group paid him Rs 13.25/ kg. Minus expenditure of Rs 21,000 on Rs 78,890 of gross revenue, his net income from that batch was almost Rs 58,000. Sinha too, does six batches every year. **How integration works**
 ABIS Exports has 30,000-odd broiler farmers like Verma and Sinha across India. They are supplied day-old chicks (each costing Rs 28 and pre-vaccinated for Gumboro/Infectious Bursal Disease and Newcastle Disease), feed (Rs 40/ kg) and technical inputs (line supervisors make 5-6 visits in every cycle). The company markets the grown birds that are directly lifted from the farms by traders. This integrated contract farming model was pioneered by Coimbatore-based Suguna Foods. Of the estimated 14 crore day-old chicks placed every week in broiler farms all over India, IB Group/ ABIS and Suguna account for 1-1.1 crore each. Other major broiler integrators — Venkateshwara Hatcheries Group, Baramati Agro, and Premium Chick Feeds (all in Pune), and Shalimar Group (in Kolkata) — do 30-60

lakh chick placements per week. The broiler industry is arguably India's most organised and vertically integrated agri-business. Dairies procure milk from farmers, but don't supply them with cows or buffaloes. But poultry integrators have their own feed plants as well as commercial broiler hatcheries. The broiler integration companies have turned poultry farming — traditionally based on rearing 10-20 free-range/ backyard breed birds fed on agricultural byproducts and kitchen waste — into a commercial enterprise even for smallholders. Almost 40% of the IB Group's 30,000 farmers own environmentally controlled houses with between 9,000-10,000 and 24,000-25,000 chicks, with an initial investment of Rs 450-500 per chick. IB/ABIS has 10 hatcheries in nine states that can load more than 65 crore eggs annually for hatching into chicks, which are dispatched the same day to reach broiler farms in 12-15 hours. The company has eight feed plants and India's largest soyabean processing unit with a daily crushing capacity of 2,000 tonnes. It supplies de-oiled cake, the residual meal after oil extraction and the main protein ingredient in poultry feed. **Backward, forward, ahead**
 The broiler chickens produced and sold in India are largely of foreign pedigree stock like Ross, Hubbard and Cobb. The Ross and Hubbard lines are owned by Aviagen; the Venkateshwara Hatcheries Group has a joint venture with Cobb-Vantress, also a US poultry genetics company, for breeding broilers "suited to Indian agro-climatic and management conditions". Suguna Foods has developed its own 'Sunbro' pure line broiler breed. The Indian broiler industry is more "backward integrated" than dairy, but not as "forward integrated" as the latter. Dairies sell branded pouch milk, curd, ghee, butter, cheese and ice-cream, whereas broiler chickens are predominantly wholesaled and even retailed as live birds in the "wet market" or roadside shops. "Forward integration is the next step. We need to move to branded sales of dressed, chilled, and packed chickens, apart from ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat meat," Zoya Afreen Alam, director of ABIS Exports, said. That will need a change in consumer behaviour, and may take time — like it did with fresh pouched milk and curd.

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Ex-ISI chief who visited Kabul after Taliban takeover, arrested: reasons, context

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THE PAKISTAN Army has begun court martial proceedings against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (ret'd), who was until recently Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The Army announced Lt Gen Hameed's arrest on Monday. He is accused of corruption while in service, and of engaging in questionable activities after retirement. The general, who was Pakistan's top spymaster from June 2019 to November 2021, was considered close to the jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan, and was in the running to succeed Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa as Pakistan Army Chief. Hameed resigned in November 2022, soon after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif appointed (then) Lt Gen Asim Munir to the top post. A couple of weeks after the last American soldiers withdrew from

Afghanistan and the Taliban took power in August 2021, Hameed, who was then ISI chief, visited Kabul on the invitation of the country's new rulers.

What has Hameed been accused of?
 The Field General Court Martial (FGCM) against the retired general has been ordered following adverse observations made by the Supreme Court of Pakistan about nine months ago. On November 14, 2023, the court, which was hearing a petition filed by the owner of a real estate company, said in a written order that the allegations made by the petitioner against Hameed were "of an extremely serious nature, and if true, undoubtedly would undermine the reputation of the federal government, the armed forces, ISI and Pakistan Rangers". "Therefore", the three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa said, "they cannot be left unattended", according to a report published by Dawn at the time.

The petitioner, one Moeze Ahmed Khan, the owner of Top City housing scheme, a private housing society in the Chowki Hameedan area of Islamabad, had accused Hameed and his associates of extortion. It was alleged that in May 2017, when Hameed was a senior officer in the ISI, officials of the spy agency and personnel of the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers raided the offices of Top City and Moeze's home and took away gold and diamond jewellery after falsely accusing him of terrorism. The petitioner said he was subsequently forced to "pay Rs 4 crore in cash" in a deal brokered by Hameed's brother, Sardar Najaf. **What action has been taken against Hameed?**
 In April 2024, a Court of Inquiry headed

by a Major General of the Pakistan Army was convened against Lt Gen Hameed. The Summary of Evidence has culminated in the court martial. In a press release, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said: "[A] detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City case... Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Ret'd), under provisions of Pakistan Army Act." The retired general has been put under arrest. However, unlike civilians, he is not in jail. Hameed has been housed in a guest room in an Army officers' mess in Rawalpindi. **In what positions did Hameed serve during his military career?**
 Hameed was commissioned in the Baloch Regiment of the Pakistan Army in

1987. After his promotion to the rank of Major General, he commanded the 16 Infantry Division in Pano Aqil in Southern Sindh. Subsequently, he was posted to ISI as DG Counter Intelligence. Hameed came into the limelight during the November 2017 *dharma* by the far right Barelvi Islamist party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP). Hameed was accused of having engineered the three-week sit-in at the Faizabad interchange that paralysed the Pakistani capital and triggered violence. In 2019, he was appointed DG ISI, replacing Gen Asim Munir, the current Army Chief. Imran was Prime Minister at the time. Hameed was considered close to then Army Chief Gen Bajwa. However, Bajwa removed him as DG ISI in 2021, apparently after differences between them grew. Imran opposed the decision but eventually gave in. Some experts have said Hameed is being punished for refusing to testify against Imran. They believe that in Pakistan's topsy-turvy politics, Hameed has an eye on the possibility of Imran's fortunes changing for the better.

How often has Pak's Army acted against its senior officers, serving or retired?
 Hameed is the third senior officer to have run foul of Gen Munir. In April 2024, Lt Gen Ayman Bilal Safdar, the GOC 1 Corps stationed at Mangla in Punjab, was forced to resign after the ISI recorded some critical comments he made about the Army Chief during a visit to Saudi Arabia. Lt Gen Safdar could have had a shot at the office of Army Chief in 2025 if Gen Munir retires at the end of his three-year term. Before that, in May 2023, Lt Gen Salman Fayyaz Ghani, then GOC 4 Corps at Lahore, was sacked after Flag Staff House, the GOC's official residence, was vandalised by workers of Imran's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. Dawn reported that Pakistani military courts have convicted a three-star and a two-star general for espionage and mutiny in 2019 and 1995 respectively. In a number of other cases, instead of court-martialing general officers, the military removed them after disciplinary proceedings, Dawn said.

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Understanding, managing, and preventing a growing global health challenge

A REPORT published in February 2024 brings to light the hard-hitting reality that between 2010 and 2019, the global prevalence of Atrial fibrillation (AF) had risen markedly from 33.5 million to 59 million individuals living with AF. As one of the most common heart rhythm disorders encountered in medical practice, and often seen in older adults, Atrial fibrillation is a heart condition characterized by an irregular or abnormally fast heart rhythm, which may present itself in episodes or become a permanent condition.

Under normal circumstances, the heart beats in a regular, coordinated manner, with the upper chambers (atria) and lower chambers (ventricles) working in sync. However, in individuals with AF, the atria beat irregularly and out of sync with the ventricles, leading to an abnormal heart rhythm. This can result in a heart rate that is too fast, too slow, or irregular.

The prevalence of AF is rising in India, in parallel with an increase in non-communicable diseases like ischemic heart disease, stroke, and diabetes mellitus, which share common risk factors with AF. Although AF can affect individuals of any age, it becomes more common with advancing age, particularly in those over 65, wherein it reportedly affects about 10% of the population.

In light of research indicating that about 15% to 20% of strokes are linked to AF, Atrial Fibrillation is associated with a higher risk of many severe complications, particularly stroke. In people with AF, the heart's inefficient pumping can cause blood to pool in the atria, leading to the formation of clots. If these clots are dislodged, they can travel to the brain, obstruct blood flow, and cause a stroke. Despite the serious nature of the condition, wherein, if left un-



treated, AF can double the risk of heart-related deaths and result in a five-fold increased risk of stroke, many individuals remain oblivious to the dangers posed by AF - rendering it even more perilous.

AF symptoms: From silent to severe
Symptoms of AF can vary widely. While some individuals may experience no symptoms at all—research suggests that 10%-40% of those with AF are asymptomatic—others may exhibit a single symptom or a range of symptoms, which include an irregular heartbeat, palpitations (a sensation of rapid or fluttering heartbeats), light-headedness, shortness of breath, and chest pain or discomfort. Additional symptoms can include confusion, dizziness, fainting, excessive sweating, extreme fatigue, weakness, and an abnormally fast or irregular pulse.

Syncope, or sudden fainting spells, can also be a sign of AF. Syncope is defined as a temporary loss of consciousness due to a brief reduction in blood flow to the brain, which can result from an arrhythmia. While most fainting episodes are benign, they can sometimes indicate a more

serious underlying condition. Therefore, it is important for anyone who has experienced syncope to seek medical evaluation to rule out AF or other related conditions such as vascular disease, cardiomyopathy, or valvular dysfunction. A visit to the doctor is essential to prevent potential complications and to catch AF early before it worsens.

Understanding the risk factors
Age is a significant factor in the increased risk of developing AF, wherein a rise in the likelihood of developing AF increases with increasing age. Reportedly, AF is highly prevalent with a lifetime risk of about one in 3-5 individuals after the age of 45 years. However, several other factors also contribute to raising the risk. These include high blood pressure, obesity, a family history of AF, alcohol consumption (especially binge drinking), and certain heart conditions or disorders like heart disease, heart valve issues, or a history of heart surgery. Additionally, diabetes, thyroid problems, chronic kidney disease, lung disease, sleep apnea, and drug use also increase the risk of AF.

Key approaches to managing and treating

Atrial Fibrillation
Atrial fibrillation is managed using various medical strategies tailored to the condition. One key approach involves medications to control heart rate, which prevents the ventricles from beating too quickly. This helps ensure effective blood circulation, reducing strain on the heart and preventing complications.

Another critical aspect of AF management is restoring a normal heart rhythm. The irregular beating of the atria in AF can exacerbate symptoms and increase the risk of complications. To address this, rhythm control medications are prescribed to help the heart maintain a regular sinus rhythm. This not only alleviates symptoms like palpitations and fatigue but also reduces the risk of long-term issues such as heart failure.

Given the heightened risk of stroke in AF, treatment often includes anticoagulants to prevent blood clots. These blood-thinning medications reduce the likelihood of clots forming and causing a stroke, although they require careful monitoring.

Management of AF also involves lifestyle changes and regular monitoring, and in some cases, procedures like cardioversion or surgical interventions such as catheter ablation may be necessary. This comprehensive approach aims to manage symptoms, reduce complications, and improve the quality of life for individuals with AF.

Since prevention is better than cure, the emphasis is on preventive approaches, wherein making healthy lifestyle choices gains foremost significance. A balanced diet and regular physical activity go a long way in alleviating the risk of heart disease, which in turn lowers the risk of developing AF. Additionally, maintaining an ideal body weight, quitting smoking and limiting alcohol intake figure in among important preventive measures for AF. Moreover, by managing conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and sleep apnea through lifestyle changes and medical treatment the risk of AF can be reduced further.

In a nutshell, treating AF requires balancing heart rate control, rhythm restoration of the heart, and stroke prevention, supported by lifestyle modifications and ongoing care to manage the condition and reduce risks effectively.

While AF is a common and potentially dangerous condition, recognizing the risk factors and the symptoms early, and seeking timely intervention to manage Atrial Fibrillation through a combination of medical strategies and lifestyle changes are crucial steps in reducing the risks associated with this common heart condition. Early diagnosis and comprehensive care can significantly enhance the quality of life and prevent severe complications like stroke, allowing individuals with AF to live healthier, longer and more fulfilling lives.

Laboratory monitoring of anticoagulant therapy: INR (international normalized ratio) and other coagulation tests



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LABORATORY monitoring of anticoagulant therapy plays a crucial role in ensuring patient safety and optimizing treatment outcomes. Anticoagulants are medications commonly used to prevent or treat blood clotting disorders such as deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and atrial fibrillation. These medications exert their effect by inhibiting certain clotting factors or platelet function, thereby reducing the risk of clot formation. However, anticoagulants can also increase the risk of bleeding complications, making monitoring essential.

One of the most commonly used tests for monitoring anticoagulant therapy is the international normalized ratio (INR). The INR is a standardized measure of the blood's clot-

ting ability and is used to assess the effectiveness of oral anticoagulants such as Warfarin. It provides a standardized value that allows for consistent interpretation across different laboratories and reagents. The INR is calculated by dividing the patient's prothrombin time (PT) by the mean normal PT, raised to the power of the International Sensitivity Index (ISI) value for the specific thromboplastin reagent used.

The target INR range for patients on anticoagulant therapy varies depending on the underlying condition being treated. For most indications, the goal is to maintain the INR within a therapeutic range, typically between 2.0 and 3.0. However, certain conditions may require a higher target range, such as mechanical heart valves, where an INR of 2.5 to 3.5 may be recommended.

Regular monitoring of the INR is crucial to ensure that the anticoagulant dose is appropriate for each individual patient. Too high an INR puts the patient at risk of bleeding complications, while an INR below the target range may increase the risk of clot formation. Depending on the stability of a patient's INR, monitoring frequency can vary from once a week to once a month.

In addition to the INR, other coagulation tests may be performed to provide further information about a patient's clotting status. These tests include the prothrombin time (PT) and activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT). The PT measures the

time it takes for blood to clot in response to tissue factor, and it is used to monitor the effects of oral anticoagulants. The aPTT measures the time it takes for blood to clot in response to an activator and is primarily used to monitor the effects of heparin, an injectable anticoagulant.

These coagulation tests provide valuable information about a patient's clotting ability and help guide anticoagulant therapy adjustments. For instance, if a patient's INR is consistently outside the therapeutic range, the anticoagulant dose may need to be adjusted. Similarly, a prolonged PT or aPTT may indicate the need for dose modification or further evaluation for potential bleeding disorders.

It is important to note that the interpretation of coagulation test results should always be done in the context of the patient's clinical condition, concurrent medications, and potential drug interactions. Factors such as liver disease, genetic variations, and drug interactions can influence the response to anticoagulant therapy and impact the interpretation of laboratory results.

In summary, laboratory monitoring of anticoagulant therapy is essential for ensuring the safety and efficacy of treatment. The INR, along with other coagulation tests such as PT and aPTT, provide valuable information about a patient's clotting ability and guide therapeutic decisions.

Many stroke survivors have on-going irregular heart rhythms

MANY stroke survivors experience on-going irregular heart rhythms, a condition known as atrial fibrillation (AF). AF is the most common type of abnormal heart rhythm and is characterized by the rapid and irregular beating of the heart's upper chambers, called the atria. This can lead to inefficient blood flow, formation of blood clots, and an increased risk of stroke.

The link between stroke and AF is significant. In fact, studies have shown that AF is present in about 15 to 30% of ischemic strokes. It is also important to note that 6 minutes of AF significantly increases risk of stroke. Furthermore, it is reported that about 25% of ischemic strokes happen in patients who have survived a previous stroke.

For stroke survivors, the presence of AF poses additional challenges to their recovery and long-term health. The combination of stroke and AF can result in more severe strokes, higher mortality rates, and an increased risk of disability.

Diagnosing AF in stroke survivors can be challenging, as symptoms may be masked or attributed to the stroke itself. Common symptoms of AF, such as palpitations, dizziness, and fatigue, can be overshadowed by the neurological deficits caused by the stroke. Therefore, healthcare providers often rely on electrocardiograms (ECGs) and



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continuous cardiac monitoring to detect AF in stroke survivors.

Relying on routine monitoring strategies is not sufficient and neither is placing a 30-day continuous monitor on the patient. Even if fibrillation is ruled out in the first 30 days, most of the cases are missed—because, as observed, more than 80% of the episodes are first detected more than 30 days after the stroke. And an unrecognized AF may increase the risk of a subsequent stroke caused by a blood clot formed in the heart that travels to the brain.

In a study which included nearly 500 ischemic stroke survivors with an average age of 67 and no diagnosis of AF. Half of them were monitored using an insertable

cardiac monitor that recorded their heart rhythms 24 hours a day for three years. It was observed that the continuous cardiac monitoring device detected AF in more than 20% of the patients during those three years. In standard care, this was detected in just 2.5% of patients. These findings showed that the rate of AF continued to increase over the course of the three years, therefore it's not just a short-lived event and self-resolving related to the initial stroke.

Once AF is diagnosed, the primary goal of treatment is to reduce the risk of stroke. This is typically achieved through the use of anticoagulant medications, regular monitoring and follow-up. Lifestyle modifications can also play a significant role in managing AF and reducing the risk of stroke recurrence.

Stroke survivors are at a higher risk of developing AF, which can have serious implications for their health and well-being. Prompt diagnosis and appropriate management of AF are crucial to prevent recurrent strokes and improve outcomes for these individuals. With comprehensive care, including anticoagulation therapy, rhythm control, lifestyle modifications, and regular monitoring, healthcare providers can help minimize the impact of AF on stroke survivors and enhance their quality of life.

Premature menopause is associated with increased risk of AF in women

PREMATURE menopause, also known as premature ovarian insufficiency (POI) or premature ovarian failure refers to the cessation of ovarian function before the age of 40. It is characterized by the depletion or dysfunction of ovarian follicles, resulting in a decline in estrogen levels. Premature menopause can have various causes, including genetic factors, autoimmune disorders, chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and certain medical conditions.

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common sustained cardiac arrhythmia, characterized by irregular and rapid electrical impulses in the atria of the heart. It is associated with an increased risk of stroke, heart failure, and other cardiovascular complications. While the exact mechanisms underlying the association between premature menopause and AF are not fully understood, several studies have suggested a link between the two conditions.

Research has indicated that women with premature menopause are at a higher risk of developing AF compared to women who experience menopause at the typical age. A study published in the journal *Circulation* in 2015 analyzed data from the Nurses' Health Study, involving over 30,000 women. The researchers found that women who experienced premature menopause had a 40% higher risk of developing AF compared to women who experienced menopause at the age of 50-54. The association remained significant even after adjusting



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for other risk factors such as age, body mass index, smoking status, and hormone therapy use.

One possible explanation for the increased risk of AF in women with premature menopause is the hormonal changes associated with early ovarian dysfunction. Estrogen has been shown to have protective effects on the cardiovascular system, including maintaining the integrity of the blood vessels and regulating cardiac electrical activity. The decline in estrogen levels due to premature menopause may disrupt these protective mechanisms, leading to an increased susceptibility to arrhythmias such as AF.

Additionally, premature menopause is often associated with other risk factors for cardiovas-

cular disease, such as obesity, dyslipidemia, and insulin resistance. These factors can contribute to the development of AF independently of hormonal changes. Moreover, certain underlying conditions that cause premature menopause, such as autoimmune disorders or genetic abnormalities, may also predispose individuals to both premature menopause and AF.

Furthermore, a study published in *Menopause: The Journal of The North American Menopause Society* in 2020 suggested that early age at menopause is associated with an increased prevalence of left atrial enlargement, a known risk factor for AF. The researchers found that women with premature menopause had a higher prevalence of left atrial enlargement compared to women who experienced menopause at a later age. This finding provides further evidence for the link between premature menopause and AF.

In conclusion, there appears to be a significant association between premature menopause and an increased risk of AF. The hormonal changes, including the decline in estrogen levels, associated with premature menopause may contribute to the development of AF. Other cardiovascular risk factors and underlying conditions associated with premature menopause may also play a role. Further research is needed to elucidate the exact mechanisms underlying this association and to develop strategies for risk stratification and management of AF in women with premature menopause.

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Preterm birth increases the risk of atrial fibrillation later in life



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ONE study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association, 2018 analyzed data from over two million individuals and found that preterm birth was associated with an increased risk of developing Atrial Fibrillation (AF) in adulthood. The researchers suggested that preterm birth could lead to alterations in cardiac structure and function, potentially contributing to the development of cardiovascular conditions like AF.

Increasing evidences from population-based studies as well as long-term

follow-up studies, suggest that adverse birth outcomes, including preterm birth (which refers to babies being born before 37 weeks of gestation), small for gestational age and large for gestational age are associated with increased risks of high blood pressure (hypertension), ischemic heart disease, AF, stroke and heart failure. These studies also suggested other factors that may influence AF risk, such as age, sex and other health conditions. Although AF primarily affects middle aged and older individuals, it also presents in children and young adults. The incidence of AF in children and young adults has increased slightly during the past decades and its estimated prevalence is 0.12% to 0.16%.

Researchers at Karolinska Institutet have investigated how preterm birth and foetal growth are related to the risk of atrial fibrillation up to middle-age. According to this latest research, which is published in JAMA Pediatrics, 2023, being born preterm or large for gestational age at birth is associated with increased risks of AF later in life. This study also suggested that individuals who are small for gestational age at birth had an increased risk of AF for up to the age of



18, but not later in adulthood. Similarly, large population-based study also demonstrated that preterm birth and large gestational age were associated

with increased risks of AF up to the age of 49 years. According to this study, persons born preterm had a 30% risk increase; persons born large for gesta-

tional age had a 55% risk increase and individuals born both preterm and large for gestational age had a 71% risk increase.

The exact mechanisms underlying this relationship are not fully understood. However, several potential mechanisms have been suggested to explain the association between preterm birth and AF. These include adverse effects on cardiac development, alterations in the structure and function of the heart and changes in autonomic nervous system regulation. Preterm birth and large gestational age may cause cardiac remodeling and dysfunction during fetal life and/or persistent impairment of atrial structure or function during early childhood and adolescence, which in turn may lead to AF.

Additionally, individuals born preterm may have an increased risk of developing adverse changes in cardiorespiratory fitness, blood pressure, insulin sensitivity, adiposity and lipid deposition as well as other cardiometabolic disorders later in life, which can contribute to AF development. Many other factors, including maternal medical conditions, such as diabetes and/or obesity during pregnancy and lifestyle choices also play a significant role in the development of AF. Overall, prematurity is associated with an increased risk of AF, which is more prominent in childhood than adulthood.

Management of risk factors underlying atrial fibrillation



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OF late, numerous risk factors and conditions have been identified that are associated with the development and progression of Atrial Fibrillation (AF). A few of these risk factors and predisposing conditions cannot be modified, such as advancing age, gender, ethnicity and genetic predisposition. However, most are modifiable or can at least be optimally treated. Most of the risk factors and underlying conditions predisposing to AF are also risk factors for other cardiovascular conditions such as coronary artery disease, vascular disease, and heart failure. Targeting these risk factors and underlying conditions at the earliest, ideally before AF becomes clinically manifest would not only prevent or reverse atrial remodelling or limit AF progression but also improve the underlying conditions themselves and in turn reduce strokes and other cardiovascular adverse events. Thus, beyond oral anticoagulant therapy, rate and rhythm control, therapy targeting risk factors and underlying conditions is an emerging AF management strategy that warrants better implementation in clinical practice.

Modifiable Risk Factors Associated with AF that can be Targeted Through Optimal Treatment and Lifestyle Intervention

1. Conventional Risk Factors: Coronary heart disease, Hypertension (>140/90 mmHg), Heart failure (with preserved and reduced ejection fraction), Left ventricular diastolic dysfunction, Diabetes, Hyperthyroidism, Obesity, Valvular heart disease.

2. Less Established Risk Factors: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Left atrial dilatation, Atrial conduction delay/PR interval, Left ventricular hypertrophy, Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome.

3. Emerging Risk Factors: Sub-clinical atherosclerosis, borderline hypertension (between 120/80 mmHg and 140/90 mmHg), chronic kidney disease, subclinical hyperthyroidism, inflammation, elevated natriuretic peptides, widened pulse pressure, excessive endurance exercise, physical inactivity, excessive alcohol intake, smoking and caffeine intake.

Risk Factor Management Strategies and Treatment Goals

1. Hypertension Treatment goal: Blood pressure <140/90 mmHg or <130/80 mmHg

Comments: For atrial fibrillation prevention consider angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, angiotensin II-receptor blocker, beta-blocker or mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist.

2. Obesity Treatment goal: BMI 20-25 kg/m², BMI 18.5-24.9 kg/m². For individuals with BMI =25 kg/m²,

It is recommended to lose 5-10 % of the body weight.

Comments: Avoid weight fluctuations

3. Diabetes Treatment goal: HbA1c =7.0 %

Comments: Metformin as first-line therapy

4. Physical inactivity Treatment goal: Physical activity of moderate intensity 150-200 min/week; Aerobic exercise 90-150 min/week.

5. Obstructive sleep apnoea-Comments: Appropriate screening, particularly in high-risk patients (hypertension, obesity), manage with continuous positive airway pressure.

6. Alcohol consumption Treatment goal: Maximum of two glasses per day (20 g/day of alcohol) for men and one glass per day (10 g/day of alcohol) for women.

7. Smoking Treatment goal: Complete cessation

8. Dyslipidaemia Treatment goal: LDL cholesterol < 100 mg/dL or at least 50 % if baseline LDL cholesterol 100-190 mg/dL in patients at high cardiovascular risk. No specific LDL cholesterol targets. **Comments:** Use statins

To summarize, various common cardiovascular risk factors such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus, obesity, obstructive sleep apnea, physical inactivity and alcohol consumption significantly contribute to the development of AF. Optimal and timely management of targeting these conditions is feasible, reduces AF and improves quality of life.

Low carb diets and increased susceptibility of AF



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IT IS well evident that Atrial Fibrillation (AF) can lead to various symptoms and health complications. There are several factors that can contribute to the development of AF, which include age, high blood pressure, heart disease and obesity. Consuming Low-carbohydrate (Low-carb) diets is one of the factors causing AF. However, the relationship between low-carb diets and increased susceptibility to AF is a topic of ongoing research and debate. Some studies have suggested a potential link between low-carb diets and an increased risk of AF, while others have found no significant association. Researchers also consider the overall quality of the diet and its potential impact on cardiovascular health.

What are Low Carb Diets and their Implications?

Low-carb diet typically involve reducing carbohydrate intake and increasing the consumption of protein and healthy fats. Low-carb diets can have beneficial effects on cardiovascular health of individuals with conditions like obesity or diabetes, both of which can contribute to cardiovascular



problems. Low-card diets promotes weight loss, improves insulin sensitivity, reduces blood pressure and decreases triglyceride levels.

However, recent research has suggested that carbohydrates removal from diet may cause heart issues. Specifically, persons who are consuming a lower proportion of their total daily calorie intake from foods (such as starchy vegetables, fruits and grains) may have an increased likelihood of developing AF.

Low Carb Diets and Atrial Fibrillation

According to Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) analysis, low-carb diets are associated with increased risk of incident AF, regardless of the type of protein or fat used to replace the carbohydrate. There are several processes in which low carb diets might lead to the onset of AF. One possible explanation is

that some low-carb diets may encourage the consumption of high amounts of animal-based fats and proteins, such as red meat and full-fat dairy products. Consuming excessive amounts of saturated fats and cholesterol from these sources may potentially raise the risk of obesity, which is a known risk factor for AF. In addition, some research suggested that people who follow low-carb diets tend to eat fewer vegetables, fruits and grains, which are known to reduce inflammation. Thus, person consuming low-carb diet can experience more inflammation. Another possible explanation is that eating more protein and fat might lead to oxidative stress. Both inflammation and oxidative stress are implicated as central mediators of AF in several lines of evidence.

Moreover, inadequate intake of certain nutrients due to restrictive diets

can affect overall health. For instance, low-carb diets may limit the consumption of whole grains, fruits and certain vegetables, which are important sources of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibers. Insufficient intake of these nutrients can indirectly impact overall cardiovascular health of individual.

Individuals response to different diets can vary widely. What works well for one person may not have the same effects on another. While low-carb diets themselves do not directly increase the risk of AF, the overall quality and composition of the diet, as well as the potential nutrient deficiencies, may have an impact on cardiovascular health. Therefore, it is important to adopt a balanced and sustainable approach to eating, which includes a variety of nutrient-dense foods to support overall well-being and to reduce the risk of arrhythmia.

Monitoring Anticoagulant Therapy



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ANTICOAGULANT therapy is a critical treatment used to prevent and manage blood clots in patients at risk or with a history of thrombotic events. Medications such as warfarin, heparin, and direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) are commonly prescribed for this purpose. However, monitoring of anticoagulant therapy is crucial to ensure its efficacy and minimize the risk of bleeding complications.

Monitoring of anticoagulant therapy primarily involves assessing the patient's coagulation status and adjusting the dosage of the

anticoagulant medication accordingly. There are different methods and tests available to monitor anticoagulation, depending on the type of medication being used.

International Normalized Ratio (INR): INR is a commonly used test for monitoring warfarin therapy. Warfarin interferes with the synthesis of clotting factors in the liver, particularly factors II, VII, IX, and X. The INR is a standardized ratio that compares the patient's prothrombin time (PT) to a normal control, taking into account the sensitivity of the specific reagent used. Regular INR testing helps determine the appropriate dosage of warfarin to maintain the desired level of anticoagulation.

Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (aPTT): aPTT is primarily used to monitor unfractionated Heparin therapy. Heparin works by enhancing the activity of antithrombin III, which inhibits several clotting factors. The aPTT test measures the time it takes for a clot to form in plasma after adding an activator. The test is performed at regular intervals to ensure that the heparin dose is adequate for therapeutic anticoagulation.

Anti-Xa Assay: The anti-Xa assay is commonly used to monitor low molecular weight heparins (LMWHs) and some DOACs, such as rivaroxaban and apixaban. It measures the activity of factor Xa, one of the key enzymes involved in the coagulation cascade. The assay helps determine the level of anticoagulation and adjust the dosage if needed.

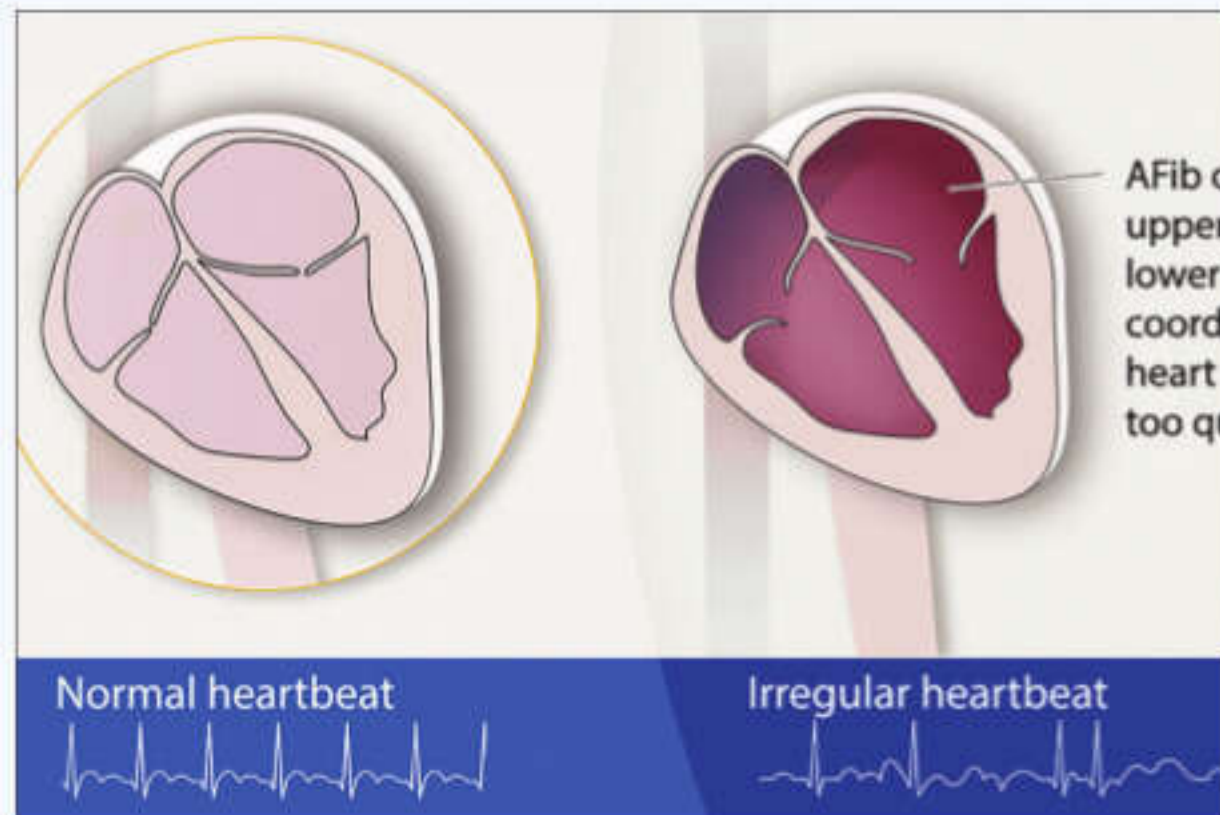
Direct Thrombin Inhibitor Assay: This assay is used to monitor the anticoagulant effect of direct thrombin inhibitors, such as dabigatran. It measures the direct inhibition of thrombin, a central enzyme in the coagulation cascade. Regular monitoring ensures that the drug is effectively preventing thrombus formation without increasing the risk of bleeding.

Point-of-Care Testing (POCT): POCT devices provide rapid and convenient coagulation monitoring at the bedside or in outpatient settings. These devices often use fingerstick capillary blood samples and provide results within minutes. POCT devices can measure parameters such as INR, aPTT, and anti-Xa activity, depending on the specific test cartridge used.

They are particularly useful for patients who require frequent monitoring or have limited access to laboratory facilities.

Monitoring of anticoagulant therapy involves more than just laboratory tests. It also requires regular clinical assessments to evaluate the patient's bleeding and thrombotic risk, adherence to medication, and potential drug interactions. Patient education and counseling are essential to ensure that patients understand the importance of compliance, recognize signs of bleeding or clotting, and know when to seek medical attention.

Monitoring of anticoagulant therapy is crucial to maintain the delicate balance between preventing thrombotic events and avoiding bleeding complications. The choice of monitoring method depends on the type of anticoagulant being used. Regular monitoring, both through laboratory tests and clinical assessments, allows healthcare professionals to optimize anticoagulant dosing and provide appropriate care to patients receiving anticoagulant therapy.



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Irregular heartbeat and its types



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mal for a person to have a fast or slow heart rate. For example, the heart rate may increase with exercise or slow down during sleep.

There are different types of heart arrhythmias and they can be categorized as tachycardia and bradycardia. Types of tachycardia include; Atrial fibrillation (AF) - one of the most common types of arrhythmia. It is described as a rapid, chaotic heartbeat and is associated with an increased risk of blood clots and stroke.

Atrial flutter is another type which is more like AF. It starts with an electrical short-circuit in the upper heart chamber. The heartbeats are rapid, but not chaotic like with a-fib. It is also associated with an increased risk of stroke.

Supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) is cat-

egorized as a sudden pounding of the heart. It is an umbrella term for arrhythmias that start above the lower heart chambers. SVT can also lead to serious complications such as stroke and other heart diseases.

Ventricular fibrillation is a heart rhythm issue in the heart's lower ventricles. It is a misfire in the electrical signals of the heart that cause the ventricles to flutter randomly. If normal heart rhythm is not restored, it can lead to death. It is mostly found in those with underlying heart disease or those who have experienced trauma.

Another type of heart arrhythmia is ventricular tachycardia which occurs due to defective electrical pulses in the heart's lower ventricles. It is usually harmless for people with healthy hearts, but it can be life-threatening for

a heart already weakened by heart disease.

Different types of bradycardia include; sick sinus syndrome which is due to defective sinus nodes. The sinus nodes are the natural pacemakers in the heart. Heart rhythms will beat too quickly or, more commonly, too slowly when malfunctioning. The other type of bradycardia is the conduction block, a heart rhythm condition caused by a breakdown in the flow of the electrical pulses that make the heart pump. The blockage slows the heart rate because the messages of when to pump and contract are not coming on time.

According to the American heart association (AHA) there are many causes that can lead to heart arrhythmias. The heart arrhythmias often don't have any signs or symptoms, however in case of more severe symptoms such as chest pain, sweating, etc. these more severe symptoms should be addressed immediately.

Management of heart arrhythmias include medications, catheter procedures, implanted devices or surgery to control or eliminate fast, slow or irregular heartbeats. A heart-healthy lifestyle can help prevent heart damage that can trigger certain heart arrhythmias.

Potential anticoagulant related adverse effects

ANTICOAGULANTS are medications used to prevent or treat blood clot formation in various medical conditions. While these drugs are generally effective in reducing the risk of clotting, they can also have adverse effects. Among the anticoagulant-related adverse effects, thrombocytopenia, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), and other rare complications are of significant concern.

Thrombocytopenia is a condition characterized by a low platelet count in the blood. Platelets are essential for clotting and preventing bleeding. Some anticoagulants, such as heparin, can cause a drop in platelet levels. This side effect may occur in a small percentage of patients receiving heparin therapy. The mechanism behind heparin-induced thrombocytopenia is complex and involves an immune response triggered by the drug. While mild cases may not require intervention, severe thrombocytopenia can lead to bleeding complications and necessitate the discontinuation of heparin therapy.

Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) is a specific form of thrombocytopenia associated with the use of heparin. HIT is an immune-mediated condition where antibodies form against the complex of heparin and a protein called platelet factor 4. These antibodies activate platelets, leading to excessive clot formation and thrombotic complications. Paradoxically, despite the association with thrombocytopenia, HIT actually increases the risk of developing blood clots.

The diagnosis of HIT is based on clinical suspicion and laboratory tests. If HIT is suspected, heparin must be promptly discontinued to prevent further complications. Alternative anticoagulants, such as direct thrombin inhibitors like Argatroban or Bivalirudin, may be used in HIT patients. It is crucial to manage HIT carefully, as untreated or delayed treatment can lead to severe thrombotic events, such as deep vein thrombosis or even life-threatening pulmonary embolism.

In addition to thrombocytopenia and HIT, there are other rare complications associated with anticoagulant therapy. These adverse effects include bleeding disorders, such as gastrointestinal bleeding, intracranial hemorrhage, or



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other major bleeding events. Although bleeding is a known risk with anticoagulants, certain factors can increase the vulnerability to bleeding, such as advanced age, history of bleeding disorders, or concomitant use of other medications that affect clotting.

Another rare but serious complication is skin necrosis, which can occur with the use of vitamin K antagonists like warfarin. Skin necrosis manifests as localized areas of tissue death, typically occurring in fatty areas of the body, such as the breasts, buttocks, or thighs. It is believed to result from a transient hypercoagulable state induced by vitamin K antagonists, leading to small blood clots within the blood vessels of the skin.

Other less common adverse effects of anticoagulants include allergic reactions, such as rashes or itching, and drug interactions. Certain anticoagulants can interact with other medications, including over-the-counter drugs or herbal supplements, potentially affecting their effectiveness or increasing the risk of bleeding or other side effects. Therefore, it is crucial for healthcare professionals to be aware of these interactions and carefully evaluate a patient's medication profile before initiating anticoagulant therapy.

While anticoagulants are valuable medications for preventing and treating blood clots, they can have adverse effects that need to be carefully considered. Thrombocytopenia, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT), and other rare complications, including bleeding disorders and skin necrosis, are among the potential adverse effects associated with these drugs.

Perioperative management of Anticoagulant therapy: Strategies for minimizing bleeding and thrombotic risks



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PERIOPERATIVE management of anticoagulant therapy plays a crucial role in balancing the risks of bleeding and thrombosis in patients undergoing surgical procedures. The management strategies aim to minimize bleeding complications while ensuring adequate prevention of thrombotic events.

Preoperative evaluation is essential to assess the patient's thrombotic and bleeding risks. Factors such as the type of surgery, the underlying indication for anticoagulation,

comorbidities, and individual patient characteristics need to be considered. Collaboration between the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and hematologist is crucial in formulating a comprehensive perioperative management plan.

Temporary discontinuation of anticoagulant therapy is often necessary before surgery to reduce the risk of bleeding. The timing and duration of the interruption depend on the type of anticoagulant and its pharmacokinetic properties. For vitamin K antagonists (e.g., warfarin), cessation 5 days prior to surgery is typically recommended to allow for the normalization of coagulation parameters. In contrast, direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) have shorter half-lives, and holding these agents for 2-4 days before the procedure is usually sufficient.

Bridge therapy with heparin or low-molecular-weight heparin (LMWH) may be considered for patients at high thrombotic risk who require temporary interruption of anticoagulation. Bridging is typically employed with vitamin K antagonists but may not be necessary for DOACs due to their shorter

duration of action. However, individual patient factors and the bleeding risk associated with the surgical procedure should be carefully assessed when deciding on bridge therapy.

In high-risk surgeries associated with a significant risk of bleeding, such as major orthopedic procedures or neurosurgery, anticoagulant therapy may need to be withheld for a longer duration. In such cases, mechanical prophylaxis, such as intermittent pneumatic compression devices, may be employed to mitigate the thrombotic risk.

Once the surgical procedure is completed, the timing of anticoagulant resumption needs to be carefully determined. It is generally recommended to delay the initiation of therapeutic anticoagulation until adequate hemostasis is achieved. The decision to resume anticoagulation should be made in consultation with the surgical team and based on the patient's bleeding risk.

Postoperative thromboprophylaxis is an important consideration, especially in patients at high thrombotic risk. Mechanical prophylaxis, such as compression stockings

or intermittent pneumatic compression devices, is commonly employed during the early postoperative period. Pharmacological thromboprophylaxis with LMWH or unfractionated heparin may be initiated once the bleeding risk decreases. The timing and choice of pharmacological agents should be individualized based on the patient's thrombotic and bleeding risks.

Close postoperative monitoring of coagulation parameters, such as international normalized ratio (INR) for patients on vitamin K antagonists, is essential to ensure appropriate anticoagulation control. Additionally, vigilant observation for signs and symptoms of bleeding or thrombosis is necessary to detect and manage complications promptly.

Perioperative management of anticoagulant therapy requires a balanced approach to minimize bleeding and thrombotic risks. Individualized strategies should be developed based on patient-specific factors, the type of anticoagulant used, and the surgical procedure being performed. Careful evaluation of risks and benefits are crucial for optimizing perioperative outcomes in patients receiving anticoagulant therapy.

Premature heart beats

PREMATURE heartbeats, also known as premature ventricular contractions (PVCs) or premature atrial contractions (PACs) are irregular heart rhythms that occur when the heartbeats deviate from the normal rhythm. In a healthy heart, electrical signals regulate the timing and coordination of the heart's contractions. However, in the case of premature heartbeats, additional electrical impulses disrupt this rhythm and cause the heart to contract prematurely.

PVCs occur when the ventricles, the lower chambers of the heart, contract too early. This results in an extra heartbeat that interrupts the regular rhythm. On the other hand, PACs occur when the atria, the upper chambers of the heart, contract prematurely. Both PVCs and PACs can be perceived as a skipped heartbeat or an extra beat.

In many cases, premature heartbeats are harmless and do not require treatment. They may occur sporadically and go unnoticed. However, some individuals may experience frequent or persistent premature heartbeats, which can be symptomatic and concerning. Common symptoms include a fluttering sensation in the chest, a racing or pounding heartbeat, lightheadedness, and occasional chest discomfort.

Various factors can contribute to the occurrence of premature heartbeats.



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These include:

Stress and anxiety: Emotional stress, anxiety, and excessive caffeine or alcohol consumption can trigger premature heartbeats.

Stimulants: Certain substances like nicotine, caffeine, and illicit drugs can stimulate the heart and increase the likelihood of premature heartbeats.

Medications and medical conditions: Certain medications, such as those used to treat asthma or high blood pressure, can induce premature heartbeats. Additionally, underlying medical conditions like thyroid problems, electrolyte imbalances, and heart diseases can also contribute to their oc-

currence.

Lifestyle factors: Lack of sleep, excessive physical activity, and a poor diet can increase the likelihood of experiencing premature heartbeats.

Heart abnormalities: Structural abnormalities in the heart, such as a heart valve disorder or prior heart attack, can disrupt the normal electrical signaling and lead to premature heartbeats.

While most cases of premature heartbeats do not require treatment, medical intervention may be necessary if they become frequent, severe, or are associated with underlying heart conditions. In such cases, the underlying cause needs to be identified and addressed. Diagnostic tests, such as an electrocardiogram (ECG) or Holter monitor, may be used to evaluate the heart's electrical activity and identify the type and frequency of premature heartbeats.

Treatment options for persistent or symptomatic premature heartbeats may include making lifestyle changes such as reducing stress, avoiding stimulants, getting adequate rest, and adopting a healthy diet can help manage and reduce the frequency of premature heartbeats.

Pharmacological interventions include; medications such as anti-arrhythmics may be prescribed to regulate the heart's electrical activity and reduce the occurrence of premature heartbeats.

In cases where medications are ineffective or not well-tolerated, catheter ablation may be considered. This procedure involves the use of catheters to deliver energy to the specific areas of the heart that are generating the abnormal electrical signals, thereby disrupting their function.

It is important to consult with a doctor for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan if you experience frequent or bothersome premature heartbeats. They can evaluate your specific situation, identify any underlying causes, and recommend the most suitable course of action to manage your condition effectively.

Newly diagnosed Atrial Fibrillation or an irregular heart rhythm increases the risk of Dementia



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ARGUMENTS over whether atrial fibrillation (AF) is independently associated with risk of dementia are on-going. However, there is contradictory research on the topic. In spite of this, AF is still a common arrhythmia that significantly affects many people's lives. Whether AF is independently associated with dementia remains uncertain, as many of the studies are conflicting with only some but not all, demonstrating significant associations.

According to results from a large study of diverse adults in California published in the journal of the American Heart Association. The study found that AF, or an irregular heart rhythm, is linked to a modestly elevated risk of dementia. The risk was highest in younger adults and those without chronic kidney disease, but did not substantially vary across sex, race, or ethnicity.

The authors of this study found that in this community-based, diverse population of nearly 200,000 patients, a modest association of incident AF with higher risk of subsequent incident dementia after matching patients on age, sex, eGFR, and site and further adjusting for numerous potential confounders, including medication use as well as the occurrence of interim stroke. It is notable that the observed association was stronger in



younger patients and those without CKD. These data suggest that independent of its association with ischemic stroke and other related risk factors, AF may be a clinically relevant risk factor for dementia, particular in younger and healthier people.

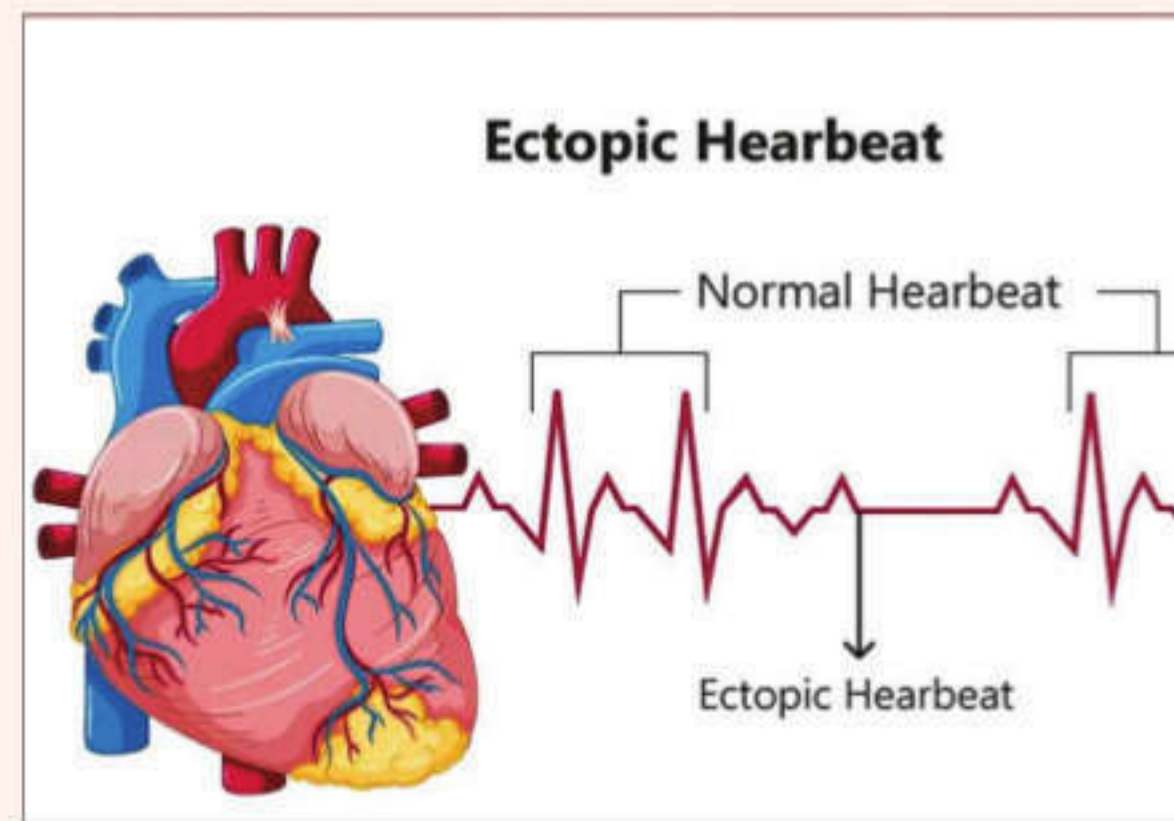
In the study of nearly 200,000 adults, incidence rates for dementia over a median follow-up of 3.3 years were 2.79 versus 2.04 per 100 person-years in individuals with versus without AF, respectively. This implicates that over one year, there would be an average of 2.79 dementia diagnoses among 100 people with AF and 2.04 diagnoses among 100 people without AF. This translates to 279 per 10,000 and 204 per 10,000.

The study authors also reported a stronger association of incident AF with risk of dementia among patients who were younger in age, although the association was also significant in older adults. Previous studies have also reported this association in both younger and older individuals. In a European cohort of 6514

participants, the association of incident AF with dementia was observed only in people aged <67 years. In this study, those aged <67 years with incident AF had an 81% higher risk of development of dementia, which was similar in magnitude to our data. In a national Korean cohort of >260,000 individuals, a propensity score-matched analysis demonstrated that incident AF was associated with a 52% higher risk of dementia in people aged =60 years.

After adjustments, AF was associated with a 13% higher risk of dementia. Adults aged <65 years had a 65% higher risk compared with older adults, those without chronic kidney disease had a 14% higher risk than those with chronic kidney disease.

The results from this study highlight a possible link between AF and risk of subsequent dementia in certain populations. Further studies are needed to understand the mechanisms to explain this association, which may inform the use of treatments for atrial fibrillation.



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Persistent atrial fibrillation



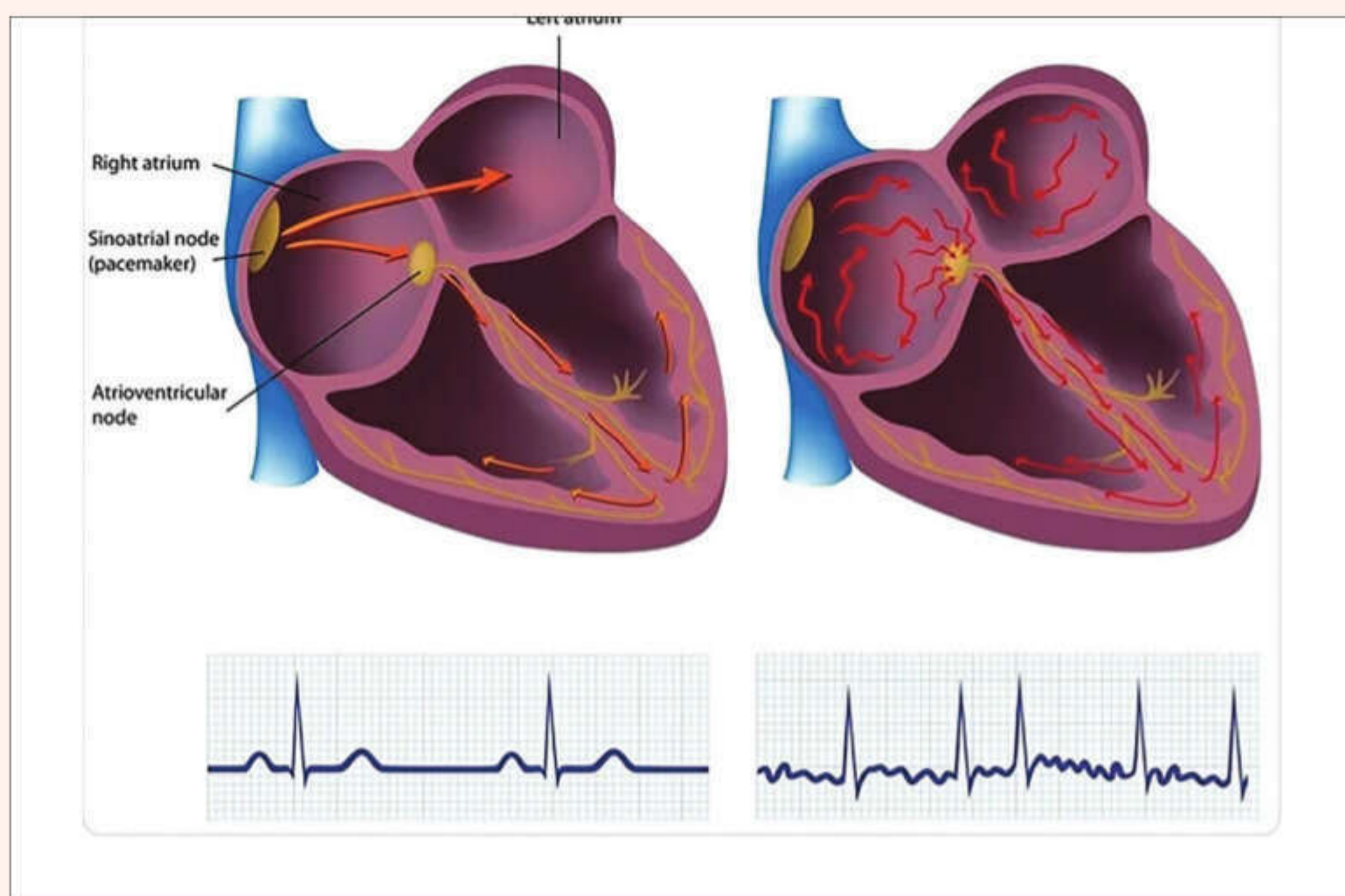
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According to the 2014 American Heart Association (AHA)/American College of Cardiology (ACC)/Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) clinical practice guidelines, AF can be classified based on the duration of episodes. Paroxysmal AF refers to AF that begins suddenly and ends spontaneously within 7 days of onset. Persistent AF refers to AF that occurs for longer than 7 days and ends spontaneously or with treatment. Long-standing persistent AF refers to patients who have uninterrupted AF for more than a year. Permanent AF refers to AF that persists despite treatment to restore normal sinus rhythm or that is not treated.

Prevalence

Atrial fibrillation is the most common sustained cardiac tachyarrhythmia encountered by clinicians worldwide. An estimated 2.7 to 6.1 million people in the United States have Atrial fibrillation with projections to reach nearly 12.1 million in 2030.

The prevalence of AF increases with age, afflicting about 10% of the population by 80 years of age.



Pathophysiology

Atrial fibrillation may be acutely associated with physiologic stressors such as surgical procedures, pulmonary embolism, chronic lung diseases, hyperthyroidism, and alcohol ingestion. Disease states commonly associated with AF include hypertension, valvular heart disease, CHF, coronary artery disease, Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, pericarditis, obstructive sleep apnea, and cardiomyopathy.

Signs and Symptoms

The clinical manifestations of AF are variable, although fatigue is the most common symptom. Often, the symptoms are attributable to the rapid ventricular response. However, even when the ventricular response is controlled, symptoms can occur from loss of AV synchrony or atrial systole. This is particularly important for patients with left ventricular dysfunction (CHF) and impaired diastolic filling (mitral stenosis, hypertrophic and restrictive cardiomyopathy).

ATRIAL fibrillation (AF) is a common heart rhythm disorder caused by degeneration of the electrical impulses in the upper cardiac chambers (atria) resulting in a change from an organized heart rhythm to a rapid, chaotic rhythm. The resulting arrhythmia is often rapid and irregular with no discernible pattern (known as irregularly irregular). There is no atrial contraction during AF, resulting in stagnation of blood in atria and formation of clot which may cause brain stroke.

Pharmacological rhythm control strategies in management of AF: Current guideline recommendations



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extracardiac side-effects, and patient preferences.

Anti-arrhythmic drug recommendations by ESC and CCS guidelines

1. Amiodarone:

ESC guidelines recommend Amiodarone in all patients, including heart failure with reduced ejection fraction, but other AADs should be considered first whenever possible (class I).

According to CCS guidelines, Amiodarone can be used in all populations, including heart failure or coronary artery disease. Consider alternative AADs or ablation rather than long-term amiodarone.

2. Dronedarone

ESC guidelines recommend Dronedarone in patients with normal or mildly impaired left ventricular ejection fraction, or with preserved ejection fraction, ischemic, or valvular heart disease (class I).

CCS guidelines: Dronedarone can be used in coronary artery disease or in absence of heart failure should be used with caution in combination with digoxin.

3. Propafenone (class 1C agents)

ESC guidelines recommend Propafenone in patients with normal left ventricular function and without structural heart disease (left ventricular hypertrophy, ischemia) (class I). If Flecainide, concomitant atrioventricular nodal blocking drug (class IIa).

CCS guidelines recommends Propafenone in the absence of HF or coronary artery disease. Class 1C agents should be combined with atrioventricular nodal blocking agent. To be used with caution in patients with left ventricular hypertrophy.

4. Sotalol

According to ESC guidelines, Sotalol may be considered in patients with normal left ventricular function or ischemic heart disease. QT interval, potassium, creatinine clearance, and other proarrhythmia risk factors should be closely monitored (class IIb).

CCS guidelines: Sotalol can be used in all populations, except HF with left ventricular EF = 40% or left ventricular hypertrophy. Use Sotalol with caution in patients with high-risk features for torsade de pointes (elderly, female, chronic kidney disease, diuretics, and electrolyte imbalance)

ATRIAL fibrillation (AF), the most common sustained cardiac arrhythmia which has significant impact on quality of life (QoL), functional status, cardiac performance, and overall survival. AF poses significant burden to patients, physicians, and healthcare system. Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of atrial fibrillation (AF) are frequently published and updated, reflecting the rapid evolution in AF pathogenesis and treatment modalities. Of late, two major international guidelines namely the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), and Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) have developed evidence-based recommendations and statements pertaining to management of AF. However, there are major differences among the ESC and CCS guidelines with respect to heart rate targets.

Both ESC and CCS guidelines provide similar suggestion regarding the rhythm control strategy which refers to attempts to restore and maintain sinus rhythm, and may engage a combination of treatment approaches, including cardioversion, anti-arrhythmic medication, and catheter ablation, along with an adequate rate control, anticoagulation therapy, and comprehensive cardiovascular prophylactic therapy (upstream therapy, including lifestyle and sleep apnea management). Based on the currently available evidence from RCTs, both ESC and CCS guidelines clearly recommends that the primary indication for rhythm control is to reduce AF-related symptoms and improve quality of life. Both ESC and CCS guidelines highlight the importance of the decision to initiate long-term anti-arrhythmic drug (AADs) which needs to balance symptom burden, possible adverse drug reactions, particularly drug-induced pro-arrhythmia or

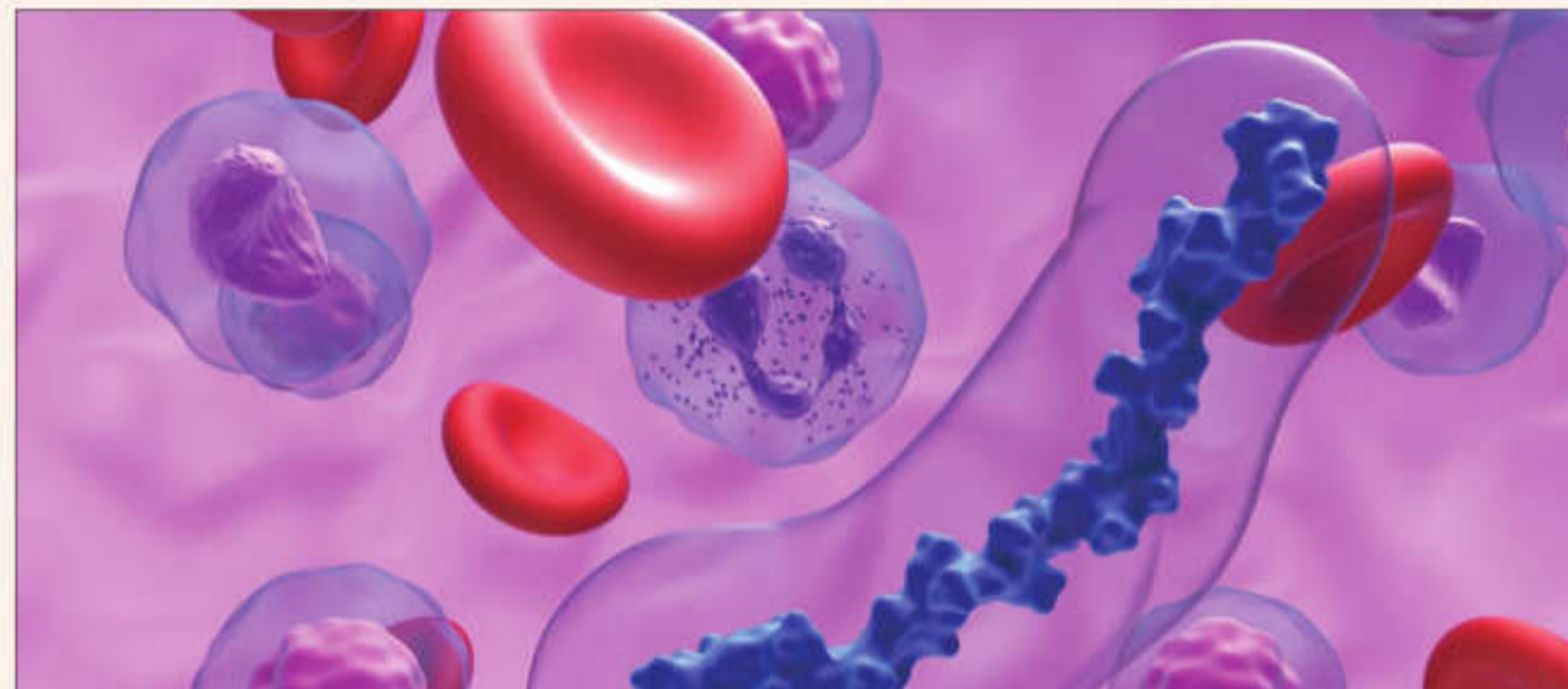
What are anticoagulants and why are they prescribed?



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ANTICOAGULANTS, also known as blood thinners, are medications prescribed to prevent or treat blood clots in the body. These drugs work by interfering with the blood's ability to clot, thereby reducing the risk of harmful clot formation. Blood clots can occur in blood vessels, veins, or arteries, and can potentially lead to serious medical conditions such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism, stroke, or heart attack. Anticoagulants play a crucial role in preventing these conditions and are prescribed for various medical reasons.

There are two main types of anticoagulants: oral anticoagulants and injectable anticoagulants. Each type works differently but achieves the same goal of preventing blood clot formation. Oral anticoagulants, such as warfarin and direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) like Apixaban, Rivaroxaban, and Dabigatran, are commonly prescribed to individuals at risk of blood clots or those with certain medical conditions. They work by interfering with the production or function of clotting



factors in the blood. These medications are typically taken in pill form and require regular monitoring of blood clotting levels to ensure they are within a therapeutic range.

Injectable anticoagulants include heparin and low-molecular-weight heparins (LMWHs) like enoxaparin. These medications are administered by injection, usually subcutaneously or intravenously. Injectable anticoagulants act quickly to prevent blood clots and are often used in emergency situations or during hospital stays. They are also used as a bridge therapy when a patient needs to transition from one form of anticoagulant to another.

Anticoagulants are prescribed for various medical conditions and situations, including:

Atrial fibrillation: A common heart rhythm disorder that can lead to the formation of blood clots in the heart. Anticoagulants are prescribed to reduce the risk of stroke in individuals

with atrial fibrillation.

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE): DVT occurs when blood clots form in the deep veins of the legs or pelvis, while PE occurs when these clots break free and travel to the lungs. Anticoagulants are prescribed to treat existing clots and prevent new ones from forming.

Mechanical heart valves: Individuals who have undergone heart valve replacement surgery with mechanical valves are at increased risk of blood clot formation. Anticoagulants are prescribed to prevent clots from forming on the valve.

Post-surgery: Anticoagulants may be prescribed following major surgeries, especially orthopedic procedures like joint replacement, to prevent blood clot formation during the recovery period when the risk is higher.

Certain medical conditions: Anticoagulants may be prescribed for indi-

viduals with specific medical conditions that increase the risk of blood clots, such as antiphospholipid syndrome or certain types of cancers.

It is important to note that anticoagulants carry a risk of bleeding, as they reduce the blood's ability to clot. Therefore, careful monitoring and regular blood tests are necessary to ensure the medication is effective and the dosage is appropriate. It is essential for individuals taking anticoagulants to follow their doctor's instructions and report any signs of abnormal bleeding or bruising.

In conclusion, anticoagulants are medications prescribed to prevent or treat blood clots. They are prescribed for various medical conditions and situations where the risk of clot formation is high. By interfering with the blood's clotting ability, these medications reduce the risk of potentially life-threatening conditions such as stroke, heart attack, DVT, and PE.

Anticoagulants and their importance in medical practice



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ANTICOAGULANTS play a crucial role in medical practice, particularly in the prevention and treatment of blood clotting disorders. These medications are designed to inhibit the formation of blood clots, which can be life-threatening if they block vital blood vessels. Anticoagulants, also known as blood thinners, are a class of drugs that interfere with the clotting process, thereby preventing the formation of blood clots or reducing their size. They work by target-

ing specific components involved in the clotting cascade, a complex series of reactions that occur in response to injury, to form a clot and stop bleeding.

One of the primary uses of anticoagulants is in the prevention and treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE). DVT refers to the formation of blood clots in the deep veins of the legs or pelvis, while PE occurs when these clots dislodge and travel to the lungs. Anticoagulants help prevent the growth of existing clots and the formation of new ones, reducing the risk of life-threatening complications.

Anticoagulants are also prescribed to individuals with atrial fibrillation, a heart rhythm disorder characterized by irregular and rapid beating. In this condition, blood may pool in the heart, leading to the formation of clots. By using anticoagulants, the risk of stroke and systemic embolism is significantly reduced as these drugs prevent clot formation.

Patients who have undergone

certain surgical procedures, such as joint replacement or heart valve replacement, may require anticoagulants to prevent blood clots from forming around the artificial implants. These medications are crucial in reducing the risk of postoperative complications and improving patient outcomes.

Moreover, anticoagulants find application in the management of acute coronary syndrome (ACS), which includes conditions like unstable angina and myocardial infarction (heart attack). By preventing the formation of blood clots in the coronary arteries, anticoagulants help maintain blood flow to the heart muscle, reducing the extent of damage and improving patient prognosis.

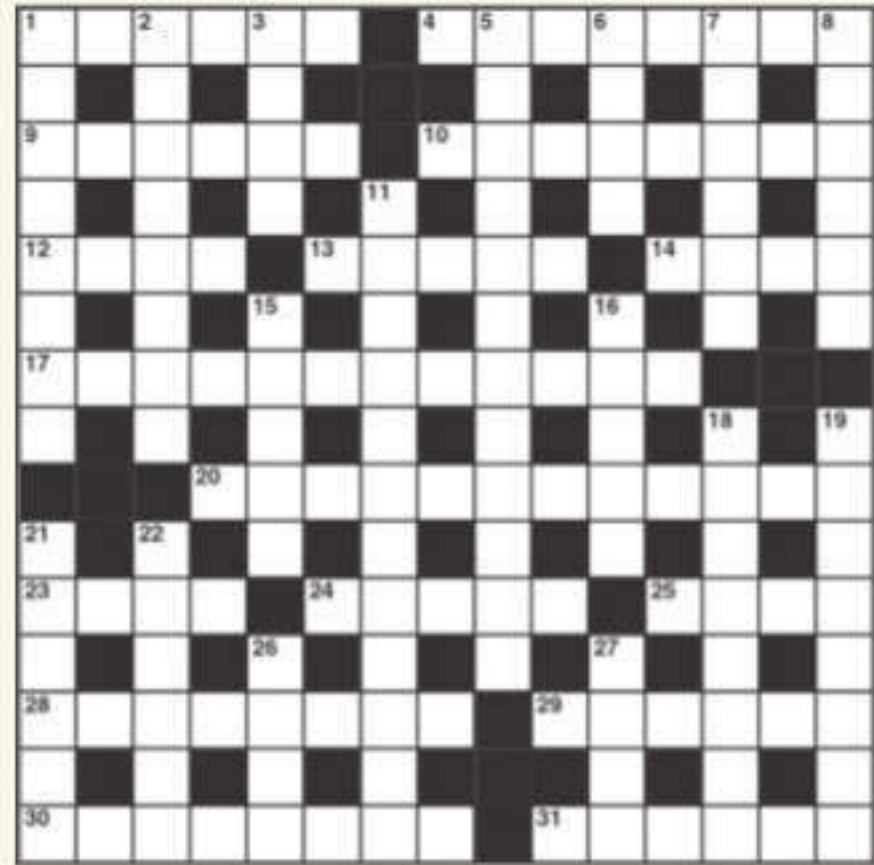
In addition to their therapeutic uses, anticoagulants are employed in diagnostic procedures such as blood clotting tests. These tests assess a patient's clotting ability and provide valuable information to guide treatment decisions. Anticoagulants used in these tests help preserve blood samples by preventing them from

clotting during storage and analysis.

It is important to note that anticoagulants carry certain risks and require careful monitoring. While they reduce the risk of blood clots, they also increase the likelihood of bleeding. Excessive bleeding can be dangerous and potentially life-threatening. Therefore, regular monitoring of the patient's clotting function, through blood tests like the International Normalized Ratio (INR), is essential to ensure the medication is administered at the appropriate dosage.

In conclusion, anticoagulants are vital medications in medical practice, serving a range of purposes. They prevent and treat blood clotting disorders, such as DVT, PE, and atrial fibrillation-related complications. Anticoagulants also play a significant role in postsurgical care and the management of ACS. While their benefits are substantial, cautious administration and monitoring are necessary to strike a balance between preventing clotting and avoiding excessive bleeding.

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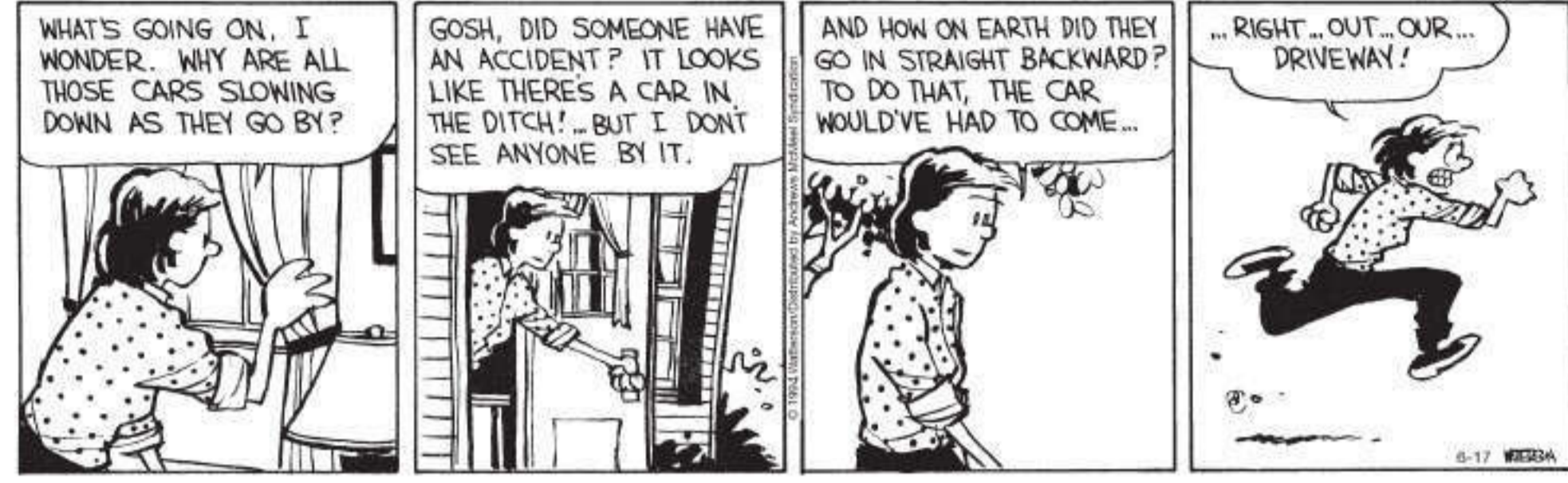
- ACROSS: 1 Soldier with papers in order (6), 4 How mince is cooked by Chinese? (4,4), 9 I misdo translations due to language peculiarities (6), 10 Downpour makes it hard to see (8), 12 The way to travel to gain time (4), 13 Fun and games in Parliament (5), 14 It must have been sunk skillfully (4), 17 Hard case for the beautician? (4,8), 20 Prospective challenge faced by shop assistants? (12), 23 People go crazy running this way (4,4), 24 Recreation wear (5), 25 Jewish priest of evil disposition (4), 28 Supporter leaped exultantly about the street (8), 29 Could be Mr A to Z of music (6), 30 Act a central role then quit (8), 31 Trojan bully (6). DOWN: 1 Files put in the wrong order with malicious intent (8), 2 International shipping line (8), 3 She takes me up to mother (4), 5 To be frank the throat and ear need treatment (5-2-5), 6 Good evidence of a beating? (4), 7 Wiped out as deer may well be (6), 8 A weedy type and stingy (6), 11 Period of overtaking on the road? (7,5), 15 He may play a drunken Croat (5), 16 Period of calm for one after exercising (5), 18 Join in but don't seize the lot (4,4), 19 Make me turn sharp and sour (8), 21 Touched for a drink (6), 22 Support delay (4,2), 26 New star played a major role in Russia (4), 27 Nothing can be blamed for world revolution (4).

Solutions Crossword 5441 Across: 1 Snaps, 4 Contest, 8 Rid, 9 Atrocious, 10 Amongst, 11 Stake, 13 Theory, 15 Daring, 18 Stage, 19 Marshal, 21 Turned out, 23 Ice, 24 Dresses, 25 Organ, Down: 1 Servant, 2 Andromeda, 3 Slang, 4 Curate, 5 Nicosia, 6 Ego, 7 Taste, 12 Alighting, 14 Reefers, 16 Galleon, 17 Emboss, 18 Sted, 20 Ratio, 22 Roe

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Jumbled words: BGEER, EENNSU, DPUOR, EENWHP. A grid of squares with some shaded for letter placement.

Answers: I don't really think that very much is interesting about the ___ as an archetype. - Alan Moore (9)

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 4, 1, 5, 6 in the top row and other numbers in other rows.

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5651

Solved Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 4, 5, 3, 8, 1, 2, 6, 9 in the top row.

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

Horoscope section for Aries, Libra, Taurus, Scorpio, Gemini, Sagittarius, Cancer, Capricorn, Leo, Virgo, and Pisces, each with a zodiac sign icon and a short paragraph of advice.

GOVT. OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (ROADS), ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3. SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads), Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3, invites Bid on behalf of the Governor of Assam from eligible contractors registered with Assam PWD (Roads) or registered in Central Govt./any State Government/ Semi Govt. Organization / Central or State Public Sector Undertakings for "Construction of Flyover near Downtown Hospital on Guwahati-Shillong Road in Guwahati, Assam" for an amount of Rs. 6183.52 Lakh (Approx.).

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED Tender Enquiry No. 02/SE DS/CIRCLE P2R/2024-25 Dated 13.08.2024 Superintending Engineer (DS Circle) PSPCL Ferozepur Invites E-Tenders of Erection of 11 KV & LT Lines, Installation of Distribution Transformers, HT / LT Capacitors, MCB, Meter Pillar Boxes & Allied Works including Erection Work of Domestic, NRS, Industrial, Tubewell & Other Connection as per approved PSPCL drawing/design under normal development SIS & Deposit Works, 24 Hr Supply to Dera Dhisinga Another development works likely to be executed during 2024-25 on labour rates as per PSPCL approved Drawing Design Under DS Jalalabad Div under DS Circle Ferozepur. For detailed NIT and Tender Specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 13.08.2024 (09.00 AM) onwards.

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD PROVIDING FACILITIES TO ELECTRICAL (TRD) DEPARTMENT E-TENDER NOTICE No : Dy.CE(C)/III/ADI/ADI-HMT/TRD/01 Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)/III, Western Railway, Ahmedabad, for and on behalf of President of union of India, invites E-Tender for following work. Tender No : Dy.CE(C)/III/ADI/ADI-HMT/TRD/01.(1)Name of work with its location : Construction of Tower Wagon Shed, TRD Depot, Various Types of Staff Quarters, Sump, Circulating Road and other incidental works for providing facilities to Electrical (TRD) Department at nominated places and Construction of Rest House at Ahmedabad in connection with Ahmedabad Himmatnagar-Udaipur Gauge Conversion work. (2) Approx. cost of the work : ₹.7,68,66,273.00 (3) Earnest money to be deposited : ₹.53,40,000.00 (4) Completion period : 06 (Six) Months (5) Date & time for submission of bid Opening of Technical bid : Submission : 03-09-2024 upto 15.00 Hrs. Opening of Tender : 03-09-2024 at 15.30 Hrs. (6) System of Tender : Single Packet System (7) A Certificate must be submitted by all tenderers as given in Annexure-V, based on which eligibility of tenderers will be evaluated. (8) Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office. Web Site: www.itrps.gov.in Office of Dy. Chief Engineer(Construction)/III, Western Railway, 2nd Floor, 'A' Wing, Nirman Bhavan, Opp. GCS Hospital, Asarva, Ahmedabad. 33 Like us on: facebook.com/WesternRly

ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, देवघर। अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट नोटिस ई-टेंडर नोटिस नं-BCD/EE/02/DEOGHAR/2024-25(2nd Call) दिनांक- 13.08.2024

बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति शिक्षा विभाग, बिहार सरकार JEE/NEET की कोचिंग हेतु Biology विषय के शिक्षकों (Teachers) की आवश्यकता राज्य के प्रमुख प्रमुख विद्यालयों में इंजीनियरिंग (JEE) तथा मेडिकल (NEET) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षाओं की तैयारी के लिए अनुशिक्षण (Coaching) हेतु Biology विषय के योग्य एवं अनुभवी शिक्षकों की सेवाएँ Full Time Basis पर प्राप्त करने के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Rohit, R/o H. No. M-2768, Netaji, Nagar, NDMC Flats, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CC No. 4971/2019, U/s 498A IPC, registered at P.S.: Mayapuri, New Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon it that the said accused Rohit cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rohit has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rohit accused CC No. 4971/2019, U/s 498A IPC, registered at P.S.: Mayapuri, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.09.2024.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा। अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या- 09/2024-25/RWD/EE/GODDA दिनांक- 12-08-2024 कार्य का विवरण: मुख्यमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना अन्तर्गत कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

Government of Jharkhand JHARKHAND FLYING INSTITUTE A Society Registered under Dept. of Cabinet Secretariat and Vigilance (Civil Aviation Division), Jharkhand STATE HANGAR, BIRSA MUNDA AIRPORT ROAD, HINOO, RANCHI Email - jfi.govtlyf@gmail.com Telefax- 0651-2250319, 2251090 Tender Ref. No. - ऋय 05/2024-JFI- 222/Ranchi, Date:- 13.08.2024 Short Re-Tender Notice e-tenders under TWO BID SYSTEM are hereby invited by the Jharkhand Flying Institute,(JFI) Govt. of Jharkhand from Manufacturers/Authorized Distributor of Manufacturers/ Authorized Vendors for purchase of X-Ray Baggage Inspection System (XBIS) and Explosive Trace Detector and on-site CAMC for Jharkhand Flying Institute.

मानदेय (i) Dynamic and flexible payment structure के तहत अधिकतम 02 लाख रुपये तक प्रति माह (Up to Rs. 2,00,000/- per month) Professional Fees के रूप में भुगतान किया जा सकेगा। (ii) शिक्षकों के मानदेय में उनके Performance के आधार पर न्यूनतम 5 प्रतिशत से अधिकतम 10 प्रतिशत तक की वार्षिक वृद्धि की जा सकेगी। (iii) प्रथम बार दो वर्षों के लिए (For Two Years) कार्यदेश दिया जाएगा। दो वर्षों के पश्चात संतोषप्रद कार्य तथा आवश्यकता के आधार पर उचित वार दो-दो वर्षों के लिए अवधि विस्तार किया जा सकेगा। अनुभव (i) किसी प्रतिष्ठित कोचिंग संस्थान में अपने विषय का JEE अथवा NEET से संबंधित अध्यापन का कम से कम 05 वर्ष का अनुभव अनिवार्य। (ii) आवेदक को पिछले पांच वर्षों में किसी भी एक वर्ष में JEE/NEET के किसी Reputed कोचिंग संस्थान में न्यूनतम 1 लाख रुपये प्रति माह अथवा 12 लाख रुपये प्रति वर्ष का भुगतान प्राप्त होना चाहिए। (iii) इसमें अग्रणी का अंतिम रूप से ध्यान (Final Selection) होगा, उनके योगदान (Joining) के पहले उपरोक्त किसी भी एक वर्ष में 12 लाख रुपये प्राप्त होने के इस बिन्दु का सत्यापन Bank Statement/ITR से कराया जा सकेगा। (iii) आवेदक राज्य के प्रमुख प्रमुख विद्यालयों में से किसी एक विद्यालय (उपलब्धता के आधार पर) का विकल्प (Choice) अपने आवेदन में अथवा साक्षात्कार के दिन (दिनांक 28.08.2024 को) दे सकते हैं- किसी भी परिस्थिति में किसी अन्यथा की सहमति (Consent) से ही उनका पदस्थानन राज्य के प्रमुख प्रमुख विद्यालयों में से किसी एक विद्यालय में किया जाएगा। (iii) अग्रणी द्वारा ऑनलाईन आवेदन करने के क्रम में कोचिंग संस्थानों में उन्हें प्राप्त मासिक मानदेय (Remuneration) का उल्लेख करना है। इसके साथ ही उन्हें संस्थानों में किसी एक वर्ष का Salary Slip लगाया जाना होगा तथा Salary Slip की अनुपलब्धता की स्थिति में किसी एक वर्ष के Income Tax Return की प्रति संलग्न करना होगा। Full time basis पर शिक्षकों / विषय-विशेषज्ञों की सेवा समिति में Outsourcing के आधार पर ली जाएगी। 3. अभ्यर्थियों का लिखित परीक्षा/साक्षात्कार (Interview) दिनांक 28.08.2024 को बिहार विद्यालय परीक्षा समिति, सिन्हा लार्डब्री रोड, पटना-800017 में पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से लिया जाएगा। उक्त विद्यालय पर परिवर्तन होने की स्थिति में सूचना अभ्यर्थी को उनके मोबाईल/ई-मेल पर दी जाएगी। आवेदकों द्वारा दी गई सूचना की गोपनीयता (full confidentiality) अक्षुण्ण रखी जाएगी। 4. समिति की दिनांक 16.08.2024 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या- पी०आर० 235 /2024 के आलोक में जिन अभ्यर्थियों ने आवेदन किया था तथा दिनांक 29.08.2024 को आयोजित साक्षात्कार में शामिल हुए थे, उन्हें आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। इसका अतिरिक्त वैसे अभ्यर्थी जो दिनांक 16.08.2024 को विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या- पी०आर० 235 /2024 के आलोक में उक्त पदों हेतु आवेदन किये थे, परन्तु दिनांक 29.08.2024 को आयोजित साक्षात्कार में भाग नहीं लिए थे, उन्हें उपरोक्त पदों हेतु पुनः आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है, अर्थात् वे समिति द्वारा दिनांक 28.08.2024 को आयोजित साक्षात्कार में बिना आवेदन किए ही भाग ले सकते हैं। 5. इंटरव्यू में पटना के बाहर से आने वाले अभ्यर्थियों को आने-जाने (To and Fro) के लिए वायुयान यात्रा के लिए Economy Class एवं रेल यात्रा के लिए AC के Actual Fare की 70% राशि इंटरव्यू के दिन ही दी जाएगी, जिसके लिए उन्हें एयर टिकट / रेल टिकट की फोटोकॉपी जमा करनी होगी।

क्रम सं० आईईटी फिकेशन संख्या / पिकेज संख्या कार्य का नाम प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपये में) कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि / अवधि टेंडर कोड 1 RWD/EE/GODDA/19/2024-25 रामगढ़ रोड मुख्य पथ से अमरपुर उच्च विद्यालय तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लंबा-2.050 कि०मी०) 1,89,05,500.00 एक करोड़ नवासी लाख पांच हजार पांच सौ रूपे मात्र 09(नौ) माह प्रथम 2 RWD/EE/GODDA/20/2024-25 कुल्लुम नहर चोक से देवघरा भोगा बरग तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लंबा-3.815 कि०मी०) 3,82,12,700.00 तीन करोड़ बरसी लाख बारह हजार सात सौ रूपे मात्र 15(पंद्रह) माह प्रथम 3 RWD/EE/GODDA/21/2024-25 मुख्य सड़क योजना से मिडिल कुल्लुम चरकटोड़ तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लंबा-1.650 कि०मी०) 1,80,12,500.00 एक करोड़ अरसी लाख बारह हजार पांच सौ रूपे मात्र 09(नौ) माह प्रथम 4 RWD/EE/GODDA/22/2024-25 बसंतपुर स्कूल से माली माया कछुवाटोड़ तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लंबा-2.125 कि०मी०) 2,42,37,800.00 दो करोड़ चारसी लाख बारह हजार सात सौ रूपे मात्र 12(बारह) माह प्रथम 5 RWD/EE/GODDA/23/2024-25 ढाँडे से गोलहटी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लंबा-2.350 कि०मी०) 2,74,54,800.00 दो करोड़ चौतरसी लाख बीस हजार आठ सौ रूपे मात्र 15(पंद्रह) माह प्रथम 1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि- 17.08.2024 2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 28.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक। 3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय-30.08.2024 अपराह्न 11.30 बजे। 4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा। 5. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का मोबाईल नं- 9973573276 6. निविदा प्राप्ति की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रमन की राशि देय होगी। 7. परिणाम शिपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रमन की राशि देय होगी। 8. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रमन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी। 9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रमन की राशि का ई-बुलक भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रमन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसको सारी जमानतें ही आरक्षी होगी। 10. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, गोड्डा। PR 332723 (Rural Work Department) 24-25 (D) epaper.indianexpress.com

As per the following schedule of events:- 1. Tender Ref. No. ऋय 05/2024-JFI/222 Dated- 13.08.2024 2. Name of Work 3. Tender Participation Rs. 25000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand only) Through Online Mode Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs only) Through Online Mode 4. EMD 5. Publish of Tender on website/ Start of Downloading Tender Documents 13/08/2024 at 06:00 PM 6. Start of Submission of e-bids 13/08/2024 at 06:00 PM 7. Last date for submission of e-bids. 24/08/2024 upto 11:00 AM 8. Opening of Technical Bids. 28/08/2024 at 11:30 AM 9. Opening of Financial Bids. After Scrutiny of Technical Bid. 10. Positioning of Equipments 10 days from the signing of agreement. 11. Officer Inviting e-Tender Managing Director, Jharkhand Flying Institute, Govt. of Jharkhand Mr. Rathour Niltam K. Singh, Section Officer Mob. No. 942749978, E-Mail- jfi.govtlyf@gmail.com 12. Officer Name/Mob. No. for further enquiry 13/08/2024 at 06:00 PM For further details and applying online, please visit jharkhandtenders.gov.in Sd/ (Capt. S.P. Sinha) Managing Director Jharkhand Flying Institute PR 332708 Civil Aviation(24-25)D



The US 4x400m women's relay team won the gold. This was one of the 26 golds the American women secured at Paris 2024.

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IT CAME down to the last few seconds of the Paris Olympics. A basketball match between USA and France, but a third party was part of the contest too: China. France, powered on by their raucous home fans, gave it a proper go till the very last piece of action. In the end, a matter of centimeters were the difference between a three-pointer that could have tied the game and a two-pointer that saw France finish with silver. It was just one gold medal for the USA women's basketball team, but a significant one that ensured they finished as the No.1 country in the world at the Olympics yet again, equalling China's 40 but prevailing on their count of more silvers and bronzes.

It summed up how crucial female athletes were for USA's haul.

Women powering top nations

One of the key things that the Paris 2024 organisers have been highlighting even before the Games began, was that these were the first in history to have true gender parity. And it was the women who drove the medal tally for three of the sporting powerhouses. Sample this: 26 out of USA's 40 gold medals came from women's events, a whopping 65% and they'd occupy third spot in the medal's table if counted as a separate entity.

Out of 126 medals won by USA, 58.73% had female representation (including mixed and open events). That number stood at an even higher 62.64% for China's overall tally, with Australia at 60.38%. That's three of the top four nations, powered by women in majority.

On the flip side, Georgia was the highest-ranked country at 24th (3 gold, 7 medals), with no female medallist. The medals came from usual macho sports: judo, weightlifting, wrestling and boxing. All men. Iran, a powerhouse in Wrestling, with 8 all-male medals, however, added 2 women's taekwondo medals and ended up on 21st spot, 3 places above Georgia, though both had 3 gold.

The high jumpers

Among countries that won medals in both Tokyo and Paris, the biggest jump was made by Bahrain who went from 77 to 33, riding on two gold medals (Women's 3000m steeplechase and Men's Freestyle 97kg). A solitary gold in Men -60 kg Judo saw Kazakhstan move up 40 places from 83rd to Tokyo.

While the jump wasn't as significant, it is worth highlighting Ireland and Uzbekistan who broke into the top 20 of the medal rankings. Ireland jumped from 39th in 2021 (2 gold, 4 medals) to 19th (4 gold, 7 medals) just by adding Swimming - 1 gold and 2 bronzes and Rhys McClenaghan's gold on pommel horse. Uzbekistan also saw a big leap from 32nd at Tokyo (3 gold) to 13th this time with 8 gold medals. They play around with just five focussed sports - boxing, judo, taekwondo, wrestling and weightlifting year after year. Boxing was a big gain with 5 gold and no finals lost.

Ukraine's resilience

Being at war seem to have not impacted Ukraine's returns at the Olympics. Suffering an invasion of its territory by Russia for the last two-and-a-half years has not been ideal for them in terms of preparation and partic-

PARIS 2024 MEDAL TABLE EXPLAINED

If US women were a team, they would be third on the Paris tally

Americans were not the only ones to reap such benefits, more countries won athletics gold than before & swimming powerhouses were challenged, write **Vinayakk Mohanarangan, Shivani Naik & Tushar Bhaduri**

ipation. But the hardships may have inspired them to make their presence felt. Ukraine won three gold medals in Paris, compared to just one in Tokyo. It was their biggest gold haul since London 2012. They were on the top spot of the podium in women's high jump (an event in which they won bronze too), women's 80kg boxing and women's sabre team event in fencing.

On the other side, only 15 Russian athletes participated along with 17 from Belarus. Only one gold medal was won by athletes from these countries - Ivan Litvinovich from Belarus winning the men's trampoline event, a specially composed anthem for Individual Neutral Athletes (AIN) being played for him. There were only five medals won by athletes from Russia and Belarus. The only Russians among them were Mirra Andreeva and Diana Shneider in the women's doubles in tennis. These medals didn't feature on the official medal table.

Athletics, truly global

FOUR FIRST-TIME GOLD MEDALISTS:

DOMINICA, SAINT LUCIA, BOTSWANA, PAKISTAN

Undisputedly the big-ticket sport of the Olympic Games, track and field medals went further around the world than ever before. A total of 27 different countries won gold medals, the highest-ever spread in history. This included a first-ever gold for Dominica, Saint Lucia, and Botswana, and of course, Pakistan as Arshad Nadeem threw a stunning Olympic Record to pip Neeraj Chopra for men's javelin gold. Thea LaFond (women's triple jump), Julien Alfred (women's 100m) and Letsile Tebogo (men's 200m) won gold medals that will forever be remembered for the breakthrough it provided to their countries.

The Netherlands shine

The Netherlands only went up one spot from 7th to 6th, though their gold count went from 10 to 15. Their silvers dropped from 12 to 7. They converted 2 silver, 2 bronzes to 4 gold in Rowing alone. However, their cycling count was halved from 12 to 6. Sifan Hassan was arguably the standout superstar of the Games, just for the superhuman feat of becoming the first person since Czech running star Emil Zatopek in 1952 to medal in the marathon, 5000 metres and 10,000 metres in one Olympics. The Dutch also swept the field hockey event, as for the first time in Olympic Games history, both the men's and women's gold was won by the same nation.

But, Dutchman and former India hockey head coach Sjoerd Marijne raised a point: "Amazing what the Netherlands have

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	40	44	42	126
China	40	27	24	91
USA-W	26	23	18	67
Japan	20	12	13	45
China-W	19	15	16	50
Aus	18	19	16	53

NEW ZEALAND 5.3 million (10 Gold)	INDIA 1.4 billion (0 Gold)
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AMONG THE countries with a double-digit gold medal haul, New Zealand, with a population of just over 5.3 million, was the smallest. It finished 11th on the medal table with 10 gold and 20 overall, improving from 7 and 20 in Tokyo. Canoe Sprint and track cycling brought them multiple gold, in addition to men's high jump, canoe slalom, golf, rowing and rugby sevens. Of the top 10 finishers, South Korea sent just 144 competitors in 23 sports. And won a staggering 32 medals. That's a medal: participation ratio of 1:5. All other Top 10s, sent over 300 athletes.

Swimming goes a bit deeper

MARCHAND BEATS BIG BOYS

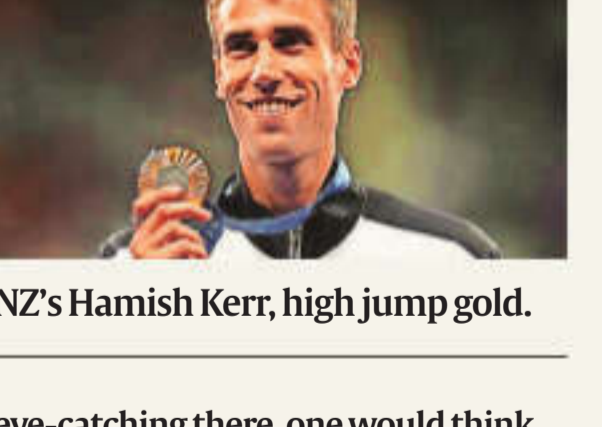
AUS-USA TALLY: TOKYO: 20, PARIS: 15

USA and Australia once again dominated the pools, as the top two countries in terms of gold medals. But their total was cut down, essentially because of the rise of one man who became the smash hit of the Olympic Games: Leon Marchand. While USA (11) and Australia (9) accounted for 20 gold medals out of 37 in Tokyo, that number came down to 15 in Paris (USA 8, AUS 7). France went from no gold in Tokyo to 4 in Paris, all won by Marchand. Canada's Summer McIntosh also played a part, winning three gold medals herself.

Hosting impact

Hosts France not only put up a fantastic show for the most part in staging a memorable Games, but they also finished with the country's biggest medal haul since 1900.

eye-catching there, one would think. Till one notices that both the gold medals the landlocked country clinched came in sailing, in men's kite and mixed dinghy events.



NZ's Hamish Kerr, high jump gold.

SOUTH KOREA 144 (32 Medals)	INDIA 117 (6 Medals)
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Lakshya Sen finished fourth.

POSITION ON MEDAL TALLY

BIGGEST CLIMBS

Country	Tokyo	Paris
Bahrain	77th	33rd
Kazakhstan	83th	43rd
Azerbaijan	67th	30th
Botswana	86th	55th
Romania	46th	23rd
Ukraine	44th	22nd
Ireland	39th	19th
Argentina	72nd	52nd

BIGGEST FALLS

Country	Tokyo	Paris
Qatar	41st	84th
Slovakia	50th	84th
Kosovo	42nd	73rd
Turkey	35th	64th
Poland	17th	42nd
Switzerland	24th	48th
Jamaica	21st	44th
India	48th	71st

Considering the 1900 Paris Games were largely dominated by French athletes even in terms of competition, and France won 103 out of the 284 total medals, it's fair to set that aside as an outlier. In that case, Paris 2024 represents France's best overall haul (64) bettering Beijing 2008 (43), as well as best gold medal tally (16) going one better than Atlanta 1996 (15). France almost doubled its medal tally going from 33 at Tokyo (8th place) to 64 (5th place). Their Golds went from 10 to 16, silvers from 12 to 26.

This continues the trend of hosting nations delivering significant performances. At Tokyo 2020, despite the lack of fans in stadia,

Japan registered their best gold medal tally (27), their best overall tally (58), and finished third behind only USA and China. At Rio 2016, Brazil won 7 gold medals, their joint-best, as they equalled that in Tokyo as well. At London 2012, GB had won 29 gold medals, their best haul since London 1908. GB is a strange case though, dropping from 4th to 7th in the last two editions, golds going down from 22 to 14, though their overall count has gone up from 64 to 65. At Beijing 2008, China famously finished ahead of the USA.

Brazilian flavour

Brazil's 20th place with 20 medals comes from 4 medals for Artistic Gymnastics led by Rebecca Andrade's Gold on Floor. It's joint most medals with Judo, and a lasting legacy of hosting the Games in 2016. Brazil had no Gymnastics Olympics medals of note till 2012, when Arthur Zanetti took gold on Roman Rings, just years after Rio were declared as hosts. The count kept going up, and now thanks to Rebecca Andrade, the sport is a craze amongst women. From being nowhere, the focus on Gymnastics medals is now netting them max counts, as they properly push Americans for Team Gold.

One important bronze

Cindy Winner Djankeu Ngamba's bronze in women's 75kg boxing was a significant achievement. By reaching the semifinals of her event, the Cameroon-born 25-year-old, now a resident of Bolton in Great Britain, became the first medallist to represent the Refugee Olympic Team. Paris was the third edition to feature such a team.

India's 71st place

There were 8 countries that slid down more than 20 places on the medal tally from Tokyo to Paris, with Qatar's slide the most prominent from 41st to 84th. Jamaica, who won a solitary gold medal in athletics and that too from a field event (Men's Discus Throw, Roje Stona) slipped down 23 spots. And yes, India also features high on the list of countries who slid, going from 48th to 71st (based on the tally of 1 silver and 5 bronze).

How much does one gold medal matter? India is 8th on the medal table among countries who didn't win a gold, behind Turkey, Mexico, Armenia, Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, North Korea and Lithuania. India also ended 71st on the medal table, which is calculated on the basis of gold medals won. On the basis of overall medals, they would have finished 43rd.

If only a few of the six fourth-place finishes had been converted.

Clean sweeps

CHINESE DOMINANCE

TABLE TENNIS: 5/5 & DIVING: 8/8

In disciplines where at least three gold medals were available, there were only three clean sweeps at the Games. The masters of recurve archery, Korea hit the bull's eye as they won five out of five at the sensational Esplanade des Invalides. In women's recurve team event, Korea haven't yet lost a single match in the history of the Games. China completed clean sweeps in diving (8 out of 8 golds) and table tennis (5 out of 5 golds).

Interestingly, in all three events, the respective country missed a clean sweep in Tokyo by one. Turkey's Mete Gazoz had prevented it in archery, Japan did so in TT mixed doubles and Great Britain's Tom Daley and Matty Lee in diving.



Paris Olympics bronze medalist, wrestler Aman Sehrawat, on his return to Delhi on Tuesday morning. Gajendra Yadav

Vinesh verdict: Decision set for Friday

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THE COURT of Arbitration for Sport has deferred its judgment on Vinesh Phogat's appeal for a shared silver medal to August 16, the latest in a series of postponements by the top judicial body in sport.

Phogat was disqualified from the women's 50 kg wrestling category on the second day of competition due to being overweight by 100 grams, a decision that has since brought scrutiny on United World Wrestling's (UWW) rules as well



as statements from its chief Nenad Lalovic and International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach – both of whom stated that the rules were in place for the safety of athletes and they stood by the disqualification ruling.

"By application of Article 18 of the CAS arbitration Rules for the Olympic Games, the President of the CAS Ad Hoc division extends the time limit for the panel to give a decision until 16 August 2024 at 1800 (Paris time)," a release from CAS said.

Phogat's counsel had earlier submitted statements which fo-

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-CAS STATEMENT

ocused on the negligible amount of weight by which she had exceeded the limit and said that it didn't constitute a competitive advantage. The statement also said

that there could be various external factors that could be the reason for the increase in weight.

"The excess of 100g is extremely negligible (representing around 0.1 to 0.2 percent of the athlete's weight) and can easily be caused by the bloating of a human body during summer weather, as the heat makes the human body retain more water, scientifically for survival purposes. It can also be due to muscle mass increase as the athlete competed three times on the same day. It can also be caused by the food consumption of the athlete after the competitions to sustain her health and integrity for the demanding competitions," Vinesh's counsel had

submitted.

Her lawyers also argued that Phogat's 100 gram weight increase leading to her disqualification, constituted a situation where the punishment was disproportionate to the 'crime' committed.

"There would be a manifest disproportion between the level of excess (which excludes any attempt at fraud or manipulation of the athlete) and the irreversible consequences that would result from her non-participation in the finals in addition to the deprivation of her silver medal that was acquired by hard work."

This is the third deferral made by the CAS in this matter.

Para badminton champ Bhagat banned, blames 'technical glitch'

SHIVANI NAIK
AUGUST 13

REIGNING PARALYMPIC gold medalist and current world champion Pramod Bhagat blames a technical glitch for his 18-month suspension after being found in breach of Badminton World Federation's anti-doping regulations for having three whereabouts failures within 12 months.

Bhagat, champion in SL3 category, had appealed against BWF's March 1, 2024 decision to the CAS Appeals Division. "On 29 July 2024, the CAS Appeals Division dismissed Bhagat's appeal and confirmed the CAS Anti-Doping Division decision of 1 March 2024," a BWF statement said on Tuesday.

Bhagat called it an "unfair and hard decision," adding, "it is not right." The 36-year-old was a strong contender for the gold medal at the Paralympics, having beaten Great Britain's Daniel Bethell at the World Championships earlier this year.

The events leading up to the third whereabouts breach have been bone of contention with the Badminton World Federation since January 3, 2023. "At CAS, the BWF argued that Pramod Bhagat was a very big and great athlete. In their opinion, being a big athlete comes with big responsibility. So the third breach, even if debatable, could not be overruled," Bhagat told The Indian Express.

Bhagat's first whereabouts breach dates back to a tournament in Peru. "I was playing a tournament at that time, and an OTP issue cropped up. I will have



Pramod Bhagat had won the gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics. File

felled India's most consistent champion at the highest competition level, who was a strong contender for gold at Paris. "I had filled the quarterly form on January 1, 2023 giving all details till March. We also put screenshots on the group, to get it checked if everything is OK. I had submitted the form and it showed green dots, so I believed everything was done. On January 3, BWF told me that there had been a 'filing failure'. They asked if I could find it in my drafts, as they couldn't at their end. I rechecked, but that's when the debate between BWF and me started and they filed a case," he maintains.

"It was a technical issue and I couldn't do anything from my side. Why will I not fill (the form)? I've been tested at least 10 times last season, including three times in one month," Bhagat said.

The shuttler from Vaishali won the Para World Championship, beating Brit Bethell, and the Asian Para Games during the period in question. "But they hadn't declared me guilty then. So I played and won. At the appeal, they said they can't ignore that I'm a big player, hence the punishment. There is no equality in this judgment, and I keep repeating that it was a technical issue. But no one listens, and if I miss the Paralympics, that opportunity will never come back. I'm waiting for a detailed explanation now, but there's just one week left," Bhagat said.

"I'm shocked. But nothing can be done now. I got green dots, but they say they didn't receive the form," he added.

to accept that though a few younger para-athletes have also faced a similar situation when the App goes for maintenance. That was bad timing, but BWF argued that the others were not big athletes like me from the testing pool, so they could be excused," he recalled.

The second whereabouts failure, according to Bhagat, took place in August 2022. "I had just returned from winning a title. The Bihar government, which was newly elected, wanted to felicitate me, but the invite came at the last minute and I had to rush at short notice. My parents belong to Bihar so I couldn't have missed that. So, again, I wasn't at the place I'd entered in the form. And I accept my mistake, but I was being felicitated," Bhagat reasoned.

'Filing failure'

It is the third incident that

Tearaway pacer Umran on the comeback trail

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, AUGUST 13

TWO MONTHS have passed since the IPL ended and India's domestic season is around the corner with several key prominent players likely to feature in pre-season tournaments like Buchi Babu Tournament to be held across Tamil Nadu. Among the 12 teams in the fray is Jammu and Kashmir but there is no sight of Umran Malik yet, the tearaway who turned heads and hit the toes of batsmen in the 2022 IPL.

"I would have loved to play in the tournament, but I'm just recovering from dengue," Umran tells *The Indian Express* from Jammu. He played just one match in the last IPL and only eight the season before for Sunrisers Hyderabad, a franchise that put him in the limelight. So much so it looks like a long time ago when Umran, with a bustling run-up that bore uncanny resemblance to Waqar Younis, was the nation's toast, clocking 150kmph effortlessly.

Umran admits that missing out on valuable game time in the Ranji Trophy contributed to this tough phase. After working closely with Dale Steyn at the IPL, he worked with former India pacer Irfan Pathan during the domestic season too. But with the weather playing spoilsport in Jammu & Kashmir Ranji fixtures, he bowled only 47 overs the entire season.

"I was fully prepared that season, but the weather didn't help. Then I was really looking forward to the IPL as I'd gained a lot in the months preceding the IPL. Unfortunately even that didn't go the way I wanted. But it also gave me the time to work on things I wanted to in the practice sessions. I've definitely become a better bowler if you ask me. After the IPL, I injured my hamstring and just as I recovered I'm down with dengue," Umran adds.

The recurrent setbacks have been a tough pill to swallow. But the coming season will be a fresh beginning of sorts for the 24-year-old, who has also used the time to work with Irfan to make minor tweaks to his action. "Last season, he was opening up a bit too early but I didn't want to advise him in the middle of the tournament because it can confuse a player," Pathan says.

No compromise

In a recent interview with *The Indian Express*, Paras Mhambrey, who was India's



With the tour of Australia coming up at the end of the year, the selectors are keeping track of Umran with keen interest. BCCI

"These days I'm bowling a lot with the new ball because I believe swing can make a huge difference at my pace. I want to learn a few things, especially how to formulate a plan and execute it."

UMRAN MALIK

bowling coach till the T20 World Cup said Umran has to find control that will complement his pace. While India has seen the likes of Munaf Patel compromise pace in favour of swing and control, the latter doesn't want the same to happen with Umran. Instead, Pathan has now made him bowl a lot with the new ball as it would bring more control to his bowling.

"First of all I don't want him to compromise on pace. That's the most important thing. I want him to bowl with a new ball in the nets which will allow him to gain better control. If he bowls with the new ball regularly, he will have a better idea of the length. He will also understand that swing will come with good wrist position. This is the primary focus, but other than this, he has been working on his yorkers," Pathan says.

If Umran is spending time with Pathan to add more arsenal to his bowling, once he is at the National Cricket Academy he concentrates on the fitness aspect, nuancing tactics and other variations with Troy Cooley, who was bowling coach of England and Australia team in the past decade.

"These days I'm bowling a lot with the new ball because I be-

lieve swing can make a huge difference at my pace. I want to learn a few things, especially how to formulate a plan and execute it. If you have that, then you will be better prepared to handle the challenges. When I'm bowling in a match, it is not about myself or what I do. I've to fit into the bowling group and their plans and compliment them. So I need to be equipped on that front. Even with the new ball, I'm trying to bowl yorkers because if I'm able to execute it properly, then I will get the confidence to bowl it all the time. You need to find ways to surprise the batsmen," Umran says.

With the important tour of Australia slated at the end of the year where India will play five Tests, the selectors and the team management are keenly tracking Umran.

With India's pace bowling resources thin, a fully fit and in-form Umran could be a handy asset on the quick and bouncy Australian conditions. Speaking to reporters recently in Chennai, former India bowling coach Bharat Arun spoke on the need to groom Umran for the Australia series.

Umran is tempted by the prospect of bowling in Australia, but for now his priority is get back on the field.

"I want to keep it simple. My plan is to be ready for the domestic season. If I play more matches, then I would definitely be a better bowler. Even though I played only five Ranji matches, I realised how much I gained out of it. I'm waiting for the Duleep Trophy. If I play the entire season then I will know where exactly I stand and it will open up opportunities. I'm waiting to hold the red ball in my hand," Umran says.

STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Rupees in Crores)

S.No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED		QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED	
		JUNE 30, 2024 UNAUDITED	MARCH 31, 2024 UNAUDITED	JUNE 30, 2023 UNAUDITED	MARCH 31, 2024 AUDITED	JUNE 30, 2024 UNAUDITED	MARCH 31, 2024 UNAUDITED	JUNE 30, 2023 UNAUDITED	MARCH 31, 2024 AUDITED
1	Total Income	10,375.44	9699.34	8989.44	38348.27	10,435.60	9,794.01	9,076.55	38,643.16
2	Net Profit for the period before tax (before Exceptional items)	1,493.45	1,349.58	1,254.79	5,418.35	1,407.66	1,292.08	1,141.93	5,250.19
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,493.45	1,349.58	1,094.80	5,258.36	1,407.66	1,292.08	981.94	5,090.20
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	1,122.63	1,016.05	824.72	3,967.96	1,032.21	943.46	700.54	3,742.16
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	1,120.05	1,001.08	822.26	3,945.61	1,010.39	931.58	690.77	3,709.30
6	Equity Share Capital (face value Rs. 2/- per share)	39.99	39.98	39.97	39.98	39.99	39.98	39.97	39.98
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				17,946.20				17,658.94
8	Earnings per share on net profit after tax - face value Rs. 2/- each (In Rupees)								
	a) Basic	56.15	50.84	41.27	198.53	52.31	46.78	35.54	187.36
	b) Diluted	56.04	50.74	41.23	198.18	52.21	46.70	35.50	187.04

Notes:-
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter ended financial results are available on the Company's website www.heromotocorp.com and also on stock exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com
2 The above results for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on August 13, 2024.
3 Based on the guiding principles given in Ind AS-108 on 'Operating Segments', the Company's business activity fall within a single operating segment, namely automotive segment. Accordingly, the disclosure requirements of Ind AS 108 are not applicable.

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