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# Pahalgam terrorists killed, clear proof of Pakistan hand, Shah tells Lok Sabha

Says ballistic report, witnesses helped identify 3 dead as Pahalgam attackers

**ASAD REHMAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

SPEAKING FOR the government on the second day of the special discussion on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced in the House that those behind the Pahalgam terror attack had been killed.

The three terrorists gunned down in the Dachigam forest area on the outskirts of Srinagar under 'Operation Mahadev' on Monday were the same as those involved in the terrorist attack on April 22, Shah said, adding that forensic proof as well as witness identification of the men had confirmed the same. Identifying



**Union Home Minister** Amit Shah addresses the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. PTI

the three as Suleiman alias Faisal latt. Afghan and libran, he said they had all come from Pakistan. The three were killed in 'Operation Mahadev' carried out

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hunt, Mahadev peak outskirts of Srinagar town.

The device was among various items, including arms, ammunition and explosives, later seized from the three slain terrorists, who Home Minister Amit Shah said are the same as the ones who killed 26 civilians on April 22. Identifying them as Suleiman, Afghan and Jibran, Shah said in Lok Sabha, "These three terrorists were those who killed our citizens in Baisaran (Pahalgam), and all three have been killed."

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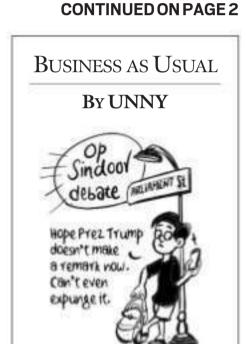
# No world leader asked India to stop Op (Sindoor)... only 3 countries backed Pak: PM

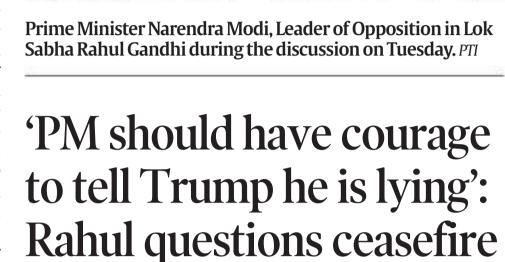
'Vance said Pak was planning big attack... I said will answer bullets with cannonballs'

**VIKAS PATHAK** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

WITH THE Opposition flagging US President Donald Trump's repeated claims of mediating the May 10 ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Lok Sabha on Tuesday that "no leader in the world asked India to stop its military operation (Sindoor)". He said he had told US Vice-President JD Vance on May 9 that if Pakistan fired bullets, India would respond with cannonballs.

Replying to an over 16-hour discussion in Lok Sabha on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Modi said it





MANOJCG NEW DELHI, JULY 29

STEPPING UP the Opposition's attack on the government over US President Donald Trump's claims that he brokered the ceasefire between India and Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, Rahul Gandhi Tuesday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to show "courage" and declare Trump a liar if he was not speaking the truth.

"Donald Trump has said 29 times that he brought about the ceasefire. If he is lying... let the Prime Minister say he is lying. If he has the courage of Indira Gandhi, let him say here that Donald

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Trump is a liar. That you (Trump did not make us cease fire and that we did not lose any planes.. Even if he has 50% of the courage Indira Gandhi had, let him say it here," Gandhi said. "Have the courage to tell him (Trump)... 'To hell with you, you can't stop any **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

# Challenge in US trade deal: Tackling Trump, ensuring tariff edge

**ANIL SASI** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

WITH JUST two days left for the August 1 deadline set by the Donald Trump administration to wrap up agreements with its trading partners, the American President said he is planning tar-

iffs at "somewhere in the 15-20 per cent range" for "the rest of the world". That would mean a significant increase on the 10 per cent "baseline" tariff that applies

to most trading partners now. Given how talks have proceeded, an interim deal still seems distant. But three things CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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# Manipur district election officers begin outreach on SIR, meet parties

**SUKRITA BARUAH GUWAHATI, JULY 29** 

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JAMMU, NEW DELHI, JULY 29

IT WAS the detection of a signal

emitted from a communication

device used by the Pahalgam at-

tackers on Saturday — the sec-

ond time in the last 17 days —

that led the Army and Jammu

and Kashmir Police to them on

Mulnar Peak near Lidwas

Meadow of Mahadev Peak, a

strategically important location

in the Dachigam forests on the

EVEN AS Manipur remains under President's Rule, district election officers have begun holding meetings with local representatives of political parties to discuss the Special Intensive Revision

(SIR) of electoral rolls. While these meetings have already been held in at least five of the 16 districts in the state, notices convening such meetings have been issued in the remaining districts.

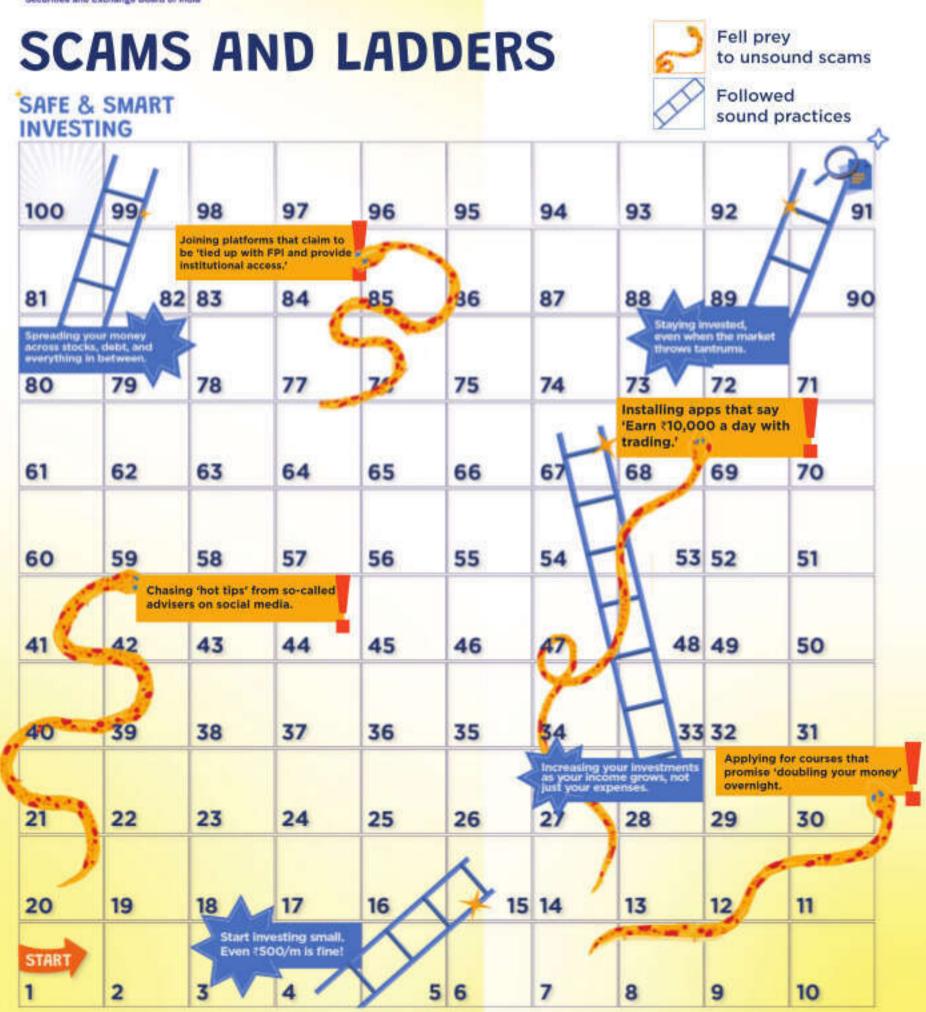
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sources, the men had also used the device on July 11 in the Baisaran area. Since then, multiple teams of the Army and police had been looking for them, even during the night, which forced them to keep changing their locations.

On Saturday, when security forces and police detected the satellite phone signal from the Mahadev Peak area, they immediately launched what security agencies would later call Op Mahadev. The signal was tracked to Dachigam, which has the nearest human habitation nearly 30 km away at Chak Dara.

While Baisaran in Anantnag district, where the April 22 attack took place, and Dachigam forests in Srinagar are nearly 120 km away by road, their distance through the forest is around 40-50 km, with Aru Wildlife Sanctuary falling in between. Sources said after the presence

of the three men was ascertained in the general area, heat signature drones were flown to narrow it down. In a meticulously planned and swift operation, security forces and police, based on information provided by local nomads about the region, cordoned off the area and took on the terrorists, who were caught unawares, resting under a makeshift tent around 11.30 am Monday, sources said.

In the ensuing fierce gunfight, the Army and police managed to kill all three men — top Lashkare-Taiba commander Suleiman Shah, who had undergone training at LeT's Muridkee terror headquarters, Hamza Afghani (identified as Afghan by Shah in Lok Sabha) and Jibran, all Pakistani nationals. Jibran was also involved in last year's terror attack at Z-Morh tunnel, officials said.

In the end, officials said, it was their messaging equipment, used to communicate with their handlers in Pakistan, that was their undoing. "This equipment uses radio frequency to latch on to a mobile phone and then communicate across the border without using the phone's network. This helps it escape surveillance. However, there is equipment to catch such frequencies, which also provides an estimation of the area it is emerging from. But it is a general area, not the exact location," an officer said.

### The three-month hunt

In the wake of the terror attack, as joint efforts began between security forces and intelligence agencies to track down the

perpetrators, large-scale operations by the Army's Special Forces and Rashtriya Rifles were launched on and along multiple ridgelines that emanated from Pahalgam. This was aided by technical intelligence comprising satellite imagery and inputs from surveillance carried out by drones. Also electronic surveillance was used to detect signatures of Thuraya satellite phones and other radio intercepts gathered when the terrorists were communicating, allowing for their tracking over the last three months.

Whenever an electronic intercept from the radio sets or satellite phones was received, it was plotted on a map for further assessment of nearby areas. This was done regularly, and accordingly, the troops were inducted to carry out cordon and search operations in those areas, marked by rugged terrains, steep slopes and thick forests with caves, thus making for suitable hideouts.

The modus operandi of the terrorists was to emerge from their hideouts, cover some distance before making short calls, and retreat. Locals and other sources also gave security agencies constant intelligence on the likely movement patterns and possible hiding spots of terrorists in thick forests along the ridges.

Each location that was identified was searched by the security forces before moving on to the next. The security forces ensured that the terrorists were continuously on the move and denied them long resting periods. In the vicinity of the Mahadev

Peak, at a height of 13,000 ft, there are a large number of caves and dense undergrowth from where increased electronic signatures had been detected for the last few weeks. Early Monday, some movement was detected in the dense rocky areas ahead of the peak. The area was cordoned off, and additional troops moved towards it to cut off any escape routes. One of the terrorists was likely killed in the first round of firing itself, while the other two retaliated with heavy firing, before they were killed, officials said. Aware that the terrorists are

likely high-value targets, authorities took time to confirm their identities. For this, they checked with family members of those killed in Baisaran Valley on April 22, as well as two jailed locals — Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar and Bashir Ahmad Jothar — who allegedly harboured the terrorists.

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# Pahalgam terrorists

by the Army's 4 Para, CRPF and J& K Police jointly, Shah said. "Suleiman was an A-grade LeT (Lashkar-e-Taiba) commander, and was involved in the Pahalgam and Gagangeer (the Z-Morh tunnel) attacks. Our agencies have ample evidence of this. Afghan was an A-grade LeT commander and Jibran was also an A-grade terrorist. These three terrorists were those who killed our citizens in Baisaran (Pahalgam), and all three have been killed. Through this House, I thank the security personnel involved."

Giving details of Operation

Mahadev, Shah said it "started on May 22, 2025". "In a way, the day the killings happened, that night itself a security meeting was held...They(Opposition)are saying only Rahul Gandhi went there... At 1 pm, the attack happened, and at 5.30 pm, I was in Srinagar. On April 23, a security meeting took place, with the security forces and J&K Police present. The first decision taken was that those involved in the killings should not escape to Pakistan, and we made elaborate arrangements. On May 22, the Intelligence Bureau received human intelligence of the presence of terrorists in the Dachigam region... Repeated efforts were on from May till July 22 to confirm this... On July 22, we got success through sensors, and

ists were there.' On how they had confirmed that the three killed were those behind the Pahalgam attack, Shah said: "The NIA had kept those who helped these terrorists in custody and when the bodies of the terrorists came to Srinagar, four people confirmed that these three conducted the terror attack in Pahalgam." He said that this was not all they depended upon. "We were in no rush," Shah said, adding that they also matched the cartridges found with the three killed, with those recovered from the Pahalgam terror site. "Three rifles were recovered from them. One was an M9 American rifle and two were AK-47. The cartridges

it was confirmed that the terror-

found (in Pahalgam) were also of M9 and AK-47. The recovered rifles were sent to Chandigarh (forensic lab) in a special aircraft at midnight. These rifles were fired all night, and the cartridges matched (with those recovered from the Pahalgam site)... Then, it was determined that these three rifles were used to kill our innocent citizens," he said.

"I have the ballistic report in my hand and at 4.46 am, six scientists told me on video call that they were 100% sure," said Shah. He said the security agencies

also had clear proof of the terrorists being from Pakistan, such as voter numbers of two of the three. "The rifles are with us. The chocolates found with them are also manufactured in

At the start of his address, the Home Minister expressed condolences to the families of those killed in Pahalgam, and said that PM Narendra Modi

Pakistan."

gave the go-ahead for Operation Sindoor in response. People had been killed in front of their families, after being asked about their religion, Shah said, adding that he wanted to tell their families that the attackers "have been taught a lesson, so that they can't undertake such an incident

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If Operation Sindoor had killed the bosses of the terrorists who were killed, Shah said, Operation Mahadev had killed the terrorists themselves. "I had hoped that when this information is shared, there will be happiness across the board... But their (the Opposition's) faces have fallen... Are you not happy that the terrorists have been killed?" Shah said.

In a barb at SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, who also spoke during the debate, Shah urged him not to be upset over "the religion of the terrorists killed". On the Opposition's point of accountability, he spoke

about the attacks under previous governments, and said: "They were asking yesterday where they (the terrorists) came from, where they went, and who is responsible. We are responsible because we are in government. But I ask, when you were in government, then who was responsible?"

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Elaborating the steps they had undertaken after the Pahalgam attack, Shah said: "The Army, BSF, CRPF and J& K Police made all the arrangements to stop their escape from the country... A total of 1,055 people were questioned for over 3,000 hours for information, and it was all video-recorded. Based on it, sketches were made." "On June 22, one Bashir and

one Parvez who had given shelter to the terrorists were identified... They were arrested.... They said that on the night of

> three terrorists had come... They had AK47 and M9 rifles...They ate, had tea and carried some food with The them... mother of the two (who gave shelter) also identified the bodies of the ter-

April 21, at 8 pm,

In Rajya Sabha, which began its debate on Operation Sindoor Tuesday, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also started his address by informing the House that the terrorists behind the Pahalgam attack had been killed. "In the probe carried out after the Pahalgam attack, security agencies had obtained important clues which were used for counter-terror operations. A forensic analysis was done of the weapons found on the terrorists, and that made it clear that these were the same used in the Pahalgam terror attack. We have done what we said, and all three terrorists were killed by security forces," he said. "These men were from the same terrorist front whose terrorists killed 26 innocent people in Pahalgam on April 22. No praise is enough for our security forces for maintaining the country's internal secu-

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# No world leader asked India to stop Op (Sindoor): PM

was the Pakistan DGMO (Director General of Military Operations) who "begged" his Indian counterpart for a ceasefire.

While he did not mention

Trump, Modi said he spoke to US Vice-President J D Vance on the night of May 9. "On the night of May 9, the US Vice-President tried to talk to me. He was trying for one hour, but I was busy in meetings with the forces. Then I called... He told me that Pakistan was planning a big attack. My answer was... that if Pakistan is planning this, it will pay a heavy price. If Pakistan attacks, we will attack harder. Then I said we will answer bullets with cannonballs," he said.

"No country in the world stopped India from acting in its defence. The United Nations has 193 countries — only three spoke in favour of Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. All other countries supported India," Modi said. "We got support from the

world, but it is unfortunate that the valour of our forces did not get support from the Congress. They were jumping within three-four days of April 22 (day of the Pahalgam attack), asking where is Modi... They were enjoying it. Even in the killing of innocent people, they were looking to score political points... You can grab media headlines like this but you cannot find a place in people's hearts," he said.

On the ceasefire, Modi said: "... The Pakistan DGMO begged our DGMO... please stop, you have beaten us enough, we can't take it any longer. India had said on May 7 that we have completed our job, if you do something, you will pay a price. It was India's clear strategy to target terror hubs, and our action was non-escalatory." He also defended India's deci-

sion to inform Pakistan about the attack minutes after it targeted terror hubs early on May 7, recalling that the Army had said at a press conference that it had accomplished its goals and would retaliate only if Pakistan attacked. "India destroyed Pakistan's

military strength between May 9 and May 10. Pakistan now clearly understands that India's response will always get bigger and that India can do anything if it engages in any misadventure in future," he said. "I repeat that Operation Sindoor is still on. If Pakistan tries anything, it will be given a tough reply," the PM said.

Modi also accused the Congress of "importing issues from Pakistan" and echoing the country's propaganda. "Unfortunately, Congress leaders have become spokespersons of this stratagem of Pakistan," he said. "Yesterday, our security forces sent the Pahalgam terrorists to their destination in Operation Mahadev. Here, they are asking why it happened yesterday. What has happened to

them? This level of hopelessness." Modi said the Congress had also raised questions on the Uri

surgical strikes and Balakot airstrike. This time, when all the evidence was presented, the party was asking why the government halted the operation, he said. He said criticising the security forces was an old habit of

the Congress, adding that the party never celebrated the Kargil victory when in power.

Modi said the Pahalgam terror attack was a conspiracy to provoke violence in India, but the country's unity foiled the plot. He recalled that when he returned from abroad after the attack, he gave the defence forces a free hand to pick the time, spot and means of their attack. "We are proud that terrorists were given the kind of punishment that their masters are sleepless till today." Pakistan's nuclear blackmail did not work, India reached sites

in Pakistan it had never reached before, established its superior technical skill based on make-in-India equipment, and showed synergy across the three defence forces because of reforms — like the creation of the office of the Chief of Defence Staff, tripling of the defence budget in a decade, a 250 per cent increase in defence production, 30-fold increase in defence exports — over the last decade, Modi said. "The Congress, when in power, did not even think of self-reliance for the forces. The Congress used to find opportunity in every defence deal. From jeep to Bofors to helicopter -- there is a scam attached with everything. Our forces had to wait for decades for modern equipment," he said.

He said while terror attacks used to happen earlier too, their masterminds were having sleepless nights now, adding that this was the new normal India had set. "Terrorists are crying, their masters are crying and some people are crying watching them," he said in a swipe at the Congress.

Operation Sindoor targeted the epicentre of terrorism, where

the Pahalgam attack had been planned and terrorists were recruited and trained, he said. Modi said those asking why India did not take back Pakistan

occupied Kashmir should remember that it was lost by the then Jawaharlal Nehru government just after independence.

Modi also blamed Nehru for the Indus Waters Treaty. "It was about rivers emanating here. Those rivers were part of our civilisationa ethos. The Indus was India's identity. But Nehru ji and Congress gave

the World Bank the panchayat to decide on our waters and rivers The Indus Waters Treaty was a deception inflicted on India," he said He said the treaty gave 80 per cent water to Pakistan and only 20 per cent was left for India. "Our farm ers had the right to these waters. he said. "They pushed India into a water crisis; there arose differ ences between our states for water. Many big projects would have come up if this treaty would not have been signed. India would have had more drinking water and hydroelectric power," Modi said.

"Despite wars and proxywars, the Congress did not rethink the treaty. But now, India has corrected Nehru's blunder by keeping the treaty in abeyance in the interests of our farmers. Blood and water cannot flow together." "After 26/11, the Congress's

love for Pakistan did not stop. Under foreign pressure, they started talking to Pakistan soon They did not expel even one diplomat from India. They did not even cancel a single visa. Pakistansponsored attacks continued, but Pakistan had most-favoured-nation status. The country was asking for justice, and Congress was busy doing trade with Pakistan,' the PM said. Modi said the Congress's failure to take decisive action against terror was partly because of its "appeasement policy", adding that when India was facing repeated terror attacks, the Congress was seeking out "Hindu terror".

# Challenge in trade deal with US

are clear: One, the US is pushing hard for zero duty access to the Indian markets, like it did with Vietnam and Indonesia. Two, from its perspective, New Delhi is keen ensure the headline tariff doesn't exceed 15 per cent for its goods exports to the US. And three, the tariff for each country may depend on multiple external factors, such as investment commitments and high-value purchases.

The Trump administration is learnt to be pushing for India to commit to specific purchases and investments, of the sort that it got the EU and Japan to sign up for. This may not be a big issue for India, given that Trump may be keen on scoring a political point on extracting a big investment commitment without any specific hard time-frame to achieve it. India may be open to purchasing three big-ticket items from the US: defence equipment, natural gas imports and nuclear reactors.

While New Delhi has managed to keep two contentious issues, agri and dairy, off the table for now, it may be willing to be flexible on segments such as opening up public procurement, like it did in the UK trade deal.

Indications are a sixth round of talks between the two negotiating teams will take discussions forward in August. What could be instructive is the limited takeaway for the US from the Japan deal: how the Japanese negotiators managed to upstage their American counterparts by getting an immensely favourable deal on automobiles, even as they dangled the agri market access concessions and Tokyo's investment pledges as distraction the entire time.

### **Headline tariff** number; comparative advantage

New Delhi is likely to push for market access in labour-intensive sectors, while trying to ensure a significant tariff differential compared to its Asian peers. If the final US headline tariff is between 10



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keeping a close watch on the trade talks the US is currently engaged in with China. This will give New Delhi an idea about the comparative advantage it will have vis-à-vis Beijing. A delay in the deal does offer more visibility on what a favourable tariff range would be, in comparison to the tariff deals other countries have clinched.

points offered to the UK and Japan,

respectively, New Delhi would be satisfied. The advantage starts to taper off once the tariff goes over 15 per cent and inches up closer to 20 per cent, as was offered to Vietnam. A trans-shipment clause, of the kind slapped on Vietnam which levies an additional 20 per cent tariff, could be a problem for India too, given that a lot of Indian exports have inputs and intermediate goods in sectors such as pharma, engineering goods and electronics coming in from outside, including China. Also, New Delhi will be closely looking for clarity on the final American duty offer on China, given its belief that Trump will maintain a tariff differential. For Indian negotiators, extra tariffs on steel and aluminium, over and above the baseline, is an added complication. Trump's threat of steep tariffs on BRICS countries for buying Russian oil is also a looming concern. On specific sectors such as auto or consumer nondurables. India is likely to follow a quota system that progressively opens up market access over a span of multiple years, like it did in the UK deal signed last week.

Another question for New Delhi is: in the absence of an interim deal, should it brace for an per cent and 15 per cent, the tariff eventuality where there may not increase from earlier years. Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

just be 26 per cent reciprocal tariffs, but an additional 10 per cent BRICS tariff as well? Without this, India will compare well with Indonesia (19 per cent) and Vietnam (20-40 per cent), and give an advantage over China (30-34 per cent) and Bangladesh (35 per cent. The equation changes when the additional levies are factored in.

#### **Exporters Struggle** As the uncertainty continues.

India's exporters are struggling to navigate the way forward because buyers in the US are not clear as to what the final tariff will be, and are consequently holding back orders. The higher tariffs the US has imposed on China means a number of Chinese manufacturers are now also rerouting shipments to Europe at throwaway prices, which is impacting India's exports to the EU as well. India, like other countries, had frontloaded shipments ahead of the reciprocal tariff deadline for the ongoing Spring-Summer season, but there is now a question mark over the orders for the Fall-Winter season

from October to March. Once the official level discussions wrap up by mid-August, there is a sense that a final call on the deal could come down to a conversation between the two leaders, PM Narendra Modi and President Trump. This is especially so since it is Trump who is the trade negotiator-in-chief. For India, the best-case scenario would be to get a deal of some sort now, and then build on that, experts said. For Trump, another consideration could be the fact that higher tariffs imposed by it mean higher prices for everyday goods made overseas. A Yale estimate from July 23 found that the tariffs will result in as much as \$2,700 in "lost annual income" per household, though taxes collected would potentially help narrow the federal deficit. The tariffs that have kicked in are bringing in some money into the US Treasury, with tariff revenue pegged at \$27.2 billion in June and \$22.8 billion in May, according to the Treasury

Department's statements, a sharp

### • 'PM should have courage to tell Trump he is lying' war. We are going to fight'." Throughout the special debate

on Operation Sindoor in Parliament, the charge that the government "buckled under pressure from the US" and agreed to a ceasefire when the Indian forces were in "an advantageous position" against Pakistan has been a recurring theme of speeches made by Opposition leaders.

In his combative 37-minute speech, Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, also alleged that the Indian forces went into the conflict with Pakistan with their "hands tied behind their back", as the Modi government did not have "the political will" to wage a war with Pakistan.

"If you want to use the Indian forces, then you should have 100% political will. And secondly, you should give them full operational freedom. (Defence Minister) Rajnath Singh in his speech compared the 1971 (war with Pakistan) and Operation Sindoor. There was political will in 1971. In the Indian Ocean, the Seventh fleet (of the US) was approaching. The then Prime Minister (Indira Gandhi) said we will do whatever we want to do in Bangladesh... political will without any confusion," Gandhi said.

"General Manekshaw told Indira Gandhi that he cannot carry out the operation in the summers... he needs six months. Indira Gandhi told him take whatever time you want... because you should have the freedom of action, freedom to manoeuvre. One lakh Pakistani soldiers surrendered and a new country was created."

Referring to the telephonic conversation that India's DGMO (Director General of Military Operations) had with his Pakistani counterpart right after Operation Sindoor began, informing him out on terror camps and hideouts in Pakistan, he called it "shocking" that India had conveyed that it had hit non-military targets and did not want escalation. The Congress leader said this

about the attacks India had carried

amounted to a "ceasefire" offer on the first night of Operation Sindoor itself. "You told the Pakistanis exactly what you would do. You told them that we will not hit military targets. You told them that we do not want escalation... You have told Pakistan directly that you don't have the political will to fight... And this the Defence Minister has said, in the House... that

we don't want to escalate...(It was) immediate surrender in 30 minutes," Gandhi said. He also re-

ferred to the remarks made last month by Captain Shiv Kumar, India's Defence Attache to Indonesia, that "India

said this happened "only because" of the constraint put by the political leadership to not attack the military establishment or their (Pakistan's) air defences". "You went into Pakistan... you told our pilots to not attack their air defence systems... You tied their hands... What will happen? Planes will fall... You don't want to answer, but everyone knows the outcome." Gandhi also referred to CDS

General Anil Chauhan's remarks that "what is important is not the jets being downed, but why they were being downed", and that the Indian forces had learnt from their mistakes, rectified the same and taken off again. "I want to tell CDS

tactical mistake. The Indian Air Force made no mistake. The mistake was made by the political leadership... And Anil Chauhan must have the guts to say this.. that my hands were tied behind my back," he said.

Anil Chauhan that you made no

According to Gandhi, the goal of this exercise was "to protect the PM's image". "Because he has the blood of the people of Pahalgam on his hands, the goal was to make sure that he used the Air Force to protect his image... It is dangerous for the country. The forces should be used only in national interest... If you want to use them.

do not tie their hands behind their back."

"The nation is above your image, your politics and your PR.... Have the humility and dignity to understand

**SCAN THIS FOR** RAHUL GANDHI'S **FULL SPEECH** 

that." The Congress leader also took on Jaishankar. "Sometimes, this

did lose some aircraft". Gandhi External Affairs Minister amazes me. He says, and even the Defence Minister, that we have deterred Pakistan. The man behind Pahalgam is Pakistan's General (Asim) Munir, the Chief of Army Staff. That man is having lunch with the President of the US.. Trump is breaking all protocol and inviting the man who has (perpetrated) terrorism in India to have lunch... and the PM has not said anything." He said General Munir also had a meeting with US Central Command Chief Gen Michael Kurilla, and generals from four Central Asian countries on "how to prevent terrorism". "Which planet is the Foreign Minister sitting on? Please come down. You have flown off somewhere."

# • Manipur district election officers begin outreach on SIR, meet parties

such meeting in Kangpokpi district. According to an official there. the meeting was held based on "informal" instructions issued by the State Election Commission. "There was no formal notice from either the Election Commission of India or from the State Election Commission to conduct such meetings. However, we were given an informal communication that in view of the ensuing SIR, a meeting should be held

with political parties to sensitise them on the process, as well as on pre-revision house-to-house surveys and rationalisation of polling stations," the official said.

At the meeting, representatives of all three parties are learnt to have expressed concern over the non-inclusion of Aadhaar cards for the exercise.

Amid the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, ahead of the

Assembly elections there, the Supreme Court has asked the Election Commission to consider inclusion of Aadhaar, Voter ID and ration cards as proof for updating the rolls.

"We had communicated with the representatives about the 11 documents that are permissible for proving identity and address. They were concerned that in a hilly, tribal area like this, most people may not have the

other required documents but are most likely to have Aadhaar since it is linked with so many things," said the official.

Thangjamang Kipgem, a BJP leader who attended the meeting, said the concern was shared by other parties as well. "We are very concerned about this, because Aadhaar is one document that everyone, from new voters to old people, are most likely to have. The officials told us that

they will convey our concerns to the authorities," he said.

A similar meeting was also held in Kamjong on Monday, which was attended by representatives of the BJP, Congress and the Naga People's Front. "We explained what the process is and what the documents required are. The representatives emphasised that every eligible citizen must be a part of the electoral roll," said a district official. Similar meetings have also been held in Noney, Ukhrul and

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Thoubal districts.

Earlier this month, the state also conducted training sessions on the SIR for booth level officers and their supervisors across multiple Assembly constituencies. With these preparatory steps, Manipur has set the ball rolling for an imminent SIR, even as its neighbour, Assam, has effectively sought a delay in the exercise in the state by asking for the inclusion in a final NRC — a matter that has been in limbo for six years — as among the admissible documents.

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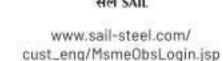
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1	Total Income from Operations	20,51,829	18,24,002	79,81,992	20,67,762	18,38,365	80,41,244	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,91,330	2,38,405	12,43,444	3,02,341	2,57,604	12,76,714	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,91,330	2,38,405	12,43,444	2,50,461	2,57,604	12,76,714	
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,25,212	1,70,273	9,21,902	1,82,956	1,88,828	9,54,828	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		Refer Note 3	XI		Refer Note 3		
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	4,55,341	4,55,341	4,55,341	4,55,341	4,55,341	4,55,341	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year			65,78,138			67,85,027	
8	Securities Premium Account	20,28,559	20,28,559	20,28,559	22,06,574	21,87,466	22,02,955	
9	Net Worth	66,86,230	56,85,045	66,05,857	68,36,318	58,67,507	68,15,829	
10	Paid-up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt *	19.46%	11.45%	20.06%				
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	•		+				
12	Debt Equity Ratio *	0.57	0.32	0.58		j		
	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -							
13	1. Basic (in ₹):	4.95	3.74	20.25	4.02	4.15	20.97	
	2. Diluted (in ₹):	4.95	3.74	20.25	4.02	4.15	20.97	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve				50	50	50	
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16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	

\* Debt represents borrowings with residual maturity of more than one year. Outstanding Debt represents total borrowings of the Bank.

## Notes:

- 1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange(s) websites (BSE:https://www.bseindia.com and NSE: https://www.nseindia.com) and the website of the Bank (https://www.bankofindia.co.in). The same can be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided here.
- 2 For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s) (National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange) and can be accessed on the URL (NSE: https://www.nseindia.com and BSE:https://www.bseindia.com).
- 3 Information relating to Total Comprehensive Income and Other Comprehensive Income is not furnished as Ind AS is not yet made applicable to banks.

Place: Mumbai Date: 29/07/2025

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(Subrat Kumar) **Executive Director**  (P. R. Rajagopal) **Executive Director** 

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## MEDICAL ATTENTION NECESSARY WITHIN 24 HOURS, SAY EXPERTS

# City hospitals see rise in dog bite cases, Safdarjung logs 91K cases since Jan

ANKITA UPADHYAY NEW DELHI, JULY 29

A SPIKE in dog bite cases across Delhi, with children and elderly largely at the receiving end, has sparked massive concern. With three big hospitals in the Capital

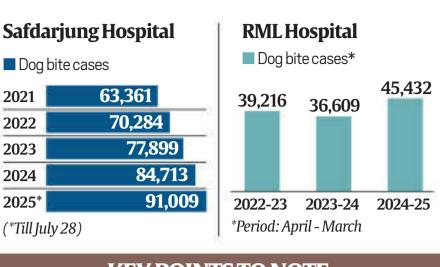
– Safdarjung Hospital, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Hindu Rao Hospital — witnessing a surge in the cases of dog bites over the last few years, experts have cautioned that medical attention is necessary within 24 hours of the bite.

On Monday, the Supreme Court took suo motu cognizance of a news report about infants in Delhi falling prey to the menace. Hundreds of dog bites in the Capital and nearby areas are leading to rabies, and ultimately, children and the elderly are falling prey to the dreadful disease, the apex court noted.

The bench directed that the matter, along with the news report, be placed before Chief Justice of India B R Gavai for appropriate

Children — especially those under 10 years of age — are at a higher risk for severe or fatal outcomes following a dog bite, experts opine. The seriousness of a

**CASES AT MAJOR HOSPITALS** 



#### **KEY POINTS TO NOTE**

■ Dog bites are dangerous due to bacteria harboured in dog's mouth; can cause serious infections if skin is broken

**■** Complications from infection, such as sepsis, can be life-threatening if left untreated ■ Rabies considered one of

dog bite depends on factors such as wound depth, extent of damof the wound are crucial to preage to tissues, the location, and the vent infection. dog's vaccination status. Even minor-looking bites should be carefully monitored, as per the experts. Immediate washing,

that may develop rapidly cleaning, and medical treatment

the deadliest infections,

known to have a nearly

■ Rabies is a viral disease

mammal, not just dogs

■ Even minor bites can

drive bacteria deep into

tissue, leading to infection

100% fatality rate

that can infect any

Data accessed by The Indian Express shows that Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital has seen a massive surge in dog bite cases



Stray dog bites have sparked huge concern. Praveen Khanna

this year when compared to the figures in 2021. While 63.361 cases were reported in the entire year in 2021, the hospital has already registered 91,009 cases till July this year. (see box)

At RML hospital, while 39,216 cases were registered between Apri 2022 and March 2023, the number increased to 45,432 between April 2022 and March 2025 – a 13% increase.

A senior doctor from the Anti Rabies Clinic said dog bites have become one of the most important public health issues. At the MCD-run Bara Hindu

Rao Hospital, 4,861 dog bite cases have been reported till July 28 this vear, 40% higher than 3,468 cases

Govt to review arbitration claims

above Rs 1 crore from three depts

reported between January and Iulv last vear.

Can people survive rabies? This is a frequently asked question when it comes to dog bites. Survival from a rabies infection is extremely rare, according to doc-

"Timely assessment allows healthcare providers to clean the wound thoroughly, evaluate the need for antibiotics, update tetanus vaccination, and, if the animal's rabies status is uncertain, start post-exposure prophylaxis," says Dr Suranjit Chatterjee, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, reommending taking medical care within 24 hours.

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AFTER GURGAON ASSAULT VIDEO GOES VIRAL

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A DAY after a purported video

capturing the brutal assault of an

excavator operator in Gurgaon

was widely shared on social me-

dia, four security guards work-

ing at an under construction so-

ciety were arrested on Tuesday

morning for allegedly thrashing

him over suspicion of theft, said

upside down inside a building,

the driver — in the purported

video — can be seen pleading to

the accused in a broken voice,

while they hit him with what

looks like thin steel rods. As the

clip went viral, the police took

Tied with a rope, and hung

GURGAON, JULY 29

police.

Four security guards arrested for

information report (FIR).

who hails from Raiasthan.

thrashing man over theft suspicion

While the police have not

The accused have been iden-

tified as Pushpendra (39) from

Gyanpura in Bhind, Madhya

Pradesh; Ajit Singh (38) from

Kharak Kalan, Bhiwani; Krishna

Kumar (19) from Kharoda,

Rewari; and Amit Kumar (39)

from Khasa in Amritsar, Punjab.

They worked as security guards

at an under construction society

where the victim was employed

as an excavator driver, officers

revealed that the assault oc-

curred on the night of June 10-

11, after the accused suspected

"Police investigations have

identified the victim yet, officers

said he is an excavator driver

# **DETENTION CENTRE, ASSAULTING OFFICERS** 'Surprising CCTV footage withheld': HC asks MHA to probe incident

**SOHINI GHOSH** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AS THE Delhi High Court on Monday granted bail to two foreign nationals accused of attempting to flee from a detention centre and assaulting officers on duty, the court asked the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to carry out a probe into the incident. "It is quite surprising that footage of the CCTV cameras installed at the detention centre, namely Seva Sadan, Lampur, is being withheld from the investigator," Justice Girish Kathpalia noted.

The court made the observation after it called upon the prosecution "to address submissions in order to rule out a possibility that the entire incident was fabricated to somehow help the detenues" from being deported to their countries of origin.

Justice Kathpalia recorded, "The Department of Social Welfare alleges that the CCTV is manned by CRPF; but CRPF alleges that CCTV is manned by FRRO (Foreigners Regional Registration Office); but the FRRO alleges that the CCTV is manned by the Department of Social Welfare... In view of the above mentioned peculiar circumstances of this case, learned (Assistant Public Prosecutor), after discussing with the SHO, Narela, submits that the Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi or the Secretary, Ministry of Home

essary investigation." "Therefore, a copy of this or-

Affairs would be the competent

authorities to carry out the nec-

der be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to carry out appropriate inquiry and, if necessary, investigation in accordance with law," the Judge added.

The accused in the case, nine foreign nationals — one of whom continues to remain on the run to date — had allegedly attempted to run away from the detention centre on February 23, 2024, after causing injuries to several officers in the scuffle that ensued. While two were caught inside the camp, six others were later apprehended from nearby areas, said officers. A first information report (FIR) was lodged in the case, and they were subsequently sent to judicial custody.

Two of the accused, represented by advocates Meghan Pal and Anup Das, while seeking bail before the Delhi High Court, claimed innocence and told the court that they are only being "used as a scapegoat", submitting that no such offence was committed and that they are facing "racial discrimination and the principles of equality have been given a go-by".

The accused also told the court that the whole matter "is a cock and bull story and an attempt to convert other disputes into a criminal case by misusing the law."

The Delhi Police, through the Narela police station SHO Inspector Rajendra Singh, had informed the court that while the incident was captured in CCTV cameras installed at the centre, it was unable to obtain the footage.

wires from the construction site. The police will record the victim's statement as part of the ongoing investigation", the

spokesperson added. The four arrests were made by the Sector 10 Police Station, at Basai Enclave, within hours of

the video surfacing, a police spokesperson said. According to the Station House Officer (SHO), Sandeep, Sector 10 police station, the police cannot confirm now whether the victim went back to

Rajasthan or not after the incident. "We have not been able to reach the victim yet, but we will soon reach out to him," the SHO said. The victim had, however, not filed a formal complaint, but will be called to give his statement, the police said.

Fake govt tender racket busted: 2 held for duping vendors of crores

NEW DELHI. JULY 29

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE DUO would allegedly approach suppliers and vendors with an irresistible offer: government tenders for school uniforms. To establish credibility among the suppliers, they had set up the fake Rashtriya Gramin Saksharta Mission (RGSM), under which the 'government uniform contracts were offered. After defrauding several suppliers with this modus operandi, the duo was nabbed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on July 21, the Delhi Police said on Tuesday.

The accused, identified as Karunakar alias Ratnakar Upadhyay (40) and Anita Upadhyay (35), allegedly duped and lured multiple suppliers on the pretext of offering contracts under the Rashtriya Gramin Saksharta Mission (RGSM) pitched as a Central government initiative to the client, the police

Anita allegedly headed the fictitious RGSM trust while Ratnakar created a fake website in the domain name of RGSM, the police said. The case came to light after a vendor, Shivender Singh Bakshi filed a complaint with the police. In the complaint, Bakshi alleged that he fell prey to a criminal conspiracy by Anita Upadhyay and others to register as a vendor for the RGSM. He claimed that he was persuaded to supply school uniforms intended for distribution to underprivileged children across various states. However, after receiving the uniforms, Bakshi alleged that the accused did not make the promised payments and instead engaged in misappropriating the uniforms.

# Park visitor dies after stray dog attack: Police seek answers from DDA

**DEVANSH MITTAL** NEW DELHI. JULY 29

FOLLOWING THE death of a visitor to a Delhi Development Authority (DDA) park in West Delhi in a stray dog attack, the Station House Officer (SHO) of Moti Nagar Police Station has written to the DDA and sought detailed information on security arrangements and protocol for stray animal control. In a letter dated July 4 and ad-

dressed to the Director (Horticulture), Northwest Division, DDA, Inspector Varun Dalal cited a recent incident at the DDA park on Shivaji Marg, Najafgarh Road, where a park visitor died due to injuries sustained in a stray dog attack. "Safety and well-being of citizens using public spaces like parks must be given top priority. Hence, I request your urgent attention to the above matters and would appreciate a prompt response with the requested information," it quoted him as saying. Dalal confirmed to The Indian

Express that he has not yet received a response from DDA. Among other issues, the SHO

has asked in his letter if the DDA has engaged any security agency to ensure the safety of visitors. The SHO also sought details of the agency involved, the for-

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### The SHO sought information on security and protocol for stray animal control

mal agreement executed, and the roles and responsibilities assigned to the security personnel The letter also inquires if any particular authority is responsible for controlling the presence of stray dogs in the park. Specifically, it asks whether this responsibility lies with the agency or DDA staff under standard protocol.

Additionally, the SHO has requested the name, designation, and contact information of any DDA official assigned to supervise and oversee operations at the Shivaji Marg park. Regarding surveillance, the letter seeks details on the number of CCTV cameras installed within the park and the status of any annual maintenance contracts awarded for them. The SHO has also asked for the name of the contractor, if there is one.

The death comes amid growing concerns over stray dog attacks in the city that have drawn wider attention. On Monday, the Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of the issue, calling the rise in dog bite cases "very alarming".

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# Seeks data from over 2 decades

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE DELHI BJP government has instructed the Public Works Department (PWD), Water and Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) departments to submit records of all arbitration cases involving claims exceeding Rs 1 crore from the past 20 years. This comprehensive audit

aims to assess the extent of financial losses arising from legal disputes and bring transparency to how public funds were spent or lost in the last two decades, said officials. This comes a day after Chief

Minister Rekha Gupta directed the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) to probe irreugularities in the construction of the Barapullah Phase III corridor and the arbitration case that arose due to delays. Accusing the then AAP gov-

ernment of corruption, Gupta had highlighted that the project, scheduled for completion in October 2017, was repeatedly delayed and eventually ran into

"The ruling favoured the contractor with an award of Rs 120 crore. When the payment was



CM Rekha Gupta. File

withheld, the company approached the High Court, which, in May 2023, ordered the PWD to pay Rs 175 crore, including interest and GST. The sum was subsequently paid during the tenure of then-PWD Minister Atishi," read a statement from the CM's Office (CMO) issued on Monday.

The three departments, which manage roads and drains, have been asked to provide yearwise and award-wise data — including the total number of arbitration cases exceeding Rs 1 crore; cases decided against the government, along with brief descriptions; the amount paid or losses incurred in such cases; and the number of appeals filed before making payments.

"This audit comes amid mounting concerns over repeated legal setbacks in infrastructure and civil works, many of which have resulted in heavy payouts to private contractors,"

said officials.

Earlier, PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh had announced the removal of arbitration clauses from the department's new contract conditions. This means that any future disputes between the department and contractor will be settled exclusively in court. "Public funds must be treated

as sacred. For years, departments have settled claims through arbitration without exhausting legal options — this won't continue. We are auditing two decades of arbitration history to identify who was responsible and why legal battles were surrendered. Importantly, I have now removed the arbitration clause from PWD contracts. If there's a dispute, let it go to court. No easy money through arbitration anymore," Singh said.

Officials said that this strategic shift is expected to act as a strong deterrent to frivolous claims and force all stakeholders government and contractors alike — to approach project disputes with more seriousness and legal preparedness. "With this 20-year review,

the Delhi government aims to establish structural reforms in contract enforcement and legal strategy — preventing future financial haemorrhage and reinforcing public trust in governance," said officials.

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#### to 21.08.2025 upto 6:00 PM. Complete details like tender form, detailed information and conditions etc. Are available on website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**. http://sppp.raj.nic.in & https://rhb.rajasthan.gov.in Board website UBN No.:- RHB2526WSOB00148 & RHB2526WSOB00149 Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur Rai.Samwad/C/25/7173 **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering) Signalling work in connection with Widening of PF-1&2 at CPYZ end, PF-3&4 at DLI end, PF-5&6 at DLI end including slewing of track work with and provision of two stabling lines with RPC-4 facility at GZB its location station App. Cost of the work (₹) ₹ 90,47,302.78 ₹ 1.81,000.00/-Bid Security (₹)

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Online bids are invited from registered firms for various Civil related works under

Pratap Nagar Aawasiya Yojna, Jaipur through e-proc for S.No. 1 & 2 from 01.08.2025

Address of Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd the office Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Date & Time for upload Tender uploading 28.07.2025 / closing date & time: the tender / closing 19.08.2025 up to 15.00 hrs. of tender Website particular & notice See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in board location where & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office. complete details of the State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. tender can be seen etc. Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender-1452 Dated : 28.07.2025 2310/2025 Serving Customers With A Smile

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forms etc. may be obtained from the website https://nagahealth.nagaland.gov.in/ Filled application form along with two copies of attested documents should be submitted to the office by mail/hand/post on or before 29th

Aug. 2025 3:00 PM. The shortlisted candidates will be intimated for

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#### GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ITE&C Department **Expression of Interest (EOI)**

The Amaravati Quantum computer centre invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for the physical installation of a Quantum Computer at the Amaravati Quantum Computer Centre (AQCC)". The Proposal shall include the following

a. Detailed infrastructure requirements necessary for housing the system including power supply specifications, quantum processing units (QPU) proposed, physical space, structural load conditions, thermodynamic and magnetic shield requirements, and cryogenic systems compatible with b. Rental rate per square foot per month (in Indian Rupees) they are willing

c. Percentage of quantum compute time they are willing to allocate to the

GoAP for public, academic, research or other use. d. The proposals may be sent by email to secy itc@ap.gov.in or by

registered post to the Office of the Secretary, ITE&C department, 1st Floor, Building-4, AP Secretariat, Velgapudi on or before 12.08.2025. Eol Calling Date: 30.07.2025 **Eol Closing Date: 12.08.2025.** Contact person: 1. K. Dhavuryan Naik, Director (communications), Mobile: 9963029418

2. B. Sundar, Special Secretary, ITE&C Department. Ph.0863-2444247| spl secy@ap.gov.in | https://apit.ap.gov.in No: 4300PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22- Dated.29/07/2025

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) Cr. P.C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person Namley Kausar Ali s/o Gajab Ali R/o H.N.P-47, Street No.18, Brahampuri, Delhi. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR. No.352/18 U/s 25/27 Arms Act. has been registered at P.S.Jafrabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Kausar Ali cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Kausar Ali has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, Kausar

Ali of under FIR. No. 352/18 u/s 25/27 Arms Act., registered at PS. Jafrabad, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 25.09.2025 By Order

Ms. Aayushi Saxena, Ld.JMFC-05,Room No.07, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

IP NO.: DIPK-4470/25 DATE: 29.07.2025

Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Nagaland: Kohima

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DP/9763/NE/2025

### **DEFAMATION CASE FILED BY L-G**

# 'Failed to show... defects in law': **HC upholds Medha** Patkar's conviction

**SOHINI GHOSH** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE DELHI HIGH Court on Tuesday upheld the conviction and quantum of punishment for activist Medha Patkar in a defamation case filed by Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena

against her in 2000. Patkar was accused of making defamatory statements against Saxena, labelling him a "coward", and alleging his involvement in hawala transactions when he headed an NGO in Gujarat.

A magistrate court held the statements to be defamatory on May 24, 2024, and on July 1, 2024, Patkar was sentenced to a fivemonth jail term and was directed to pay a Rs 10-lakh fine. Appealing against the conviction, Patkar had approached the sessions court, which dismissed her appeal on April 2 and upheld the conviction.

The sessions court, however, reduced the punishment from a five-month jail term to a one-year probation, and the fine from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 lakh in an order on April 8. On Tuesday, Justice Shalinder Kaur, upholding the trial court's order, said that it did not require any interference.

Patkar had approached the HC in revisional jurisdiction, and not in appeal, The review jurisdiction is to be exercised sparingly, the HC bench emphasised.



Medha Patkar was convicted in the case by a magistrate court in 2024. File

"This court finds no illegality, perversity or material irregularity in the findings recorded by the learned trial court/appellate court. The order under challenge appears to have been passed after due consideration of the evidence on record and the applicable law. The petitioner has failed to demonstrate glaring defects from following the procedure or manifest error on the point of law resulting in a flagrant miscarriage of justice that would justify interference by this court..in revisional jurisdiction...," Justice Kaur underlined and modified a condition of the probation.

The sessions court had stipulated that Patkar shall appear before the trial court once every three months. The HCgranted her the liberty to appear physically or virtually or be represented through an advocate during such appearances before the trial court.

### **AMID SIR OF BIHAR'S ELECTORAL ROLLS**

# Delhi CEO puts out electoral roll from 2008 intensive revision

**EXPRESS NEWS** SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

WITH THE first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls drawing to a close last week, the national capital might be next for the controversial

exercise. On July 8, the Chief Electoral Officer in Delhi published the Capital's electoral roll — of all its 70 constituencies — from March 16, 2008, when it was last intensively revised. It is not known currently when the SIR will commence in the

national capital. The Indian Express previously reported that the Election Commission of India (ECI) wrote to Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of all other states on July 5, directing them to begin preparations for a similar exercise — this time with January 1, 2026, as the qual-

ifying date. The qualifying date mentioned in the letter indicates that while the nationwide exercise may start soon, a final timeline for the rest of the country is vet to be decided — though the aim is to include everyone who turns 18 years of age bers of electors.

Men snatch gold

81-yr-old doctor

New Delhi: An 81-year-old

doctor was injured after bike-

borne snatchers allegedly

robbed her of two gold chains

in southwest Delhi's

Safdarjung Enclave area, an

July 25 around 3 pm when the

victim, identified as Dr.

Sushila, a resident of Munirka,

had gone to Safdarjung

Enclave for some personal

work, he said. "While return-

ing to her car, she saw a box

kept near it. While she tried

to remove it, two men on a

motorcycle suddenly ap-

peared. One of the accused

snatched two gold chains

from her neck," a senior po-

The sudden jerk caused

the elderly doctor who runs a

clinic in Sarojini Nagar Market

to lose balance and fall, result-

lice officer said.

ing in injuries. PTI

The incident took place on

official said on Tuesday.

chains from

by January 1, 2026. Around 1.56 crore people were on the latest electoral rolls of Delhi, published this January before the February 2025 Assembly elections.

In West Bengal, the Chief Electoral Officer has made some voter lists from the 2002 electoral roll revision available online, sparking speculation that the exercise will begin in the state in August.

Assembly polls in the state are due early next year. In Manipur, which is currently under President's rule, district election officers have begun holding meetings with local representatives of political parties to discuss the SIR of electoral rolls.

The Bihar revision exercise is facing widespread political opposition and significant confusion on the ground in the poll-bound state over the ECI's new requirement that even existing electors, if enrolled after 2003, must furnish documentary proof to establish their date and/or place of birth, which is then used to determine citizenship. It has triggered concerns over its potential to disenfranchise large num-

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Assistant Professor – English

Assistant Professor – Sanskrit

Name of Post

Deputy Executive Engineer

Office Superintendent

(Second Attempt)\*\*\*

(Third Attempt)\*\*\*\*

Controller of Examination

Assistant Professor – Social Work

# 'PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, ENSURE CCTVs IN PLACE': FIRMS TOLD

# Govt nod for women to work night shifts, issues measures

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

WOMEN CAN now work night shifts in Delhi and will have to be given transportation, while establishments that employ them will have to ensure comprehensive CCTV surveillance and deployment of female security personnel. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta Wednesday said the decision was taken to empower women and that a proposal will soon be sent to the Lieutenant Governor's office for approval.

Earlier this month, the Delhi government had directed the Labour Department to make necessary changes to allow women to work in night shifts — but only with their consent.

The move aims to increase women's participation in the workforce while also boosting 'Ease of Doing Business' in the national capital. "This decision will

not only contribute to making Delhi a 24x7 business hub but also significantly enhance women's participation in the workforce and improve the city's 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings," said the CM.

Gupta said that stringent measures are being implemented to ensure women's security during night shifts, including compulsory transportation facilities, comprehensive CCTV surveillance, and the deployment of adequate female security personnel. She said that similar permis-

sion requirements are already in place in states such as Haryana, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu. "This policy would play a pivotal role in establishing Delhi as a 24x7 business hub and underscores the government's commitment to women's empowerment and economic independence," she said. To implement this decision, exemptions are being made under the Delhi

Shops and Establishments Act,

1954. Currently, sections 14, 15, and 16 of the Act prohibit women from working between 9 pm and 7 am during summers and between 8 pm and 8 am during winters. The amendment will remove these restrictions, enabling women to work night shifts across the city, said Gupta.

"Women's welfare is at the top of the government's agenda and multiple initiatives are being undertaken to ensure the economic advancement of working women... To safeguard women working in night shifts, a comprehensive set of conditions will be mandatory for all establishments," said officials...

Officials said that any shop or establishment will take written consent from female employees before assigning them night shifts. Establishments have also been asked to constitute an Internal Complaints Committee under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act.

F. No.2-3(7)/R&P/2024

### GOVT. OF BIHAR

BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

Website: bceceboard.bihar.gov.in/Helpdesk:helpdesk.bceceboard@bihar.gov.in

UNDER GRADUATE MEDICAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (UGMAC)-2025 for MBBS/ BDS/ B.V.Sc. & A.H. in Govt. Medical / Dental /

Veterinary Colleges and Private Medical / Dental Colleges of Bihar

Adv. No.- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/02 Dated 29.07.2025

### NOTICE for Online Application & Choice Filling

Online Applications are invited from qualified, eligible & interested NEET(UG)-2025 candidates for appearing in the Under Graduate Medical Admission Counselling (UGMAC)-2025 in order to select candidates for admission to the first year UG Medical / Dental Courses (MBBS / BDS) in Government / Private Medical / Dental Colleges of Bihar state and B.V.Sc. & A.H. courses in Govt. Veterinary Colleges of Bihar based on the Merit-List / Rank of UGMAC-2025 prepared on the basis of merit list of NEET (UG)-2025 conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

DQ candidates must note that they have to submit DQ certificate issued by only authorised Centres / Institutes on prescribed proforma as per para-3.6.3 (Annexure-5, 6, 7) of the prospectus of UGMAC-2025 at the time of counselling / document verification. For this, after filling and downloading the hard copy of online application form, candidates must consult any concerned authorised Medical College / Centre / Institute with the downloaded online application form for disability test for obtaining disability certificate.

Certificate issued from any other Institutes / Centres except above will not be entertained, for which the candidate will himself be responsible.

3. For Eligibility Criteria and required Documents for admission on NRI Quota, candidates are advised to see 'Notice to Candidates Admission Procedure under NRI Quota issued by MCC' which can be seen on Board's Website / Prospectus.

4. The online Registration & submission of Application Form-cum-Choice Filling (1st & 2nd) will start from 30.07.2025 and close on 04.08.2025 (10.00 p.m.).

5. Eligibility criteria for counselling / admission Fee payment precedure, instructions and other details for filling up online applications form-cum-choice filling are available in the prespectus of UGMAC-2025 and the related Advertisement No.-BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/01 dated 29.07.2025, which can be seen / downloaded from the Board's website: beeceboard.bihar.gov.in.

Controller of Examination

# Lured by promise to meet Salman Khan, 3 boys travel to Mumbai; rescued: Cops

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

LAST WEEK, three young boys from Delhi made an impromptu plan — they would travel to Mumbai to meet their idol, Salman Khan. Their desire was fuelled by a friend they made from Jalna, while playing an online game, called "Free Fire", who claimed he knew the Bollywood

On July 25, the trio, aged between 9 and 11 years, packed their bags and left home — leaving behind a note that simply said they were going to meet their friend in Jalna. Their parents panicked and informed the police.

Four days later, the Delhi Police found them safe and sound in Nashik. The incident

the Authority for the project "SECTOR 89 & 93".

am during the hearing.

Dated: 30.07.2025

HARERA

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF THE

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**"SECTOR 89 & 93"** 

SITUATED IN SECTOR-89 & 93, GURUGRAM BEING DEVELOPED BY

M/S JAI GANGA REALTECH **PYP**. LTD.

It is for the information of the general public that an application dated 21.07.2025

for registration of the project under Section 4 of the Act of 2016 is submitted in

The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana granted license no. 07 of

2022 dated 19.01.2022 to MRG Castle Realty LLP in collaboration with MRG

Estates LLP (now known as Jai Ganga Realtech LLP) for development of affordable

plotted colony under DDJAY over an area measuring 5.0 acres in the revenue

The applicant has further obtained the revised layout plan vide Drawing No. DTCP

11183 dated 19.06.2025 and revised demarcation cum zoning plan approval of the

The relevant application and related documents are available in the office of the

Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram which can be seen by any

concerned on any working day during office hours up to 13.08.2025. Also, if

anyone wishes to appear, may appear before the Authority on 18.08.2025 at 11:00

Secretary,

Haryana Real Estate Regulatory

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project vide memo no. ZP-1559/JD(RA)/2025/27048 dated 17.07.2025.

came to light after the Sadar Bazar police station was informed that the three children, who study in the same school had gone missing. Immediately, a case under Section 137(2) of the BNS was registered.

According to Deputy Commissioner of Police (North), Raja Banthia, investigation revealed that one of the missing children had left a note at home stating that they intended to meet a boy who lived in Jalna. Banthia said, "One of the chil-

dren was carrying a mobile phone, but it was switched off. Through analysis of CCTV footage from the surrounding area and technical surveillance, we found that the children went towards Ajmeri Gate. The police team assessed that they were likely to board a train to Jalna from New Delhi Railway Station."



Tender Notice No.: 17/2025-2026/IGIMS/Store

Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites bids from eligible and qualified manufacturers or their authorized distributors / agents for Supply of Intraocular Lenses for RIO at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Science, Sheikhpura, Patna (Bihar). The last date of submission of bidding document along with

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**VACANCY NOTIFICATION** 

One (01) contractual position of Skilled Worker (Data Enumerator) in the

AICRP on Jamunapari Unit are proposed to be filled through walk-in-

interview on **08.08.2025 from 10:30 AM** onwards. Corrigendum if any

Interested candidates may visit our website www.cirg.res.in for details.

will be published/uploaded on the Institute website/e-office only.

Dated: 29th July 2025

(Pushpendra Yadav)

(R&P Cell)

**Assistant Administrative Officer** 

EMD and Tender document fee is 21/08/2025 up to 4 P.M. The technical bids will be opened on 22/08/2025 at 3:00 P.M. Details of terms and conditions can be seen and downloaded

from Institute Website: www.igims.org.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly visit www.igims.org for Corrigendum / amendments etc., if any. It will be notified on these portals only and no separate advertisement will be made. Director, I.G.I.M.S., Patna

Ministry of Culture



**India's External Security Dynamics and Policy Responses: 2014-2019** 

by

Dr. Divyapani Dwivedi

Junior Fellow, PMML 31 July 2025 at 3:00pm

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## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

P. S. : **CBI/EOU-IX/NEW DELHI** U/s. : 1208/420 IPC & 66C, 66D OF IT ACT.

Cases No. : CBI/40/2019 CBI VS BABUL KHAN @ AMAN SHARMA Case Title :

SATISH SHARMA & ORS. & ORS. FIR No.: RC CY1/2010/E0002

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (A-1)

BABUL KHAN @ AMAN SHARMA @ SATISH SHARMA, S/O SH. TAUHID KHAN, ADDRESS (R/O.)- BLOCK-H, GALI NO. 2 HOUSE NO. 74, SECOND FLOOR, OLD SEEMA PURI, DELHI |110095, **ALSO AT:** 9-A, DHEERAJ BLOCK, SOUTH GANESH

NAGAR, DELHI-110092, ALSO AT A-49, KRISHNA PURI 2d FLOOR, NEAR MAIN ROAD, SHIV MANDIR, MANDAWALI FAZALPUR, DELHI has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 120B/420 IPC & 66D IT Act. and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that said accused No.1 BABUL KHAN @ AMAN SHARMA @ SATISH SHARMA, S/O. SH TAUHID KHAN cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused No.1 BABUL KHAN @ AMAN SHARMA @ SATISH SHARMA, S/O. SH. TAUHID KHAN has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused No.1 BABUL KHAN @ AMAN SHARMA @ SATISH SHARMA S/O. SH. TAUHID KHAN is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on dated 05.05.2025.

> CJM, R. No. 201 **Rouse Avenue District Court New Delhi**

> > CBC 32205/11/0003/2526

Sh. Deepak Kumar



PG ADMISSION NOTIFICATION (2025-2026) (SPOT ADMISSION)

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned eligible candidates that Spot Admission for a few Postgraduate (PG) programmes shall start from 29th July, 2025. The candidates who have missed the admission opportunity earlier can approach the respective department with all original documents to complete admission formalities subject to the availability of seat/s at the time of admission. For detailed information regarding spot admission process, eligibility criteria & programmes, the candidates are advised to visit University website: www.cukashmir.ac.in. S/d Director (I/C) **Directorate of Admissions** Date: 28-07-2025



#### NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICE OF CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT-1 PALIKA KENDRA, NEW DELHI-110001

Sahayak (Naagar) posted at Moti Bagh Service Centre, R-III, who is absent from duties without intimation and prior permission of Competent Authorities since 10.05.2023. As such, this is a final opportunity to explain his position for

unauthorized absence within 15 days after publication of this notice, failing which, the disciplinary action shall be taken against Sh. Prakash Chand, Palika Sahayak (Naagar) as per Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964. DIRECTOR (PERSONNEL)-II

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CIN: L23201MH1952GOI008858 NOTICE OF THE 73RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Annual General Meeting** 

Notice is hereby given that the 73rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will

be held on Friday, August 22, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing (VC) Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), in compliance with MCA circulars/ Companies Act/ SEBI Regulations (collectively referred to as Statutory Provisions) as applicable, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM. The proceedings of the AGM shall be deemed to be conducted at the Registered Office of the Company.

Notice of AGM and Integrated Annual Report

The Notice convening the AGM and the Integrated Annual Report for FY 2024-25 containing Financial Statements, Auditors report, etc. have been e-mailed to Members whose registered email IDs are available with the Depository Participants (DP) / Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA). A letter providing the weblink of Annual Report has been sent to the Members whose email ID is not registered. The aforesaid documents can also be accessed on the Depository Limited (NSDL) at www.evoting.nsdl.com

E-Voting through Electronic Means:

websites of the Company at www.hindustanpetroleum.com, Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com & www.nseindia.com and e-voting agency M/s National Securities

Pursuant to the applicable Statutory provisions, the Company has arranged the provision of remote e-voting facility to its Members through NSDL as under:

Prior to AGM **During AGM** Remote e-voting Friday, August 22, 2025 Commencement Sunday, August 17, 2025 (from commencement till [From 5:00 p.m. (IST)] 15 Minutes post Thursday, August 21, 2025 conclusion of AGM) [Till 5:00 p.m. (IST)] Friday, August 15, 2025 Cut-Off date (for eligibility to vote) Weblink to access https://www.evoting.nsdl.com e-voting Event **EVEN - 134734** 

Notice of the AGM I. A person whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial Owners as on

Members are requested to kindly refer to the procedure for e-voting as mentioned in the

the cut-off date i.e. August 15, 2025 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the Annual General Meeting.

2. The Voting Rights of Members shall be in proportion to the Equity Shares held by them in the paid up Equity Share Capital of the Company as on August 15, 2025.

3. Members who have not registered their email address or any person who becomes a Member of the Company after despatch of the Notice of AGM but before the cut-off date for e-voting ie August 15, 2025 can email the request to the Company at cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in by quoting the Folio No / DP-ID-Client ID for obtaining copy of the Notice and Integrated Annual Report. Such Members are requested to follow the instructions given under the Notes to the Notice of AGM to obtain login ID & Password for remote e-voting. However, in order to facilitate ease of future communication, Members are also requested to register their email address with the RTA (In case of

Physical Shares) / Depository Participant (in case of Demat Shares). The Members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their

5. The Members who shall be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not cast their votes earlier through remote e-voting and are not otherwise barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote during the AGM.

6. The remote e-voting shall not be allowed, in any case, beyond the scheduled date and

time mentioned in the above table. '. Members who are desirous of inspecting the Statutory Registers/ Documents forming

part of Annual Reports can write to the Company on email ID cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in 8. Members who would like to ask questions during the AGM need to register themselves as a speaker by sending their requests mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID,

Folio number, email ID, Mobile Number, to the email ID cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in from Saturday, August 16, 2025 (9:00 a.m. IST) to Tuesday, August 19, 2025 (5:00 p.m. IST). Only those Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM.

9. In case of any gueries, Members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and the e-voting User Manual for Shareholders available at the download section of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on 022 - 4886 7000 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Dy. Vice President / Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Senior Manager, NSDL, BKC Mumbai at the designated email IDs at evoting@nsdl.com

Record Date, Payment of Final Dividend and Deduction of Tax at Source (TDS) Payment of Final Dividend @ Rs.10.50 per share of face value of Rs.10 each for the Financial Year 2024-25 will be paid after deduction of tax at source as applicable within 30 days from the date of its declaration at the AGM to those Members whose names appeared in the Register of Members / BENPOS as on the Record date Thursday, August 14, 2025 fixed for this purpose. The detailed communication sent through email regarding Dividend, TDS applicability and submission of tax exemption documents can be accessed at https://www.hindustanpetroleum.com/dividend-information It is also reiterated that in view of the SEBI mandate for payment of dividend only in electronic mode w.e.f. April 01, 2024, Members are requested to immediately update their KYC including bank account details, if not already done, with the RTA (In case of Physical Shares) / Depository Participant (in case of Demat Shares) for timely receipt of dividend.

Place : Mumbai Date : July 29, 2025



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FORECAST: July 30

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Generally cloudy sky; light to

MIN: 23-25 2.3°C below normal

# DELHI'S TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS MONTH - 220.2 MM

# Rain triggers waterlogging, traffic — political sparring

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

HEAVY RAIN on Tuesday led to severe waterlogging in several parts of Delhi, triggering traffic chaos on arterial routes and causing inconvenience to commuters.

Around 9 am, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) sounded a red alert, which was later downgraded to an orange alert around 11 am.

The rain prompted attacks

from the AAP against the ruling BJP even as Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh highlighted swift action by the government to ensure the return to normalcy across the city's roads.

Amid the war of words over the monsoon preparedness, the improvement in the city's air quality emerged as the silver lining. The AQI (air quality index) improved from 86 a day before to 72. The Capital's air has remained "satisfactory" for an entire month, mainly due to the rain and wind conditions, according to the weather department.

Following heavy rain on Tuesday, the monthly average rainfall in the city surpassed the long-period average of 195.8 mm. The total rainfall this month is 220.2 mm, as per IMD data.

Safdarjung, the primary weather station, logged 68.1 mm Tuesday. Ridge reported 129.8 mm rainfall, Lodi Road 72.4 mm, Pragati Maidan 45.6 mm, Pusa 37.5 mm, and Ayanagar 23.4 mm. Other areas received light rainfall, with Palam recording 4.6 mm, Janakpuri 4 mm, and Najafgarh 1.5 mm. The highest rainfall logged in a day last year (July 26) was 39.4 mm.

### **Key roads flooded**

Visuals of inundation emerged from Connaught Place. Panchkuian Road, Qutub Road in Sadar Bazaar, Janpath and Savitri Flyover, Zakhira Railway underpass and Ring Road, among other parts.

Other waterlogged areas included Old Rohtak Road, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, Sarai Kale Khan, Mayapuri Chowk, Mukarba Chowk to Model Town Road, near Town Hall in Chandni Chowk, Block G Azadpur, Daryaganj, Kamla Nagar market, Laxmi Nagar, and Old Rohtak Road, Majnu Ka Tila main road.

An auto rickshaw driver in Connaught Place, Kuldeep Singh (50), rued, "Whether it is a BJP government or AAP, nobody wants to help the public. They all know that this becomes a prob-





Gajendra Yada

(Clockwise from top) Waterlogging at ITO, a flooded home in Civil Lines; traffic snarl on the NH-9 following the heavy rain on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

# THE WEEK AHEAD

DAY	TEMP	WIND SPEED	FORECAST
July 30	23-32°C	10-15 kmph	Light to moderate rain, thunderstorm/lightning
July 31	24-32°C	10-15 kmph	Light to moderate rain, thunderstorm/lightning
August 1	25-35°C	10-15 kmph	Partly cloudy sky, very light to light rain with thunderstorm/lightning
August 2	25-35°C	10-15 kmph	Partly cloudy sky, very light to light rain with thunderstorm/lightning
August 3	26-34°C	15-20 kmph	Partly cloudy sky, very light to light rain with thunderstorm/lightning
August 4	26-34°C	10-20 kmph	Partly cloudy sky, very light to light rain with thunderstorm/lightning

lem every year... our business suffers due to all this."

CM Gupta acknowledged the widespread waterlogging, but claimed that the rainwater was drained out within a short period. "Our teams had been active since early morning and were continuously monitoring every affected point. Officials and staff are conducting a detailed assessment of how long water remained at each location, how quickly it was

drained, and what further measures can be taken for improvement," she told reporters.

As PWD's Flood Control department reported over 100 calls, Minister Singh took to *X* and posted videos of Minto Bridge, Moolchand Underpass, Prahaldpur, claiming that after the BJP came to power, earlier waterlogged roads have now turned clear.

However, former CM and

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Atishi, hit out at the BJP government. "Delhi roads have become ponds in just ten minutes of rainfall," she wrote in

a social media post. AAP's Saurabh Bharadwaj shared a video of an inundated ITO and said, "This is Delhi's ITO. On July 9, L-G (VK Saxena) sahab and the PWD Minister had come here to inspect the work to clear waterlogging, congratulating each other for the good work. Today, with waterlogging again, please accept my congratula-

tions as well.' According to the officials of the New Delhi Municipal Council, the rainfall received was higher than the expected capacity. "Water receded within an hour as we have installed pumps and completely desilted drains in Connaught Place and

Janpath," an official said.

# 'There was a loud sound... the entire wall fell': Woman, son crushed to death in Civil Lines

**UPASIKA SINGHAL** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

A WOMAN and her son died while two others were critically injured after a decades-old boundary wall collapsed on them in North Delhi's Civil Lines, near the Lieutenant Governor's house, following heavy rain on Tuesday morning.

According to the police, the deceased were identified as Meera (40) and her son, Ganpat (17). Meera's elder son, Dashrath (19), and her brotherin-law Nanhe (35) were critically injured and are undergoing treatment at Lok Nayak Hospital.

All of them hail from Madhya Pradesh and were working as labourers at a construction site in Sehgal Colony, police said.

Meera and her sons were inside their makeshift hut at the site, while Nanhe sat nearby, when the 15-foot boundary wall suddenly collapsed. The hut was located right next to the wall.

"We had come to Delhi just a few days ago...," said Nanhe, whose legs were injured in the collapse. "We started our work around 8 am when it began to rain, so we all went inside to wait it out," he said.

"Suddenly, there was a loud sound and before we could even react, the entire wall fell... I couldAll of them hail from Madhya Pradesh and were working as labourers at a construction site in Sehgal Colony, police

n't see anything until I was pulled out by locals who had come to rescue us," he said.

officers said.

According to Nanhe, he survived because he was not too close to the wall. His sister-inlaw, Meera and nephew were completely crushed by the debris. His other nephew, Dashrath, was crushed from the waist down, he said.

Nanhe said they were the only labourers working on the site at the time.

Across the road, Deepak Khanna's house was also inundated with water and mud after the wall collapsed.

"Around 9.30 am, there was a loud noise... my wife was in the puja room and the bricks came crashing into the house. I had to pull her out of the rubble. Thankfully, she wasn't injured, said Khanna, who has lived in Sehgal Colony since 1964.

According to the septuagenarian, the boundary wall which separated Court Road

from Sehgal Colony — was at least 50-60 years old. "It has been there since before the colony was made," said Khanna. According to another resident, Umesh Chopra, the plot

originally belonged to a man, who later sold it to a religious so-"Once the downpour started Tuesday morning, the mud just

slid down and broke the wall," Chopra added. Khanna recalled a time in the colony where houses were not allowed to be taller than the

due to security reasons. "Now there is rampant construction here," he said.

Lieutenant Governor's house

According to the police, they received the call about the collapse around 9.50 am.

"The caller said a collapse had taken place at House No. 1, Sehgal Colony, Civil Lines, near the L-G House, and that people were trapped. Several teams from police, fire, and disaster management reached the location, and the people were pulled out," said a senior police officer.

A case of causing death due to negligence was registered at the Civil Lines police station Police said, prima facie, it has come to light that the construction was being carried out without necessary approvals.

Police said they are looking into the documents.



The boundary wall which collapsed was at least 50-60 years old, said a resident. Gajendra Yadav

# Woman dies after being pushed off 6th floor of building; partner detained

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

A 27-YEAR-OLD woman was killed after her partner allegedly physically assaulted her and threw her off the sixth floor of a building in Narela where he lived in on Tuesday.

Police said they have detained the accused, aged 32. According to police, they were

informed of the incident after receiving a report that a woman's body was found on the road.

"The caller said a quarrel took place between the deceased and the accused... investigation is being carried out. The suspect has been detained," said DCP (Outer North) Hareshwar Swami.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

A 25-YEAR-OLD chartered ac-

countant died by suicide after he

allegedly inhaled helium gas,

said police. His body was found

at a guest house near Bengali

Dheeraj Kansal, had written a

post on social media and left a

note, saying he did not hold any-

one responsible for his actions.

According to police, the man,

Market in Central Delhi.

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

According to the police, the accused is a BTech graduate who works for a private company. He lived with a friend in a rented room; the woman had come to visit him while the friend was

away. The woman was found at the foot of the building with bruises, indicating that she might have been physically assaulted before being pushed off the building, said police.

When the police arrived at the spot, they claimed he was naked and was throwing stones from the sixth floor at passersby below. The woman's body was also found surrounded by stones, suggesting that the accused had tried hitting her with the stones as she lay below, said

His state of mind is fragile currently, making it difficult to question him, they added.

"He's answering with irrelevant information, banter and abuse when we're asking him questions. The woman's parents are on their way to Delhi from Aligarh. We hope to get more information from them," said DCP Swami.

Police are looking into both the victim and the accused's call detail records and locations to determine how long they had been in a relationship, among other details.

The accused has been booked under Section 103(1) (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

# Chartered accountant dies by suicide after inhaling helium gas, say police

ready gone. I wasn't deeply connected to anyone, nor was anyone to me. There's no reason, no regret, and no com-

plaint (sic).'

of my life was my birth; death is

the most beautiful part of my

life. If you're reading this, I'm al-

A police officer said Kansal

worked at a company in

Gurgaon. "He had checked into the guest house near Bengali Market, which he had booked online last week. On Sunday, when he did not open the door to his room, the local police were informed," the officer said.

Barakhamba Road police station reached the spot and broke open the door. They found a pipe connected to a helium cylinder inserted into his mouth.

lice said it was found that he had ordered the helium cylinder from an e-commerce website in Ghaziabad. Police said Kansal's father

died when he was four years old. His mother remarried. He was raised by his grandparents, who live in Mangolpuri.

After the post-mortem examination, his body was handed over to his uncle and cousins.

# Prof Nandu Ram, sociologist who brought Dalit studies to mainstream, passes away

**VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

"A SIMPLE MAN", "a person who shall be remembered fondly by colleagues, students, and the academic community worldwide": this is how family, friends and colleagues remember Professor Nandu Ram, a pioneering sociologist who is hailed for helping bring Dalit perspectives to the heart of Indian academia.

In a career spanning more than four decades, Professor Ram is credited for reshaping the field of Indian sociology. He was among the first to rigorously explore the social, political, and economic dynamics of caste in modern India – from lived experience.

He died on July 13 at the age of 78. His son, Siddharth (46), who lived with him in West Delhi's Dwarka, said the death was caused by a heart attack following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

"He loved to write," Siddharth said. "... and through his writing. he wanted to uplift people from the Dalit community." Despite holding senior aca-

demic positions, Professor Ram lived with remarkable modesty. "He never bought a car. He always walked...," Siddharth recalled. "Even if his own pockets were empty, he would help others."

Born on July 28, 1946, in Marhia village in Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur, Professor Ram came from a family of land labourers.



spanning more than 4 decades, he is credited for reshaping the field of Indian sociology. Credit: Nandu Ram's son, Siddharth

study even when such aspirations were rare. "He grew up in a basti outside the main village," Siddharth said. "He had seen segregation firsthand." Professor Ram excelled early,

topping his district in high school and later moving to Varanasi for his higher secondary education. At Queen's College, he was often mocked for being a "villager," but he remained undeterred. He earned his MA from

Banaras Hindu University and completed a PhD in Sociology from IIT Kanpur in 1976, where he also taught for several years. In 1978, he joined the Centre

for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS) at JNU, where he would go on to teach, mentor, and lead for more than three decades. He served as the Chairperson of the CSSS from 1999 to 2001, and later as the first dalit Dean of the School of Social Sciences.

In 1995, he was appointed the founding Ambedkar Chair

Professor in Sociology. He was instrumental in creating the Ambedkar Chair and became the first Ambedkar Chair professor. Between 2001 and 2004, he

also served as Director General of the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences in Madhya Pradesh. As a researcher, his work was

foundational. His 1988 book — 'The Mobile Scheduled Castes: Rise of a New Middle Class' — gave scholars a new lens to examine social mobility. His five-volume 'Encyclopaedia of Scheduled Castes' (2007–2011) remains a landmark in the field. 'Beyond Ambedkar' (1995) pushed the boundaries of Dalit political thought. "He taught us sociology that

spoke from the bottom," said Maithrayee Chaudhuri, who was among his first students and later a colleague at JNU. "Over the decades, he built a generation of scholars who created a distinct body of knowledge on marginalised communities. He was a lone voice back then — and

it was not easy." Even as his influence grew, he stayed clear of campus politics and public grandstanding. "He was never into sloganeering," said Anand Kumar, another long-time colleague. "He never wore his Ambedkarite identity on his sleeve. He respected people regardless of caste or class, and that's why people respected him."

In 2017, the Indian Sociological Society honoured him with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

His personal life was marked by joy and tragedy. He raised four children and lost his first wife — Siddharth's mother, Rajvanti Devi – suddenly in 1989 to a brain haemorrhage. "It felt like an entire household crashed," Siddharth said. "She was his connection to the village. After her, he was deeply depressed for a long time."

Despite his declining health in recent years worsened by the Covid pandemic, Professor Ram remained mentally alert, continuing to mentor and read, according to his family. "His muscles wasted away...," Siddharth said. "Eventually, he caught an infection and had a heart attack." JNU Teachers' The

Association describes him as "quiet but firm," "gentle in manner," and "a person who shall be remembered fondly by colleagues, students, and the academic community worldwide."

Apart from Siddharth, Professor Ram is survived by three other children. He would have turned 79 on July 28.

# Drugs worth Rs 1.3 crore seized in raid at apartment

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE STATE drug control department seized drugs worth Rs 1.3 crore on Monday night during a raid from an unlicensed godown at Sunder Apartments, near Paschim Vihar. Officials said a large quantity of drugs to treat asthma, Type 2 diabetes and pain relief were found.

The raid was conducted following a tip-off from the department's intelligence cell regarding the sale and storage of drugs at an unlicensed premises. The person present at the location failed to produce a valid licence or purchase records for the stocked drugs, the department said.

"These drugs were considered of doubtful quality," said an official

Among the drugs recovered were several well-known brands. including Omeprazole (Omez) Ketorolac (KETOROLTM-DT) Dapagliflozin (Forxiga) Glimepiride (Amaryl) and others

The drug inspectors have collected samples of a few drugs to ascertain their quality and sent them for testing. Specimen samples of these drugs have also been collected at random to check their genuineness.

An official said the accused admitted that he was operating this business from his residential premises for the past two months, without maintaining any purchase and sale records.

In the note, police said, he wrote: "... I am going away, and no one should be held responsible for this. The saddest part

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During the investigation, po-

His parents, Janaki Devi and Pattu Ram, ensured he could

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# IN PARLIAMENT DISCUSSION ON PAHALGAM, OP SINDOOR

# Govt stands firm, Opp steps up attack

# Rajnath: India not a soft state anymore, Sindoor punishment for Pak's proxy war

**NIKHIL GHANEKAR** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said in Rajya Sabha that Operation Sindoor's aim was to send a message that India will show zero tolerance against terrorism and punish Pakistan's use of terror for a proxy war. He said the operation was a game-changer as it changed the

perception that India is a soft state

and added that the country had

sent a clear message that it will go

to any extent to act against terror. Initiating the special discussion on Operation Sindoor in the Upper House, Singh said that following the Pahalgam attack on April 22, the government gave a "free hand" to the armed forces to respond. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with the three service chiefs. I was also present; a free hand was given to use their wisdom, strategic understanding to de-

"Our action was in self-defence and not expansionist... The aim was to destroy terrorist bases and send a message of zero tolerance against terrorism. The overall political-military objective of Operation Sindoor was punishing Pakistan's use of terror for a proxy war."

cide on the response," Singh said.

On May 10 morning, Singh said, India's strong attack on Pakistan's multiple airfields forced them to accept defeat and offer an end to hostilities. "We accepted only on the condition that the operation was suspended, not ended. We will not hesitate to resume the operation if there are

terrorist activities in the future." Responding to the

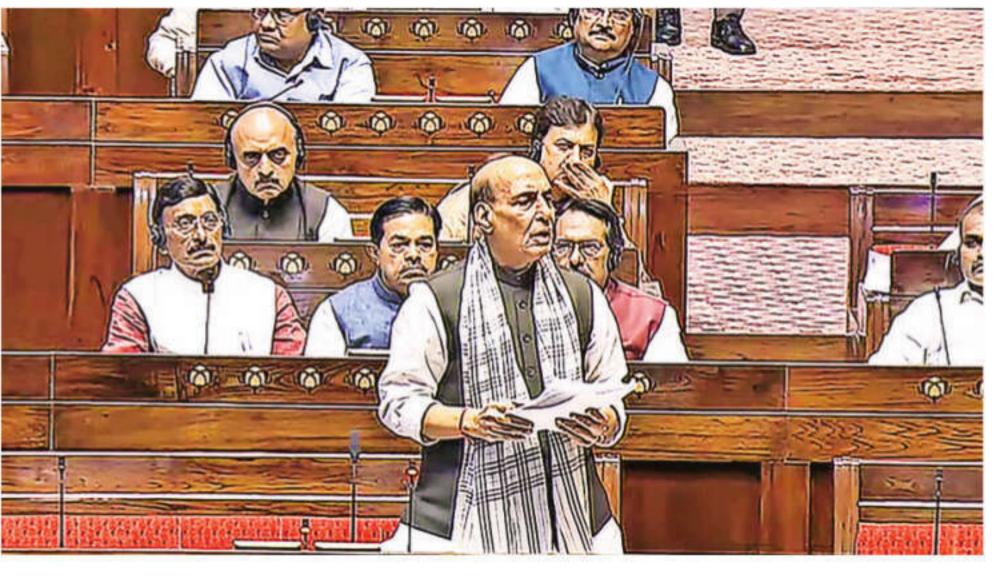
Opposition's statement that India should have captured Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the minister expressed surprise. "I am surprised at this demand, because when they were in power, they did just the opposite." "There would come a day, I cannot predict when, but a day would come when people in PoK would be able to say proudly that they are Indians," he said.

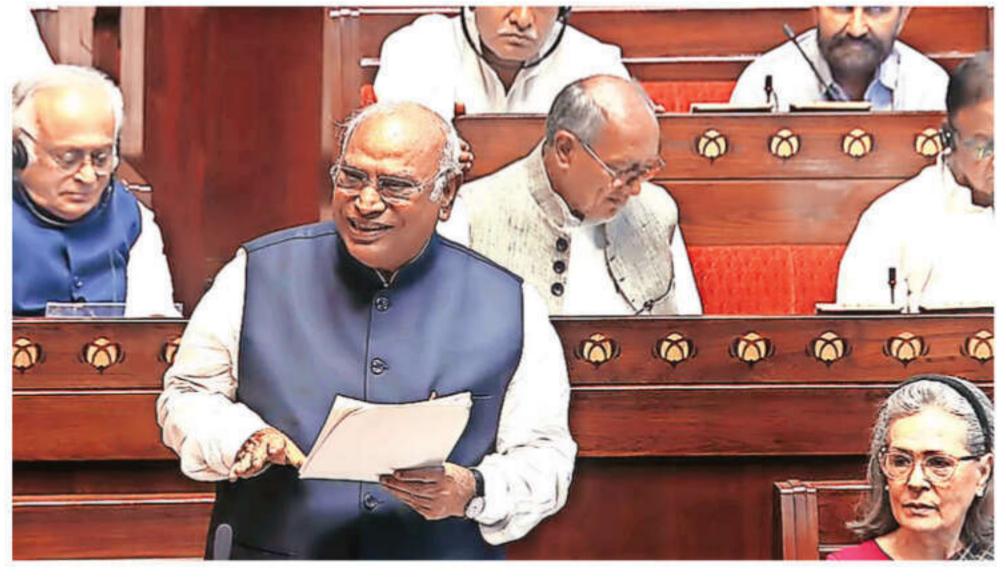
Criticising the Opposition's question on how many jets were shot down, Singh said, "They never asked how many we shot down. I have information on each one of them and if I speak openly, the House will reverberate with applause for 10 minutes," he said. The Defence Minister also

said that past governments, too, should have taken action against Pakistan for harbouring terror... Quoting from former President and Union minister Pranab Mukherjee's book *The Coalition* Years, Singh said, "India had evidence terrorists used Karachi port (during 26/11)... There was a demand for military intervention which I rejected, there was a heated debate in the Cabinet." He said, "The then govern-

ment did what they felt was right. This is not a criticism of the government or ministers...but today's India thinks differently under (PM Narendra) Modi's leadership. India is not satisfied with just handing dossiers, we give a fitting response."

Singh also said Pakistan as the vice-chair of UNSC counterterrorism committee was like "having a cat guard milk".





IN RAJYA SABHA: Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MPs Sonia Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh and Digvijaya Singh; (above) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other ruling MPs during the discussion on Operation Sindoor, India's military response against Pakistan following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. PTI & ANI

# Kharge asks Shah to quit: Clear that intel failure led to terror attack in Pahalgam

**NIKHIL GHANEKAR** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

TARGETING UNION Home Minister Amit Shah, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday demanded accountability be fixed for the "intelligence failure" and "security lapses" that led to the Pahalgam terror attack.

He also questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "silence" on US President Donald Trump's repeated claims that he mediated a ceasefire between India and Pakistan during the military conflict following the

Pahalgam attack. Speaking immediately after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh opened the House discussion on Operation Sindoor, Kharge raised questions over the Home Minister's statement in April about the terror infrastructure being crippled in J&K. Kharge asked why did the PM cancel his scheduled trip to J&K three days before the April 22 Pahalgam attack and if the government had intelligence inputs about a terror strike.

Pointing to past terror attacks such as Uri (2016), Pathankot (2016) and Pulawama (2019), Kharge said: "In all these attacks, one thing is clear, there is failure in intelligence and you will have to accept this. I want to ask the Home Minister, who is responsible for this... if you are then you should vacate your seat. If not, then what action is the Prime Minister taking?" he said.

Quoting J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's comments during NADDA APOLOGISES TO LOP KHARGE

RAJYA SABHA saw heated between exchanges Opposition and Treasury after J P Nadda made some objectionable remarks against Mallikarjun Kharge.

After Nadda's remarks, Kharge demanded an apology, saying Nadda was one of the ministers in the NDA government whom he respected. Nadda soon got up to say he has withdrawn his words, and apologised.

an interview that the Pahalgam attack was undoubtedly due to a security failure, Kharge said, "If the LG has accepted this as a security failure, when will accountability get fixed, did he say this to save the Home Minister? Only you can tell us."

He also asked the Government if there was thirdparty mediation involved in the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, and whether trade was a factor. US President Donald Trump has repeatedly claimed he used trade as leverage to end the military conflict.

"I am seeking answers from the PM. Why has he not condemned it (Trump's claims)? Did the US interfere in this, and on whose bidding? What were the conditions? Did the US President mediate the ceasefire, and were there threats on trade to announce the ceasefire? We never entertain third party mediation this is our policy," Kharge said.

# Creation of Pak, root cause of Priyanka asks Govt: Why were terror, is Cong's mistake: Shah there no soldiers at Pahalgam?

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

**UNION HOME Minister Amit** Shah Tuesday accused Congress of going soft on terrorism. He said the root cause of terror is Pakistan, whose creation was a result of the Congress's "mistake" in accepting Partition in 1947.

In Lok Sabha, Shah alleged that the Congress showed weakness in multiple instances including Partition, the India-Pakistan wars of 1947–1948 and 1965, the Indus Waters Treaty, and 1962 war with China. He said that of the 10 terrorists killed in Operation Sindoor, eight were involved in terrorist attacks during "Chidambaram and company's" tenure.

Shah also targeted former PM Manmohan Singh's government, saving it would silently send dossiers after terror attacks. "After the Uri attack, we carried out surgical strikes. After the Pulwama attack, we carried out air strikes. After the Pahalgam attack, we hit 100 km inside Pakistan territory, attacked nine terror bases, destroyed 11 airbases, and killed more than 100 terrorists," he said.

### **CHIDAMBARAM GAVE CLEAN CHIT TO PAK'**

Amit Shah targeted former Home Minister P Chidambaram, saying the Congress MP's questions on the identity of Pahalgam attackers amounted to giving a "clean chit" to Pakistan.

"Who does he want to protect? What will you get by protecting Pakistan? I would like to say to Mr Chidambaram that we have proof that they were from Pakistan..." Shah said. ENS

To the Congress's question on why a ceasefire was announced despite India having an upper hand, he said: "A war has several consequences and they have to be weighed. In 1948, our armed forces were in a decisive position in Kashmir. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel kept saying no, but Jawaharlal Nehru announced a one-sided ceasefire... if Pakistanoccupied Kashmir (PoK) exists today, it is because of that ceasefire. In 1960, we were in a strong

strategic position, but the Indus Waters Treaty gave 80 per cent of the water to Pakistan."

Shah brought up the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan. "We had captured the strategic point of Haji Pir. But it was returned in 1966. In the 1971 war, the whole country supported (former PM) Indira (Gandhi) ji. She divided Pakistan into two, and we feel proud of that. But what happened later? We had 93,000 prisoners of war, which was 46 per cent of Pakistan's Army. We had 15,000 sqkm of Pakistan's land. But we forgot to ask for PoK in Simla Agreement."

Shah claimed Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw had told Indira that the then Pakistan PM Zulfigar Ali Bhutto had "made a monkey" out of her. He said: "They were saying something about China. In the 1962 war, 38,000 sg km of Aksai Chin was given to China... Jawaharlal Nehru said 'not a blade of grass grows there. What to do with that land."

Shah said Congress had opposed the Prevention of Terrorism Act brought by the Vajpayee government in 2002 and later abolsihed it.

# **LALMANI VERMA**

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

SLAMMING THE government over the Pahalgam terror attack, Manipur violence and Delhi riots, senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday questioned why Home Minister Amit Shah was continuing in his post after these incidents.

Taking part in the special discussion on Operation Sindoor in Lok Sabha, Vadra said that rulingside members repeatedly talked about the 2008 Mumbai attacks and claimed that the Manmohan Singh government did nothing. "You would be aware that the terrorists were killed during the attack itself, and one person left was hanged in 2012. The Maharashtra CM resigned, and the Union Home Minister too resigned... That was the accountability to-

wards the public..." she said She added that Rajnath Singh was Home Minister at the time of the Pulwama, Uri and Pathankot attacks, and is presently the Defence Minister. "And entire Manipur got burnt under Home Minister Amit Shah's watch, riots



Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra speaks in LS. PTI

happened in Delhi, an attack happened in Pahalgam, and he is still occupying his post even today. Why?" Vadra asked.

Mentioning one of the deceased in the Pahalgam attack, Shubham Dwivedi of Kanpur. Vadra quoted his wife as saying that for nearly an hour during the attack she did not see a single security personnel or a single soldier. Quoting Shubham's wife, Vadra said, "Desh ne, sarkar ne hame wahan anaath chod diya tha (the country and the government left us there like orphans)".

"Why were security and soldiers not there? Was the govern-

ment not aware tourists visit there every day and travel through forests?... They went there trusting this government... it left them in the hands of God," she said.

Before concluding her speech, Vadra read out the names of the victims of the Pahalgam attack. As somebody from the Treasury bench said that the victims were Hindus, Vadra responded, "Bharatiya they (They were Indians).'



# **Operation Sindoor was** decisive: Chidambaram 'In 1971,

Only time will tell if

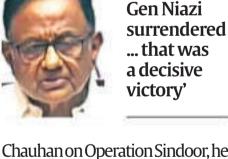
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TARGETING THE Government for agreeing on a ceasefire after Operation Sindoor, Congress MP P Chidambaram on Tuesday said that India's military leadership during the operation following the Pahalgam attack was exemplary, but the political leadership was "thoroughly disappointing."

"If you ask me 'was Operation Sindoor strong?' I would say yes. If you ask me 'was Operation Sindoor successful?' I would say yes. If you ask me 'Was Operation Sindoor decisive?' I can only say time will tell..." he said.

"On December 16, 1971, there was a historic victory when General Niazi surrendered to General Jagjit Singh Aurora, along with 93,000 soldiers...That was a decisive victory. On the contrary, Operation Sindoor ended with a ceasefire," he said.

Chidambaram said the military leadership was exemplary because it had been "candid and forthright". Referring to a statement by CDS General Anil



said, "I call them candid, forthright and transparent because he (the CDS) admitted tactical mistakes re-strategising and admitted loss. However, Chidambaram

said, "The government has so far not acknowledged the security failure and the intelligence failure" in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. "I took over as home minister the day after (2008) Mumbai terror attack ended on Dec 1. Within a few days, I flew to Bombay, and said I admit security failure, intelligence failure, and I regret the failure. Why can't the Government say that?"

Chidambaram also spoke about "home- grown" terrorism "There are foreign terrorists infiltrated by Pak... but remember there are also India based terrorists..." he said, adding that sometimes they work together as well.

# To end militancy, you have to win hearts of **Kashmiris: Rashid**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

INDEPENDENT MP from Baramulla Abdul Rashid Sheikh, better known as Engineer Rashid, Tuesday said the government needs to win the hearts of Kashmiris to end militancy in I&K as only they have a solution to the Kashmir issue.

Speaking in Lok Sabha, Rashid said: "To end militancy you will have to win the hearts of Kashmiris. But since vesterday none of you here have spoken about Kashmiris. Do you want Kashmir's land or Kashmir's

people? Ruling party and Opposition will have to decide

On the situation of I&K, he said, "You say everything is fine there. But you do not allow us to write anything on social media. Over 3,000 people are in jails."

The MP also said that everyone in the House talked about US President Donald Trump but he does not have the solution to the problem. "J&K people, including Hindus, Muslims and every other community have the solution to Kashmir issue. It is not a communal issue, it is a political issue. You need to give a political resolution..." he said.

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DMK Kanimozhi Karunanidhi on Tuesday expressed gratitude to the government for choosing leaders from Opposition parties as members of delegations for Operation Sindoor's global outreach.

Participating in the special discussion on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, she went on to say that it would have been better if the situation to send these delegations did not arise.

The statement from the DMK MP came a day after Nationalist Congress Party (SP) MP Supriya Sule praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying it was his

"badappan (generosity)" that he showed faith in Opposition leaders to lead the delegations that went to different countries after Operation Sindoor to highlight the country's fight against

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Pahalgam attack, Kanimozhi said the "vishwaguru" failed the people of his own country. "Why did these delegations have to go, why did the attacks have to happen... Some opportunities are not to be celebrated but to be mourned... They arise because peace has failed us and it stems from the deepest of pain," she

"We had to go because you failed the people of India. The





DMK's Kanimozhi; SP's Akhilesh Yadav in LS. ANI & PTI

Opp targets PM: Vishwaguru failed his country, fix accountability

vishwaguru failed us... Today it has become a blame game. Even the Home Minister (Amit Shah), in his speech, only intended and concentrated on blaming the Opposition," she said.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav asked the government to fix responsibility for has "collapsed" and called China

the "intelligence failure" that led to the Pahalgam terror attack. He said the government can't get

merely admitting to a lapse. "Under whose pressure was the ceasefire done," asked Akhilesh. He said India's foreign policy

away after such incidents by

a "monster" that will "take over our land and market".

Akhilesh also raised questions on the timing of Operation Mahadev, in which three Pahalgam terrorists were killed, coinciding with the special debate in Parliament.

DMK's A Raja said it has become a habit of BIP to blame Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajeev Gandhi and the Congress for everything. He said a comparison is not always correct as any decision will be taken by then Prime Minister and leader in the context and circumstances prevailing over.

Shiromani Akali Dal MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal said the closure of Attari border after every such incident affects small

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traders and transporters. "You (government) said terror and talk will not go together... If we can play cricket with Pakistan, why can't Diljit Dosanjh's movie be released in India," she asked TMC MP Sagarika Ghose crit-

icised PM Modi and said "politics and not sindoor flowed in his veins". "If sindoor would have flowed in the Prime Minister's veins, such an incident would not have happened," she said. AAP MP Sanjay Singh ques

tioned PM Modi's visit to Bihar soon after returning from Saudi Arabia, where he was at the time of the attack. He said the PM's first priority should have been to visit Pahalgam but he instead went to Bihar for a political rally and also met some celebrities.

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# GOVT & POLITICS

THE VISION 2035 document

brought out by the UK and India

during Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's visit last week places sig-

nificant emphasis on the security

and defence relationship between

the two countries, says British

Deputy High Commissioner

**CHRISTINA SCOTT**. In an exclusive

interview with **DIVYA A**, Scott,

currently officiating as the High

Commissioner in New Delhi, also

speaks about various aspects of

the the free trade agreement

(FTA), talks between the two PMs

on Khalistani extremism and ex-

tradition of economic offenders,

and PM Keir Starmer's potential

visit to India. Edited excerpts:

**During his recent visit, PM** 

visit India. Is this likely to

happen this year?

Modi invited PM Starmer to

We have got two govern-

ments that had general elections

at roughly the same time over

the last year, there's been a lot of

conversations. Vision 2035 sets

out the joint ambition for the

next decade for the two govern-

ments. I am expecting quite a

heavy drumbeat of contact and

visits over the autumn.

Personally, I hope that involves

my Prime Minister, but we will

see. We hope to make that hap-

pen as soon as possible. Our PM

will be very keen to come at the

How is the FTA being viewed

in the UK as the world deals

Our FTA has gone down

enormously well in the UK. For

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Union. It's also the broadest trade

deal that India has ever done,

and sends a very positive mes-

sage to the world. It's been three

or four years now in negotiating

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big democracies like this to come

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with the US trade tariff

negotiations?

earliest opportunity.



# **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



NCP(SP)'s Sharad Pawar confers the CD Deshmukh **Award on Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.** Express

## BONHOMIE ON STAGE

EVEN AS the Government and Opposition locked horns in Parliament during the special discussion on Operation Sindoor, an award function on Tuesday at New Maharashtra Sadan saw bonhomie between Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar. Pawar conferred Gadkari with CD Deshmukh Award for public service and the latter expressed admiration for the NCP (SP) leader's work as former Union agriculture minister. The award was instituted in the name of RBI's first governor and former finance minister CD Deshmukh, and Gadkari is the second public figure to receive it. Last year, Gadkari had presented the first CD Deshmukh Award to career diplomat Dnyaneshwar Mulay.

### SINDOOR SCIENCE

BIP'S WEST Delhi MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat has a different take on the naming of 'Operation Sindoor'. During the special discussion in the Lok Sabha Monday midnight, Sehrawat said sindoor's (vermillion) chemical formula is 'HgS' — mercuric sulfide, a mix of mercury and sulphur — which indicates that it can be fatal if not used carefully. She said Pakistan faced the consequences because that country did not understand the significance of the red-coloured powder.

## OPP-EN TO NEP

PUNJAB'S AAP government, which backed out of the Centre's PM-SHRI school scheme and then opted in again when central funding was withheld, sent its Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains to attend the Union government's event marking five years of NEP 2020 on Tuesday. Bains later complained on social media that the event was a "monologue and didn't involve discussions". Other Opposition-ruled states' education ministers — Rohit Thakur from Himachal Pradesh, Ramdas Soren from Jharkhand and Sakina Itoo from J&K, also participated in the event in the Capital.

# 'Most substantial trade pact since EU exit, sends positive message to world' Join FREE Whatsapp Channel chat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

would have given?

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CHRISTINA SCOTT **HIGH COMMISSIONER** 

together. The FTA is good for itself, regardless of what other countries are choosing to do.

#### What would be the biggest takeaway for the UK from this FTA?

It is anticipated that it will add – over the medium term – £25 billion a year to the trade between the two countries. It will also add to the UK GDP. It offers opportunities for British businesses to invest in India. And it's a great story also for our British consumers who can benefit from cheaper and quality goods from India as well. Both governments, when they were negotiating, had their domestic issues very much at heart and we have come to this point because we have such complementary economies.

This time, there was a lot of talk about Khalistani extremism... PM Modi spoke about this at the joint press statement. What was the kind of conversation the two sides had? And what was the kind of assurance the UK Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

India in trade talks with EU, other

countries, minister tells Lok Sabha

ongoing on the India–European

IN PARLIAMENT

The UK takes violent extremism of any form incredibly seriously. We are working closely with the government of India and we know the importance

and we have a duty in the UK to disrupt violent extremists. It's part of the conversation we have with India and we will continue to work with India on the exchange of information where we think such influences exist.

#### But there's a layer of freedom of expression that comes in, which India is not very comfortable, especially with referendums and everything.

The UK has a proud history of peaceful protest and the right to peaceful protest within the law. And it's an important part of our democracy that people have the right to give their views. But it can't be in a way that incites violence. When it trips over the line, our police are very good at taking action in accordance with the law to uphold the security of our nation.

#### Vision 2035 clearly spells out that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations has to be condemned. In that context, was there any discussion about the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor?

The (Indian) Prime Minister referenced in the joint press conference that they talked about this. And obviously, our PM will have expressed deep condolences for the terrible attack in Pahalgam. For the UK, the peace and stability of this region matters a lot, because we have such great links.

What you can see from Vision 2035 is the importance and emphasis we put on our security and defence relationship with India. And in that document, a number of areas where the PMs are committed to working together for the stability of the region. And that's the really important thing going forward.

Vision 2035 also talks about cooperation in justice, law enforcement. So we have these cases of fugitive economic offenders, their extradition cases are pending. Were they discussed specifically in this visit?

Home Affairs collaboration is one of the really important things that is a priority for both governments. And it's regularly discussed in Home Affairs dialogues and meetings between our security colleagues. On the specific point of extradition, both governments are committed to supporting extradition within the laws of their countries. And the UK will continue to try and facilitate that in accordance with the dual legal process.

#### Going forward, for the next 10 years, since we talk about Vision 2035, what are going to be the strongest pillars of bilateral ties?

The growth has got to be the core part of the story. Defence and security is one (area) where we have not realised the potential yet. And the signing of an agreement last week of a defence industrial roadmap is a massive step forward. We now need to make a reality and get our defence industries working much more closely.

#### Was there any specific conversation about the UK supporting India's bid for a permanent UNSC seat?

The UK has already said publicly that it supports permanent membership of India on the Security Council. And that may well have come up in conversations. But we are really keen to see India play a role internationally — be it the UN Security Council or the Commonwealth

 commensurate with its size and importance in the world. It's got such a powerful and positive role to play. And that's what we want to help it do.

# Linguistic states led to creation of second-class citizens: TN Gov

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, JULY 29

TAMIL NADU Governor R N Ravi on Tuesday claimed that the linguistic division of states after Independence had created "second-class citizens".

Ravi was speaking at the Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar. According to Ravi, the country was "united" before Independence even though there was no single national government. After Independence, he said, "we have started fighting with each other... what they call linguistic nationalism".

He said: "Within a decade of our Independence, there had to be a linguistic reorganisation of Bharat and this happened following violent protests in many parts of the country... people had started refusing to live with each other. When we created linguistic states, a large population became second-class citizens..."

He said, "In my own state Tamil Nadu... people of different languages... they all live together but the moment it became a linguistic state, one third of the population became a second-class citizen. It happened in other parts also."

The TN Governor said "Something went wrong after Independence... The rashtra (nation) was taken in a direction that created division among our people in every conceivable way. So much so that the government began accepting as if it was an inevitable natural phenomena. This is reflected in the administrative (reforms) commission report. In



Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi

2008, the central government commissioned it. It was a voluminous report on conflict management, countering terrorism and if you read it, you will see how the government viewed the country.' Ravi said until 2014 the "entire Northeast was burning" but

now it is "far, far near normal". He said, "Because if you un-

derstand the organising principle of rashtra, we will be able to find solutions to our internal security problems in a way that will not create more problems but you will be able to resolve them. Because what we created before the PM came, was (that) in the course of finding solutions, we created more problems."

Criticising the creation of Nagaland as an "ethnicity-based state", he said that the violence did not end and the region started getting "vivisected".

He said, "They created a homeland for Mizos, another for Garo and Khasi in Meghalaya, and even within Assam, there are more than 20 ethnicity-based homelands created under statutory provisions. You kept creating homelands for ethnic groups and within them, there are sub-groups which started fighting. It was like a nuclear reaction... Society started breaking and from a peaceful region, it turned into more than 50 armed organisations."

# Amid rows, Fadnavis warns ministers: Don't force me to take action

**ALOK DESHPANDE** MUMBAI, JULY 29

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday told his council of ministers to avoid creating controversies,

to take action against them. After a cabinet meeting, Fadnavis asked officials to leave the cabinet hall and held a seperate meeting for 30 minutes with ministers. In the meeting, sources said that Fadnavis advised the ministers to avoid

warning that he would be forced

focus on development work. "He also asked ministers to issue clarifications regarding any controversies without creating new ones," said a minister in the

state cabinet.

speaking to media and instead

A number of ministers, including Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate, Social Justice Minister Sanjay Shirsat, School Education Minister Dadaji Bhuse and Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam, have recently landed in controversies with the Opposition demanding their resignation.

"One of the important things that the CM said was to not get involved in any controversies. He said that he should not be



Chief Minister Devendra **Fadnavis** 

forced to take action against anyone," another minister said. According to the minister, the message to all was to "speak less and work more".

Maharashtra INDIA IS actively pursuing trade negotiations with the European Union (EU), US, Australia, Sri Lanka, Peru, Chile and New

CM's warning comes amid

the embarassment faced by the government after a purported video of Kokate playing rummy on his mobile phone inside the legislative council went viral. Fadnavis himself has ordered

a probe into the tender process of the sale of a hotel in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, involving the son of minister Shirsat. In addition, a viral video showed him in his home with a bag allegedly full of cash during the recently concluded monsoon session of the legislature.

Minister of State for Home Yogesh Kadam is in the dock over illegal sand trading and running a dance bar in the name of his mother. Ministers Sanjay Rathod and Dadaji Bhuse, too, have landed in controversies over transfers in the department and recruitment process, respectively.

Zealand, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ram Nath Thakur informed Lok Sabha on Tuesday. In a written reply to a question asked by CPI (M) member R Sachithanantham, Thakur said

that with these trade discussions, India will focus to expand its global trade footprint and enhance competitiveness of Indian exports.

"At present, negotiations are

Union Free Trade Agreement, India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, India-Sri Lanka Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement, India-Peru Free Trade Agreement, India-Chile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement and a similar approach has been followed while dealing with the United Kingdom to safeguard the interests of farmers and secure market access for our agri-products," Thakur said.

He said, "In order to protect the interests of the farmers and domestic industry, including MSMEs, FTAs provide for maintaining sensitive, negative or exclusion lists of items on which limited or no tariff concessions are granted." "In addition, in case of surge

in imports and injury to the domestic industry, a country is allowed to take recourse to trade remedial measures such as anti-dumping and safeguards on imports within the period as mutually agreed to by the parties under the FTAs. Likewise Rules of Origin, including product-specific rules are developed with stakeholder consultations," he said.

# Over 50% tiger deaths since 2021 took place outside reserves, shows data

New Delhi: More than half of the tiger deaths in India between 2021 and 2025 have occurred outside protected reserves, with Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh accounting for the highest numbers, government data shows.

According to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), 667 tigers died during this period and 341, or 51 per cent, of the deaths occurred outside tiger reserves.

About 30 per cent of India's

estimated 3,682 tigers live outside notified tiger reserves.

The year-wise data shows 129 tiger deaths in 2021, 122 in 2022, 182 in 2023, 126 in 2024 and 108 so far in 2025.

The number of deaths outside reserves was 64 in 2021, 52 in 2022, 100 in 2023, 65 in 2024 and it is 60 in 2025 so far. Maharashtra reported the

highest number of 111 tiger deaths outside reserves, followed by Madhya Pradesh with

90. In 2021, Maharashtra recorded 23 such deaths, Madhya Pradesh 18, Kerala five and Telangana four. In 2022, Maharashtra saw 18 deaths, Madhya Pradesh 12, and Kerala and Uttarakhand four each. In 2023, 34 tigers died outside reserves in Maharashtra, 13 in Madhya Pradesh, 11 each in Kerala and Uttarakhand, and six in Karnataka. In 2024, Madhya Pradesh logged 24 such deaths,

while Maharashtra saw 16. PTI

# ED filed closure reports in 49 PMLA cases in last 10 years

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) over the last 10and-a- half years, has filed closure reports in 49 cases before special courts meant to try antimoney laundering crimes, the informed government Parliament on Tuesday.

The agency secured eight conviction orders involving 15 people from the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) courts between 2015 to June 2025, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written statement furnished in Rajya Sabha.

He was asked about the details of all cases lodged by the ED since 2015 where charge sheets have not yet been filed in courts, trial of the accused has not started and prosecution has been closed by the federal probe agency. "During the period from

01.01.2015 to 30.06.2025, the Directorate of Enforcement has taken up 5,892 cases for investigation under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002," the minister said.

In these cases, 1,398 prosecution complaints including 353 supplementary charge sheets have been filed before the respective special courts under PMLA. he said.

# naming 2,000 accused in Senthil Balaji case Fraud on the system... cash-for-jobs

trial won't end in Balaji's lifetime: SC

SC slams TN govt for

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday slammed the MK Stalin government in Tamil Nadu for allegedly trying to prolong the trial of former minister V Senthil Balaji in the cash-for-jobs case by implicating around 2,000 people as accused, calling it a complete "fraud on the system".

"Poor persons who were coerced by your minister or by his henchmen to pay something(₹) 5,000, 10,000, 1 lakh, 2 lakh, you are more keen to prosecute them so that in the entire lifetime of the minister, (the) trial never comes to an end. That is your modus operandi. Complete fraud on the system..." said Justice Surva Kant, presiding over a two-judge bench.

The bench, also comprising Justice Joymala Bagchi, was hearing an appeal by one Y Balaji, on behalf of the victims of the alleged scam. The plea challenged the March 28, 2025, Madras High Court order rejecting petitions against the orders of the trial court directing clubbing of four supplementary chargesheets



filed in connection with the fraudulent recruitment in the Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation.

The high court, while dismissing petitions by Anti Corruption Movement against the clubbing of chargesheets, had noted that the offences formed part of the same transaction and could not be treated distinctly and that all chargesheets involved the same set of witnesses and documents. Noting that the number of accused stood at 2,202, the high court said holding separate trials

The Supreme Court, while referring to the four chargesheets, sought to know "...who are the alleged middlemen to whom money was paid, who are the officers who acted on the minister's behest, and who were on the board of appointments or the officials who carried out these appointments?"

would only delay the proceedings.

# Tej Pratap dons new colours: Repentant son is now angry rebel talking of 'Jaichands'

**HIMANSHU HARSH** PATNA. JULY 29

DAYS AFTER announcing his decision to contest the Bihar elections as an Independent candidate, Tej Pratap Yadav, the estranged elder son of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, attacked his former party over the alleged actions of an RJD MLA.

Since his expulsion from the RJD in May, over a now-deleted photo with a woman allegedly posted on his Facebook profile, Tej Pratap's tone towards his former party has shifted from rec-

onciliatory to adversarial. In a social media post on Monday, Yaday questioned the

RID's silence over senior MLA Bhai Virendra allegedly threatening to beat a panchayat secretary, accusing the party leadership of "selective action". "Kya RJD apne vidhayak Bhai

Virendra par bhi karwai karegi, jinhone Baba Saheb Ambedkar ke adarshon ke ullat SC-ST samaj ke khilaf sharmnaak tipanni ki, jaan se maarne ki dhamki di? Mujhe to Jaichandon ki saazish ke tahat party se bahar kar diya gaya... Ab dekhna hai ki bawaal karne waalon par bhi party utni hi sakhti dikhayegi ya nahin (Will the RJD also take action against its own MLA Bhai Virendra, who, defying the ideals of B R Ambedkar, made a shameful remark against

Tribe community and issued death threats? I was expelled from the party as part of a conspiracy by traitors... Now let's see if the party shows the same strictness towards those creating trouble, or not)," Tej Pratap said on X.

The former RJD leader was commenting on the controversy surrounding Virendra, a fourtime MLA from Maner and close aide of Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Yadav, over a viral audio of him threatening to "beat with a shoe"

a local panchayat secretary. "Kahan, England ka hai tum? Maner ke vidhayak ko nahi jaanta hai tum?... Hindustan jaanta hai aur tu keh raha hai ki Bhai Virendra

kaun hai, nahin jaante hain



Tej Pratap Yadav's tone towards his former party, RID, has shifted from reconciliatory to adversarial. PTI

(Where are you from, England? Don't you know the MLA of Maner?... India knows who Bhai

Virendra is, and you say you don't know who Bhai Virendra is?),' the RJD MLA was purportedly

heard saying to Sandeep Kumar, Secretary of the Battun Panchayat, during a call on July 26. An FIR was subsequently reg-

istered on a complaint by Kumar on Monday, including under sections of the SC/ST Act. In a Facebook post on Monday, Virendra admitted to using "strong language" but blamed the panchayat official for being disrespectful. The fresh salvo by Tej Pratap

comes nearly two months after he was expelled from the RJD by his father Lalu Prasad. In a statement on May 25, Lalu had cited "irresponsible behaviour" and "deviation from the family's moral values" as the reasons behind the action.

sonal life weakens our collective struggle for social justice," Lalu had said, adding his elder son's

"Ignoring moral values in per-

conduct was "not in accordance with family values and traditions." The decision had come a day after Tej Pratap allegedly shared a now-deleted Facebook post — a photo with a woman and a claim they had been "in a relationship for 12 years". Tej Pratap later denied making the post, claiming his social media account had been "hacked".

In the immediate aftermath of the expulsion, Tej Pratap had struck an emotional tone, publicly appealing to his parents for support. "My dear Mummy and Papa, I only need your trust and love,

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In another post, Tej Pratap had likened himself to "Krishna" and referred to his younger brother Tejashwi as "Arjuna". urging him to be wary of "conspirators" within the party. However, his tone has shifted

nothing else," he had said.

in the weeks since. "Those who mistake my silence for weakness, do not think that I am unaware of your conspiracies... My role will not be decided by any party or family. It will be decided by the people and the Supreme Court," he said in a social media post in June. In a symbolic move, Tej Pratap recently swapped his signature green Gandhi cap, historically associated with the RID, for a yellow one.

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# If there's mass exclusion, we will step in: SC on Bihar electoral list revision

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday said it will hear on August 12 and 13 pleas related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral list carried out by the Election Commission (EC) in Bihar, and sought to assure the petitioners who challenged the process that "if there is mass exclusion, we will step in".

Hearing the matter on Monday, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, while refusing to stop the EC from publishing the draft revised list, had asked the parties involved to inform it on Tuesday how much time they will take to make their submissions so that the court can fix a date.

As the court took up the matter on Tuesday, Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the EC, submitted that the draft has been advertised and given to political parties.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for RJD MP Manoj Jha, said those who have been left out must have a chance to submit objections. "They will have the right. Who said they won't?" Justice Kant said, adding, "The moment they deviate from the notification, we will interfere."

To this, Sibal said, "We don't know who has been left," and

names of those excluded. Dwivedi replied, "It won't be given to you. Take from the website."

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), submitted that according to the EC, 65 lakh people have not submitted the enumeration forms as they are either dead or have permanently shifted elsewhere. Contending that those excluded will have to apply afresh, he wondered how they will come to know whether they are in the draft.

Justice Kant said that the EC is a constitutional body and "we would deem their action will be in accordance with the law". He assured that the court is there to take care of any concern. "We are here, we will hear you," he said. Justice Bagchi said, "January

2025 list is the starting point if there was no SIR. Draft list will be published by ECI. Your apprehension is 65 lakh-odd voters will not feature... They (ECI) are seeking correction vis-a-vis 2025 entry. We are overviewing the thing as a judicial authority. If there is mass exclusion, we will step in. Bring 15 people saying they are alive but left out."

The EC counsel, however. said there is a 30-day window for filing objections, and that the petitioners should help with adding names. Justice Kant said political parties should operate asked if the EC had given the like NGOs during the process. for anyt Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

# 2002 Bengal voter lists appear on EC site, spark talk of SIR from Aug

**ATRIMITRA** KOLKATA. JULY 29

THE WEST BENGAL Chief Electoral Officer has made some voter lists from the 2002 electoral roll revision available online, sparking speculation that the exercise will begin in the

state in August. This comes two weeks after the Election Commission of India wrote to state Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) asking them to prepare for a Special Intensive Revision similar to one currently ongoing in Bihar.

According to sources in the election commission, the list that has been published on the website of the of the State's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) contains the names of 11 districts -- Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda in North Bengal and Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly, Medinipur (undivided) and Bankura in the south.

So far, there's been no word from the Election Commission on the speculation in West Bengal, with a senior official saying only that they were "ready for anything".

"Within two-three days we will publish all 23 districts' lists of electors according to 2002 SIR," the official at the West Bengal CEO said.

Significantly, West Bengal is due to hold Assembly polls next vear. In its order to Chief Electoral Officers, the ECI asked them to rationalise polling stations (including identification of new buildings to ensure no polling station has more than 1,200 electors); fill up all vacant positions of key officials, from Block Level Officers (BLOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to **Assistant Electoral Registration** Officers (AEROs), and supervisors who will undertake the enumeration on the ground; and conducting their training.

Also mentioned in the order was the direction to publish the 2002 electoral rolls online.

As part of the exercise, the West Bengal Chief Election Officer began training its Booth Level Officers for the enumeration exercise Saturday.

**But Chief Minister Mamata** Banerjee has opposed the exercise, saying Monday that her party "won't allow SIR in West Bengal".

She also accused the Election

Commission of acting on directions from the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance at the Centre.

"They (EC) are finalising the voters' list, while sitting in Gujarat...The BJP's agency (EC) is doing this... They have already set up detention camps in Haryana and Assam... We want to say: 'Jo humse takrayega, choor choor ho jaayega' (Those who mess with us will be shattered)," she said.

However, Leader Opposition and BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari has supported the move. "No Rohingya or Bangladeshi Muslim illegal immigrant, however, will be allowed to have their names in the electoral rolls in the state," Adhikari said.

The electoral roll revision exercise in Bihar has been at the centre of a row, with Opposition parties claiming that the requirement that voters enrolled after 2003 produce multiple documents to stay on the rolls could potentially disenfranchise millions of voters and has spurred legal challenges in the SC.

January 1, 2026.

dialogue was on enhancing col-Unlike the Bihar exercise, the qualifying date for pan-Indian exercise has been kept as

# India's first outreach to Syria after Assad fall: MEA official meets ministers in Damascus

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

IN ITS first official outreach to the new dispensation in Syria since the fall of the Assad regime last year, India has sent a senior official to Damascus to meet with ministers in the transitional government led by Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa.

An Indian delegation led by M Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary in charge of West Asia and North Africa Department at the Ministry of External Affairs, met Syrian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Asaad Al-Shaibani on Monday, according to Syrian news agency SANA. Kumar was earlier India's charge d'affaires at the Indian High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan.

"Talks during the meeting dealt with issues of mutual concern and ways of enhancing relations between the two countries in the interests of both peoples," SANA reported, quoting a Syrian Foreign ministry statement. The Indian delegation also

Health Minister Musab Al-Ali on

held discussions with Syrian

Syria's interim **President** Ahmad al-Sharaa

laboration in health care, particularly in "pharmaceutical manufacturing and medical training".

Both sides also deliberated on the implementation of a "scholarship program for Syrian students" and the development of a "specialised engineering cooperation initiative tailored for Syrian government employees".

According to SANA, Al-Aliemphasised Syria's keenness to build a lasting partnership with India in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors and noted it would strengthen the country's national health system and improve the availability of essential medicines.

Kumar reaffirmed New Delhi's commitment to support Syria through funding specialised training programs for Syrian professionals. He also said India would continue coordinating the training of Syrian doctors at Indian institutions while fostering deeper collaboration in Sources said the focus of the nursing, pharmaceuticals and

India had strong and robust ties with the Assad regime — led primarily by Hafez al-Assad and then his son Bashar al-Assad for more than five decades until last December, when al-Sharaa led a rebel coalition to overthrow the Bashar al-Assad regime and took over as the country's leader.

According to officials, India has been monitoring the situation after the departure of Bashai al-Assad on 8 December 2024. In the immediate aftermath of the political change in Syria, India carried out the evacuation of 77 Indian nationals from Syria on 10-11 December 2024.

On December 9, India had called for a "peaceful and inclusive Syrian-led political process' which respects the interests and aspirations of all sections of Syrian society. It was India's first statement since Bashar al-Assad's fall.

"We hope that the new constitution, due to be drafted, takes into account the interests of al the sections of the Syrian society," an Indian official said.

Syria adopted a new interim constitution on March 13. The country is expected to hold its first parliamentary election under the al-Sharaa administration in September.

SC Collegium

picks names

for judgeship

# SUV driver reverses into elderly man in Jammu, goes on run

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, JULY 29

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police have formed multiple teams to find a 20-year-old engineering student who is absconding after allegedly trying to run over an elderly businessman, who was knocked down from his scooter, with his Thar SUV in the upmarket Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu on Sunday afternoon. The incident, in which 68-

vear-old Kamal Dutt was seriously injured, was captured on CCTV and the clip has gone viral on social media.

Footage from the CCTV camera installed in the Green Belt Park area allegedly showed the accused, identified as Manan Anand, hitting Dutt's scooter while overtaking another vehicle, causing Dutt to fall on the road. The accused then drives forward, and when Dutt stands up, he reverses the SUV onto Dutt, causing serious injury.

Subsequently, the accused is seen coming out of the SUV and standing over Dutt, who was lying unconscious on the road at this time, before getting back in the vehicle and driving away.

While the footage showed passersby watching the incident, none of them came to Dutt's aid, and he was eventually taken to hospital by his family members who rushed to the spot after com-



A CCTV video shows the Thar driver knocking down the elderly businessman, and then reversing into him

ing to know about the incident. Dutt, who runs a vehicle

spare parts shop, has been admitted to the ICU of the Government Medical College Hospital in serious condition.

Police said Manan Anand's father, Rajinder Anand, has been detained as the vehicle was registered in his name. The vehicle has also been seized. Rajinder Anand, a resident of Nanak Nagar, works as a contractor with the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, officials said.

According to police, the accused, who studies engineering from outside J&K, was initially booked under BNS sections 281 (rash and negligent driving) and 125(a) (endangering life or personal safety of others). However, after going through the CCTV footage of the incident, police also booked him for attempt to murder under section 109.

# **TIMELINE TO ACT ON BILLS**

# Supreme Court to begin hearing President reference from Aug 19

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SUPREME Court will start hearing on August 19 the reference made to it by President Droupadi Murmu under Article 143 of the Constitution, following the apex court's verdict on setting timelines for the President and governors to act on Bills passed by state Assemblies.

Fixing the timeline for the hearing, a five-judge constitution bench of Chief Justice of

India B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar asked the parties to file submissions on or before August 12.

The bench said that it will first hear the parties on the question of maintainability of the reference. Kerala and Tamil Nadu have opposed the reference and have urged the court to return the reference.

"We will hear parties on maintainability first. The ones opposing shall be heard on 19, 20, 21 and 26 August. Supporting the

reference will be heard on August 20, Sept 2, 3 and 9. Time schedule will be strictly followed. Let parties complete arguments as prescribed," the court said.

In the reference, President Murmu has posed 14 questions over the top court's April 8 verdict in which it set a timeline for governors to act on pending Bills, and for the first time, prescribed that the President should decide on the Bills, reserved for consideration by the governor, within three months from the date on which such reference is received.



# 3 KILLED IN MANDI FLASH FLOODS

Operations underway in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi town on Tuesday after flash floods the previous night. The floods, triggered by a cloudburst, killed three people, buried more than a dozen vehicles and inundated several houses. One person is missing. PTI

# Clash in TN village: Dalit man attacked with machete, teen shot in 'police firing'

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, JULY 29

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy from a dominant caste community was allegedly shot and injured by police in Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli district early Tuesday morning, following a violent caste altercation in the village of Pappakudi. The teenager, wielding a machete, had allegedly attacked a Dalit youth and later turned on the police officers who arrived to intervene.

The incident, which occurred around 1.30 am, allegedly unfolded with an attempted machete assault on Sakthi, a 22year-old Dalit youth from Rastha near Pappakudi. According to a senior police officer who visited the village on Tuesday morning, the attacker and his associate both minors from the Thevar community, categorised as Most Backward Class (MBC)—were already facing criminal cases. The motive for the assault is believed to be rooted in simmering caste tensions between local groups.

As the incident escalated, the Pappakudi police responded to a call and reached the scene. But rather than fleeing, the teenagers reportedly turned their machetes toward the officers.

The armed teens allegedly chased the officers through the village and injured one. According to police, one officer, Sub-Inspector Murugan, sought shelter in a

103 days, 293 camera traps, 4,011 images — how

nearby house. As the residents locked the door behind him, the attackers allegedly struck the door repeatedly with their weapons. "Fearing for his life, the offi-

cer opened fire to disperse the assailants," the officer told *The Indian Express.* "Two rounds were fired. One bullet struck the attacker's hand, but did not penetrate deeply.'

The injured teen and the Dalit victim were rushed to Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital. The police officer who sustained injuries is undergoing treatment. All three remain hospitalised.

According to police inquiry, there was a tense atmosphere in Pappakudi prior to the incident, with a minor scuffle earlier that night between members of two caste groups. While most dispersed upon seeing the police, the two teens, belonging to the politically influential community —armed and apparently seeking revenge—allegedly stayed back and escalated the situation.

The officer said the swift decision to open fire was made to prevent further violence. "The boy chased the police with a sickle. We tried to manage the situation, but when the officers were also attacked, they were forced to act in self-defense," he said.

Police have launched a manhunt for the second teen who fled the scene. A case has been registered against both minors for attempted murder.

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SUPREME Court collegium has recommended the appointment of several advocates and judicial officers for judgeship in six High Courts, including Delhi,

Bombay, Calcutta and Karnataka.

The three-member collegium meeting headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai on Monday approved the proposal for appointment of iudicial officer Vimal Kumar Yadav as a judge of the Delhi HC. The collegium, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Vikram Nath, approved the proposal for appoint ment of three advocates — Ajit Bhagwanrao Kadethankar, Aarti Arun Sathe and Sushil Manohar Ghodeswar – as judges of the Bombay HC. It approved the proposal for appointment of Additional Judge of Karnataka High Court Justice Gurusiddaiah

The collegium resolved to approve the proposal for appointment of the two additional judges — Justices Partha Sarathi Sen and Apurba Sinha Ray — as permanent judges in Calcutta HC The collegium also approved the proposal for appointment of additional judge Justice Ravindra Kumar Agrawal as permanent judge in the Chhattisgarh HC.

Basavaraja as permanent judge.

For Andhra Pradesh HC, the Collegium resolved to approve the proposal for appointment of **Justices Harinath Nunepally.** Kiranmayee Mandava, Sumathi Jagadam and Nyapathy Vijay as permanent judges.

# Jay and Veeru, inseparable lion duo from Gir, die weeks apart

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, JULY 29

THEIR FRIENDSHIP was the stuff of legend. Perhaps that is why they were named Jay and Veeru after the iconic duo from 1975 blockbuster Sholav. For years, the two adult lions

had been the pride of Gir National Park in Gujarat. Earlier this year. even Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on the inseparable pair during his visit to Gir. But over a month ago, when

they were not in each other's company, Jay and Veeru sustained serious injuries in separate territorial fights. While Veeru died on June 11, a few days after sustaining the wounds, Jay succumbed to its injuries on Tuesday.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief Wildlife Warden of Guiarat Jaipal Singh said the two lions used to lead the same pride of big cats.



The lions sustained serious injuries in separate territorial fights. While Veeru died on June 11, Jay died on Tuesday

"Veeru had sustained very serious injuries and he died a few days after that. Whereas, lay died today. The two were rescued and we made a lot of attempts to save them but could not succeed." Singh said on Tuesday.

Deputy Conservator of Forest, Wildlife Division (Sasan-Gir), Mohan Ram said that the two

were prime adult males who used to accompany around 15 female lions. "Their area was very big, (spanning) from tourism zone to non-tourism zone and from grassland to woodland and even fringe areas. They sustained injuries in territorial fights (with other lions) while they were not together," he said.

# Kaziranga reserve counted its tiger population Survey finds 148 tigers in reserve, which now has third-highest density of the big cats in the world Join FREE Whatsapp Channel chat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

**SUKRITA BARUAH** 

**GUWAHATI, JULY 29** 

KAZIRANGA TIGER Reserve has the third-highest density of tigers in the world, the first largescale assessment of the big cat's population there has revealed. Officials say the reserve has an estimated 18.65 tigers per 100 square kilometres. On Tuesday, officials released

a summary report for 2024 titled 'Status of Tigers in the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve', with the findings of a Phase IV tiger monitoring initiative across Eastern Assam. Nagaon, and Biswanath Wildlife Divisions. This was done at the direction of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

The survey documented 148 tigers in the reserve, up from 104 recorded in 2022, 99 in 2018 and



and 96 in 2014. Express

96 in 2014. Reserve director Karnataka. Sonali Ghosh said these findings show that Kaziranga has the third-highest density of tigers in the world, after Corbett Tiger

Bandipur Tiger Reserve in The report attributes the in-

creased count of tigers to the Biswanath Wildlife Division be-Reserve in Uttarakhand and ing included in the sampling for

ticularly notable due to the firsttime sampling of the Biswanath Wildlife Division, where 27 newly recorded tigers have contributed to the overall increase. In the core Eastern Assam Wildlife Division, the population grew from 104 in 2022 to 115 in 2024, while the Nagaon Wildlife Division maintained a stable count of six tigers," it states. The survey was conducted over 103 days using 293 paired

the first time. "This growth is par-

camera traps across 1307.49 square kilometres, which yielded 4,011 tiger images in 242 locations. The report states that Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy <sup>98</sup>theal@nt-flank stripes of the animals in these images were used to identify 148 adult tigers – 83 females, 55 males, and 10 with

undetermined gender. "The park's diverse ecosystems, including Eastern wet allu-

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vial grasslands, semi-evergreen forests, tropical moist mixed deciduous forests, and wetlands, provide an ideal habitat for tiger and megaherbivores. The conservation status of tigers in Kaziranga has been strengthened through rigorous protection measures, including anti-poaching efforts, habitat restoration, and community-based conservation initiatives," states the report. "Despite these successes Kaziranga's tiger population faces

persistent challenges, including habitat fragmentation, humanwildlife conflict, and the pressures of agricultural expansion and infrastructure development around the tiger reserve. The impacts of climate change further complicate conservation efforts, necessitating adaptive management strategies to ensure long-term population viability," it states.



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### GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH **DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY** AND MINING ITANAGAR

NO.DGM-13019/4/2023/1739-44 Dated Itanagar, 21st July 2025

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

The Department of Geology & Mining Government of Arunachal Pradesl invites single bid system sealed quotation (rates) for competitive bidding from the company, authorized dealer, manufacture for the supply of the following equipments.

Estimated amount in Lakh (INR) S/No Name of Items Quantity Rs 52.00.000/-GIS Software

The following are the Terms & Condition of the tender invited:

- The company, manufacture, authorized dealer and consortium are only eligible to participate and the bidder should enclose the supporting
- The bidder should have valid trade license and enclosed copy. The bidder should enclose copy of GST registration and last quarter

The bidder should be an ISO certified firm or authorized business

- partner of an ISO certified firm. Earnest money @ 1% for APST and 2% for Non-APST firm of the estimated value to be deposited in the form of the Demand Draft in
- favour of Director, Deptt of Geology & Mining Govt of Arunacha
- The price quoted should be inclusive of GST and other taxes. 3% of the total value should be deposited as performance guarantee by the successful bidder which shall be refunded after 6 six on satisfactory performance of the goods supplied.
- The successful bidder should supply the goods exactly as per the specification and any deviation will be liable for rejection of goods. Application GST/Income Tax and 1.5% contingency charges ar deducted from the bill.
- 10. The payment shall be release in two installments upon delivery of the items and successful demonstration and completion of a test run.
- 11. The successful bidder should supply the goods within 30 days from the date of issue of the supply order failing which entire amount or performance guarantee will be forfeited.
- 12. For any other information/clarification, please contact Director Department of Geology & Mining Itanagar. 13. Preference will be given to those firms having experience of doing
- similar nature of works/project. 14. All disputes are subject to Itanagar Capital Complex jurisdiction.
- 15. The department reserves the right to reject any or all the quotations
  - without assigning any reason thereof. The tender complete in all respect should reach the office of the undersigned within 1400 hours of 12th August 2025 and will be opened

in the same day at 1500 hours.

(A.K Singh) IAS Secretary (G&M) Govt. of A. P.: Itanagar Dated Itanagar, July 2025 NO. DGM-13019/4/2023

**NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

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- d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.
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# 'If there's a chance to move out, people are taking it': Year after landslides, life is at a standstill in Wayanad villages

**SHAJU PHILIP** CHOORALMALA, JULY 29

ONCE BUSTLING with tourists and tea estate workers, Chooralmala in Kerala's Wavanad district is now a desolate town that stands as a grim reminder of the devastating landslides of July 30, 2024.

The tragedy claimed 298 lives, left 750-odd families homeless, and washed away properties and possessions built up over generations. Chooralmala was among the worst hit.

fair price shop licensee N Manoj says life in the area has nearly come to a standstill. "This shop, catering to Chooralmala and Attamala villages, had 900 ration cardholders. After the tragedy, the number of cardholders who turn up has reduced to 290. Another shop in the city for Mundakkai and Puthumala villages had 1,200 cardholders, but now that figure has gone down to 320," he says.

are scattered in different places in Wayanad and beyond. "They will not return as many of them will get rehabilitated in the upcoming township (22 km away, in Kalpetta municipality). Even those staying in areas designated as safe zones want to leave. If there is a chance to leave, people are ready to take it. And there is nobody to buy land here," says Manoj, who is also the leader of an action council for rehabilitation. None of the shops and estab-

lishments destroyed in the tragedy have been repaired or reopened, with many parts of Chooralmala coming under a "nogo zone" as per the recommendations of an expert committee that looked into how safe these areas were after the landslides.

Many affected traders have



The town of Chooralmala, largely deserted after last year's tragedy. Shaju Philip

taken their ventures elsewhere in the district after their associations extended financial support. A Bailey bridge erected by the Army in place of a destroyed concrete bridge is used only for transporting estate workers across the Punnapuzha river to Mundakkai and Attamala. Barely 3 kilometres upstream

is Mundakkai village, which once had resorts, tea estates and various spice plantations. After the landslides, it remains completely empty, as nobody is allowed to stay in the hills, which were also declared as no-go zones. Farmers and estate workers have to register their names with a police outpost at Chooralmala every day, as the presence of outsiders is strictly regulated in the area. When night descends, wildlife takes over the hills, which was once spotted with houses.

Chamakkattu Prasanthan, an estate worker, travels 13 km to Chooralmala daily for work. "This month, I got only 13 days of work at the estate. Due to the red alert (declared earlier this month in the wake of intense rains), on most days we were not allowed to go to the estates," he says.

Prasanthan, who lived in the

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estate quarters, had lost his brother and nephew in the landslides. His residence and a nearby dairy farm were completely washed away by the landslide. "Before the tragedy, there were around 300 estate workers living in this area. Now, the number has come down to less than 100. The tea factory near Chooralmala has not opened yet as workers are not allowed to live near the factory. The uncertainty over daily work and haunting memories of the tragedy had forced many to abandon work or seek jobs in other estate divisions. Many workers, who had once led a rather prosperous life, are now eking out a living by doing odd jobs," he says.

Among the worst affected are 300-odd small-scale farmers in the region, who together llost 340 hectares of agricultural land was destroyed by the landslides. Many tracts of farmland are also in the no-go zone. The region also used to produce around 500 litres of milk a day. Now, the daily procurement is only around 200

an acre of land, is now living at temporary premises 24 km away from the village. "I used to

R Madaswami, who owned

get Rs 4-5 lakh income from cultivating spices. Now, I am surviving on the daily relief of Rs 300 given to persons affected by the landslides. I have to feed my four-member family. The landslides left my farmland in rubble," he says. "While I will get a house in the proposed new township, how will farmers like me live without any source of income?" he asks. The tragedy has also left K

Annayyan, who was a prosperous farmer with 2 acres of land in Chooralmala, reliant on a small income from plying an auto-rickshaw, which was donated by a charity organisation. "For the loss of 2 acres of land, the Agricultural Department gave me a meagre compensation of Rs 37,000. We have to be allowed to cultivate our land. Let the government take it over after giving due compensation," he

Meppadi Forest Range Officer B S Jayachandran says farmers who continue to work in the affected villages are having a tough time as attacks from wild animals have intensified after the landslides. "Unattended portions of estates and farmlands have turned into a haven for wild animals, especially elephants," he says. Mundakkai and Attamala vil-

lages contained 20 resorts, many of them with investment from local residents. These resorts have not resumed operations after the landslides. "The investment locked in the projects is around Rs 70 crore. We have been demanding that the government allow resorts to take in tourists. Adverse weather in the region is a major villain. A turnaround for the region is difficult, but if resorts are open, we will get a breather," said panchayat member C K Noorudheen.

# Madras HC judge in news for courtroom drama recounts case with spiritual twist

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI. JULY 29

JUSTICE G R Swaminathan of the Madras High Court, who is in news for calling a lawyer a "coward" and "comedy piece" in court for accusing him of caste bias, last week offered a spiritual twist on jurisprudence — by recounting how he once helped acquit a man who confessed to a fatal accident, and saw it as proof that "the Vedas protect those who protect them."

He was speaking at the 17th Annual Talent Parade of Vedic Scholars, held at Krishnaswamy Hall, last week. A video of the event, organised by Om Charitable Trust, has surfaced.

Narrating a story from his days as a practicing lawyer, which "changed my entire perspective on life", Justice Swaminathan said, "A Sastrigal friend of mine, who studied the Vedas for seven years and has been living strictly as per Vedic values, came to meet me. He came with another friend, and my friend Sastrigal had tears in his eyes, unable to speak." In Tamil, "Sastrigal" is used as a surname or title for individuals recognised for their knowledge of the scriptures, particularly the Shastras.

He told the audience that he asked them to speak freely, likening the confidentiality between lawyer and client to that of doctor and patient. "As his friend wasn't able to open up, the other man started explaining. He said Sastrigal had been convicted and sentenced to 18 months. I couldn't believe it. For someone who lives as per Vedic values, how could this happen?" According to the judge, the in-

cident unfolded when the Sastrigal's sister, visiting from the

US, wanted to see some temples. She drove the car, and at one point it lost control and hit a man standing near a tea shop. "The man died on the spot," he said.

As his sister had to return to the US the following week, the Sastrigal reportedly went to the police station and confessed. "He told the police, 'I was the one driving, careless. I had the licence.' He took the entire blame upon himself. The FIR was registered against him, the chargesheet filed and the case went to court."

"He used to go to the court in full traditional attire... Normally, in such cases, six months' imprisonment is the maximum. But he got 18 months," Swaminathan said.

"In cases where the punishment is less than three years. you're not sent to jail immediately. You can go on appeal and only serve time based on the outcome," he said. "So I asked him why he didn't approach me before the conviction. He said he was embarrassed."

He then recounted how he reassured his friend, calling his act "a courageous decision to take the entire blame to save his sister from trouble." With that singular point – ab-

sence of eyewitness identification - he said he took up the case, and argued it in the appellate court. "By luck or fate, the judge who heard the appeal happened to be my classmate. 'How was this man convicted when there is no evidence on who drove the car?' was the question. And the conviction was overturned. My friend Sastrigal was acquitted."

It was then, he said, that a realisation struck. "That day, I understood the saying: 'If you protect the Vedas, the Vedas will protect you." he said.

# Indian-origin pilot arrested in US on charges of sex crimes against child

*New York:* An Indian-origin pilot was held on charges of sex crimes against a child, shortly after his flight landed at San Francisco International Airport, US authorities said.

ment on Monday.

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million bail, the statement said. A report in KTVU.com said that a female has alleged that while Bhagwagar was dating her mother, he "sexually abused

her from the ages of six until

eleven years old. The girl alleges her mother knew about the abuse because she was present for some of the sexual acts. PTI

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# ED nod to release property after Pune realtor's discharge in PMLA case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JULY 29

A PROPERTY belonging to Pune-based builder Avinash Bhosale is likely to be released soon as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has made a request regarding the same to the government after the builder was discharged by a Special Court in Mumbai in December 2022. The said property was attached in an alleged money

wrote to the Inspector General of Registration and Controller of Stamps, Pune, requesting the government department to release the seized property in the case

The said property, Plot 2, Yashwant Ghadge Nagar Cooperative Housing Society, Range Hill Corner, Ganeshkhind Road, Pune, MH, 411007, was provisionally attached by ED on August 7, 2021, in connection with

Properties and Avinash Bhosale registered on the basis of the land-grabbing case. However, the special PMLA court on December 6, 2022, and April 12, 2023, discharged all the accused in the case, as the predicate offence registered by Pune's Chaturshringi police under sections of cheating and criminal breach of trust, among other charges, was

ment order, and the same has been accepted.

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# Mumbai: Day after his transfer, ED raids ex-MC commissioner's house and office

Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate Tuesday conducted searches at 12 places, including the residence and official premises of former Vasai-Virar Municipal Corporation (VVMC) commissioner and IAS officer Anil Pawar, in connection with a money laundering probe into the unauthorised construction of 41 buildings on 60 acres of civic land reserved for sewage treatment and as dumping grounds.

The action came a day after Pawar handed over charge and was accorded a farewell. ED sources said multiple places in Vasai Virar Mumbai, and Nashik were searched The ED officials claimed to have seized ₹1.2 crore cash from the Nashik residence of a relative of Pawar. This is the third round of

searches in the VVMC region in nearly two months in connection with a probe into the illegal building construction case. **ENS** 

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Rustom Bhagwagar, 34, a Delta airline pilot, was arrested on July 26, officials said in a statebeen investigating since April 2025 after receiving a report of sex crimes against a child, and an arrest warrant was later secured.

laundering case. The ED Mumbai Zone-2 office on June 12 this year

related to ARA Properties and Avinash Bhosale. the alleged money laundering case against Ara

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#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JULY 29

THE BOMBAY High Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea by a 46-year-old teacher from Pune, seeking quashing of FIR for allegedly posting objectionable messages on a WhatsApp group against the Prime Minister and the country after the armed forces carried out 'Operation Sindoor' in May this year.

The court held that contents of FIR and material on record "constitute the ingredients of the alleged offences" and the plea with 'no merit' deserved to be dismissed

In doing so, the Bombay HC said it was in "agreement with the view" taken in the July 2 order of Allahabad HC that rejected bail plea of a man booked for objectionable posts against PM and armed forces.

The HC reiterated, "it has become a fashion among certain groups of people to misuse social media in the garb of freedom of speech and expression by making baseless allegations against high dignitaries, posting such material that creates hatred and disharmony among the people."

**SHUBHAM TIGGA** 

AROUND 15 days after the terror

attack at a project site in Niger

that left two Indian workers dead,

the body of Ganesh Karmali, a

resident of Jharkhand's Bokaro

district, reached his village Sun-

day. The family, however, raised

concerns over alleged disparity in

compensation from his employer.

from Jharkhand, and Krishna

Gupta from Uttar Pradesh were

killed in the July 9 attack at a

World Bank-funded site man-

aged by Transrail Lighting Ltd, an

India-based company undertak-

ing power transmission projects

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

ISRAEL'S MILITARY offensive on

the Gaza Strip has killed at least

60,000 Palestinians since Octo-

ber 7, 2023, when 1200 Israelis

were killed and 250 were taken

tween Israel and Iran, as Israel

and the US struck Iranian cities

that housed nuclear facilities and

military bases. Iran too struck

back on Israel's oil refineries, mil-

itary bases and cities. This has

triggered unprecedented tur-

there are many questions: Has

Israel established dominance

over Iran? Is there a possibility of

a regime change in Iran? Has

Israeli PM Netanyahu over-

reached? Will President Trump

bring peace to the Middle East?

What does the Israel-Iran con-

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As the situation is complex,

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The conflict expanded be-

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

Ganesh Karmali, 35, who was

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trafficking charges find support in Kerala **SHAJU PHILIP &JAYPRAKASHSNAIDU** 

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DURG, JULY 29

A PHARMACIST from a deeply devout family and a nurse who spent several years in North India – these were the two nuns from the Kerala-based Syro-Malabar Church who were arrested following allegations of religious conversion and human trafficking in Chhattisgarh earlier this week.

Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis, as well as a man identified as Sukaman Mandavi, were arrested by the Government Railway Police at Chhattisgarh's Durg Railway Station on Tuesday. According to an FIR registered on the basis of a complaint by a local man, they allegedly forcefully converted three women and trafficked them from Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. However, the families of the three women have denied claims that they were traf-

The arrest of the nuns has since snowballed into a major political flashpoint.

The nuns belong to the Assisi Sisters of Mary Immaculate (Green Gardens), headquartered at Cherthala in Alappuzha. While

abroad. Another man from J&K,

who served as the company's

Kumari, said that while Krishna's

body was repatriated earlier and

his family reportedly received ₹27

lakh in compensation, her family

told The Indian Express, "If both

were killed in the same attack

and worked at the same site, why

are we being treated differently?

My husband had told me that the

Mannar Ansar, said it did not di-

rectly employ Ganesh and he was

employed by a subcontractor.

"We helped repatriate his body

A company representative,

company owed him ₹40 lakh."

Ganesh's wife, Yashoda Devi,

was promised only ₹10 lakh.

Ganesh's daughter, Sapna

safety manager, was abducted.

Preethi is originally from Elavoor in Kerala's Ernakulam district Vandana is from Udayagiri village in Kannur.

Both nuns have siblings in the Church — Vandana's sister is a nun in the same congregation and her brother is a Catholic priest abroad. Preethi's sister, too, is a nun.

Nithya Francis, the Bhopalbased Madhya Pradesh provincial general of Assisi Sisters of Mary Immaculate, told *The Indian* Express that the congregation had never faced this before. Preethi is diabetic, and Nithya met her in jail to ensure she had her medicines.

at our convent had suggested that the women take up employment there. They were eager to get a job, and it was only with the permission of their parents that we offered them the job," she said.

ing in the north for years, Preethi had "never faced anything like this before", her sister-in-law Raiji Sijo said. "However, during a recent visit, she told us that the situation was changing and that they cannot freely move outside in their

purely on humanitarian grounds

after a request from the Indian

embassy," Ansar said. "He was

not our employee. Krishna was,

and he has been compensated

under company policy with all

applicable benefits, including in-

to Ganesh's family came from the

subcontractor working under

them, not from the parent com-

pany managing the Niger project.

claimed Transrail officials verbally

urged him not to escalate the is-

sue. "They told me not to file any

complaints... I'm just a small-time

had paid the family around ₹3

Swamy said that so far, he

labour contractor," he said.

The subcontractor, LK Swamv.

Ansar said the ₹10 lakh given

surance and gratuity."

Nuns held in Chhattisgarh on conversion,

The FIR in the case books all three suspects — the two nuns Chhattisgarh Religious Freedom (Prevention) Act. The arrests and the case have drawn protests. On Tuesday, Christian organisations from Durg, Bhilai and Raipur gathered at a local court during a bail hearing of the three suspects to

"Some people are trying to give it a political colour, but we all just want to ensure they are out of jail as soon as possible," Nitin Lawrence, a Christian leader and the secretary of the Diocese of Chhattisgarh, told The Indian

According to the suspects' lawyer Tamaskar Tondon, the arrests were made "without a preliminary inquiry".

in Durg is based on a mere suspicion. The three women were all adults, and their family had consented to their going away for work," Tandon said, alleging that the arrests were "done under pressure".

alleged that the suspects were assaulted by right-wing groups while in police custody. Some

videos, purportedly of the attack. show mobs barging into the Durg GRP police station, where the sus-

from Durg, said she had reached the police station soon after she learnt about the detention on Tuesday. 'There were a lot of people that morning. In the evening, we learnt that an FIR had been registered. I asked them to allow me to meet the two nuns. They were unable to speak," she said.

the Chhattisgarh Christian Forum,

Families of the three women who were allegedly trafficked also denied these allegations.

them to get a job. I was the one who sent her because I trust them. I have worked for them in the past in Lucknow, and so I know it's a good job," the sister of one of these women said.

political flashpoint, not only in Chhattisgarh, but also in Kerala and Delhi, where MPs from Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) and Opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) held separate protests outside Parliament on Tuesday.

Former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel of the Congress said the arrests were part of "the politics of polarisation".

"Our party's general secretary has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chhattisgarh CM, and we also raised the issue in Lok Sabha. In the whole country, minorities are unsafe. In whichever states the BIP is in power, they target the minorities there for the sake of votes," Baghel said in a post on X.

On Wednesday, a delegation of leaders from Kerala's Congressled United Democratic Front also visited the nuns at Durg central jail. The delegation included MPs Benny Behanan of the Congress, N K Premachandran of the Revolutionary Socialist Party and K Francis George of Kerala Congress. "We had a long discussion with the nuns. They (nuns) are innocent and had gone just to receive the three women at the railway station," Premachandran told reporters after the meeting.

The nuns and the arrested man remain in jail, while the three women alleged to have been trafficked have been sent to a shelter home.

# NISAR set for launch today

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IN ONE of its most anticipated missions in recent years, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar), a sophisticated and expensive earth observation satellite developed in collaboration

with NASA, from Sriharikota on

Wednesday. The launch will see India's GSLV rocket, for the first time, iniect a satellite into a Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit, an orbit in which the satellite will scan over the same point on Earth at the same time each day. Usually, PSLV is utilised for such an orbit, but NISAR is a heavier satellite, beyond the capability of a PSLV.

The GSLV launch vehicle has so far been used to put satellites only in a geosynchronous transfer orbit, a highly elliptical orbit that is used as an intermediary to easily take satellites to the high geosynchronous orbits at around 36,000 km where they move with the Earth to remain over the same location every single day.

"This has been a much-anticipated launch," said ISRO chairperson Dr V Narayanan.

The NISAR satellite is capable of mapping the Earth during the day and the night and in any weather condition. The satellite will scan the entire globe every 12 days, providing a series of very detailed images of the Earth's surface that can capture changes even as small as a centimetre.

"This is a very advanced satel-

slightest of the movements on the Earth's surface. These observations can help them in mapping changes such as volcanic hazard or landslides and prepare in advance. This is a result of a collaboration that started nearly 10 years ago," said former ISRO chairperson K Sivan.

The mission marks the first hardware collaboration between the Indian and the US space agencies, with each providing a different radar system for the satellite. NASA's L-band radar and ISRO's S band radar are sensitive to two different sizes of features on the Earth as well as two different types of attributes such as moisture content, surface roughness and motion.

The NISAR satellite is meant to capture detailed information about various systems on Earth such as the changing surface and interior of the planet like magma and volcano eruptions, the cold regions with its ice cover, glaciers, sea ice and permafrost, the terrestrial ecosystems like forest cover, rivers, crop fields as well as the water. It will provide important data to researchers across the globe for better management of natural resources, planning for natural disasters, and importantly, understanding the effects and the pace of climate change.

NISAR cannot predict floods or forest fires but can observe the minutest of changes and provide risk assessment analysis.

The 2,392-kg satellite will be put in a 747-km circular orbit nearly 19 minutes after launch. The mission life of the satellite is five years. GSLV's previous launch, ear-

lier this year, had not been enlite that can capture even the <u>tirely successful.</u> Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Ag

# Jharkhand man killed in Niger: Family seeks 'dignity' as firm, contractor accuse each other

lakh from his own pocket, in-BHUBANESWAR, JULY 29 cluding ₹50,000 for the daughter's wedding and ₹17,000 for fu-

arrested a staffer of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AI-IMS), Bhubaneswar for allegedly sexually harassing an on-duty female employee inside the hospital premises. Police picked up the accused,

identified as nursing officer Nanu Sources said, the incident oc-

curred in the early hours of Monday when the woman was on night duty. Police said the meet him at a doctor's chamber. When she got there, the ac-

cused allegedly behaved inappropriately and made physical advances. She objected and managed to move away, following which she informed the hospital's control room, sources said.

The woman has also submitted a complaint to the nursing superintendent.

Later on Monday, she and other contractual staffers protested outside the main entrance, demanding the immediate arrest of the accused nursing officer. They also demanded a safe environment for women employees. She then also lodged a complaint with the police, who went to the spot and started a probe.

# Afghan national

Nagpur: An Afghan national was allegedly assaulted and subjected to communal abuse Sunday in Nagpur. According to an FIR filed at the Yashodhara police station in Nagpur, the incident, which happened on July 27, involved physical assault, threats and damage to property. The Nagpur police registered a case on Monday morning under var-

The complainant, Fahim Khan Mohammad Mamatul Mard, 46, Afghan national, had gone to Yadav Nagar along with his friend Namasmeer Khan to inspect a used refrigerator for purchase.

According to the police complaint, Ajay Suraj Chavan (26), Rishi Prakash Tambe (20) and a juvenile assaulted Fahim and his friend. They also reportedly hurled stones at Fahim's car, breaking its windows.

The complaint said that Ajay approached Fahim and allegedly said, "You are a terrorist. Why have you come here?'

# **PERMAFROST:**

Some of the planned applications of NISAR satellite:

**BOOST TO CALAMITY RESPONSE** 

**MONITOR CHANGES IN SURFACE WATER AND SOIL MOISTURE:** This data can provide actionable points to

mitigate or better deal with occurrences such as flooding, landslides, crop failures, droughts, wildfires

**EARTHQUAKES:** Data from the satellite can

be used to map fault zones where an earthquake is likely to occur. Their longterm study can also help in forecasting. Data can also be used to locate the areas of damage after a quake

NISAR can observe the changes to the permafrost — the frozen sub-surface

layer — that can inform about the communities that may be affected **VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS:** 

The data can be used to monitor volcanic process. build models of subsurface magma movement before, during and after eruptions. This will help develop more realistic models of active volcanoes. which are critical for

eruption forecasting

# SC stays HC order on ADM's English fluency

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Anjaria said while issuing notice on the appeal by the state.

THE SUPREME Court Monday

Court order which asked the State Election Commissioner and chief secretary to examine if an officer of the rank of additional district magistrate who said that he was not proficient in speaking English, can "effectively control" an executive position. "Until further order(s), there

Hearing a matter regarding the validity of the family register

stayed an Uttarakhand High

shall be a stay of the impugned judgment and order dated 18.07.2025 passed by the High Court of Uttarakhand," a bench of Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justices Vinod Chandran and NV

for finalising panchayat electoral roll entries, the Uttarakhand High Court questioned the officer, who responded in Hindi. He was asked if he knew English, and the official said that he can understand the language when spoken to, but

he cannot speak it. The HC then directed the State Election Commissioner and the chief secretary to examine whether an ADM rank officer, "who claims to have no knowledge of English or, in his own words, inability to convey in English, would be in a position to effectively control an executive post?"

# Residence certificate for 'Dog Babu' in Patna: Circle Office assistant arrested

**HIMANSHU HARSH** 

AN EMPLOYEE at the Masaurhi Circle Office in Patna district was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly generating a residence certificate in the name of "Dog Babu" using official government systems and then circulating an image of it that went viral.

Mintu Kumar Nirala, worked as an executive assistant responsible for issuing certificates under the RTPS (Right to Public Services) portal.

The arrest followed a detailed on-site probe conducted Tuesday by the Patna District Magistrate and the City SP(East) at the Masaurhi Block-cum-Circle Office. Other senior administrative offi-

certificate in the name of a dog, "Dog Babu", went viral on social media. As per the preliminary probe, a report was submitted on Monday, which found that the application was intentionally filed with forged documents and without mobile or email identification.

Officials found logs that allegedly confirmed "Nirala himself uploaded the application from his designated system". He had allegedly misused documents, such as Aadhaar and voter IDs belonging to unrelated individuals.

Sources said the accused was deputed to the Sub-Divisional Office for the SIR process of the electoral roll, but he allegedly went to the Circle Office ahead of office hours to process certificates from his computer terminal.

pens to the humanitarian situation in Gaza? To answer these questions

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and more, join Explained.live with former Indian Ambassador to Israel, the US and the UK. Navtej Sarna, who has also served in Tehran, at 6 pm on July

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translations. Explained.Live is a unique series of explanatory conversations that *The Indian Express* hosts from time to time. Sarna has been a speaker at the Explained.Live session in May,

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served as an Indian diplomat for the next 38 years. His diplomatic journey included assignments in places as diverse as Moscow and ments – Foreign Office to Israel, High Commissioner to the UK, Secretary to the Government of India and India's

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Pursuing a parallel passion as a writer, Navtej Sarna has written 10 books that explore different genres — novels, short stories, travel, literary essays and

# mother tongue-based foundational education

**FIVE YEARS OF NEP 2020** 

THERE IS an agreement in the country over the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommendation of teaching in mother tongue in preparatory and

foundational stages, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said Tuesday. "Some friends criticise us... that some states may not like the NEP. I say that maybe there aren't any states that are not implementing the NEP because today, in the country there is agreement... In the preparatory and foundational

stage, NEP recommends teaching in the mother tongue. Today, all states, all administrative units are making their own plans to take this forward... In the coming days, the country's foundational education will be mother-tongue based," Pradhan said at an Education Ministry event to mark five



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

years of NEP 2020.

Pointing to NEP recommendations. Pradhan referred to early childhood education in pre-primary classes ('balvatikas') as a "paradigm shift".

"Another example of a paradigm shift is the new-age textbooks brought to us by NCERT. With new approaches, and in new ways, the NEP has started taking shape in textbooks," he said.

On Tuesday, four foreign universities were given letters of intent from the UGC to set up their campuses in India.

### The total number of foreign universities with approval under UGC regulations to set up campuses in India stands at 11.

# How W-beam fencing along Mumbai-Gandhinagar route brought down cattle collisions with Vande Bharat by 81% in three years **ADITI RAJA**

THREE YEARS after incidents of the Mumbai Central-Gandhi-

VADODARA, JULY 29

the Vande Bharat route, bringing down the incidents of Cattle Run Overs (CRO) by 81%.

Soon after its launch in September 2022, repeated incidents of collision of the Mumbai-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat, with images of the train's Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) nose cone damaged surfacing, posed grave risk to and July 23 this year is also lower

the train operating at high speed. Besides, they threatened the lives of cattle grazing along the tracks.

Railway installed the W-beam the Rajdhani Express route.

Vande Bharat route.

To counter this, the Western

fencing — a crash barrier widely used by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) along the stretch from Mumbai to Gandhinagar as well as an additional 300 kilometers from Vadodara Junction to Nagda on From 538 reported cases of

According to records of the

The W-beam fencing is also the longest 'thorough fenced

section' of the Indian Railways

than the 27 that died in the corresponding period last year. Of

and Surat while 140 were reported between Vadodara and Geratpur. The number significantly reduced to 48 CROs between Virar and Surat and 37 cases between Vadodara and Geratpur in 2024-25. Officials

were reported between Virar

tracks between Surat and Vadodara have meant a lower number of CROs — from 72 in 2022-23 to nine in 2024-25 — as compared to the other sections. The W-beam fencing is also

said that the elevated railway

the longest "thorough fenced section" of the Indian Railways. Chief Public Relations Officer, Western Railway Vineet Abhishek said, "In the initial months, when Vande Bharat had started, there were incidents of cattle run-overs... Western Railway, under the guidance of the Railway Board, took up this initiative in a mission mode to figure out a solution to bring down these cases..."

Following the incidents reported during the early run of the Mumbai-Gandhinagar Vande Bharat, the RPF identified vulnerable locations and carried out awareness and sensitisation campaigns at all the locations.

In 2022, RPF conducted 1,023 awareness campaigns at vulnerable locations along with meetings with the sarpanches of all villages in the vicinity of railway tracks.

"It was also equally impor-

tant to bring down loss of animal life and resources for villagers residing near our railway tracks.. As a result, the number of CROs have come down drastically. It is almost negligible as compared to FY 2022-23," Abhishek said. Vivek Kumar Gupta, General

Manager, Western Railway, said,

"However, recent initiatives have led to a drastic reduction in cattle run-over rates, allowing drivers to operate trains with confidence and safety... This initiative to fence the entire route has not only benefited the Railways, but also these villagers and their livestock. As a result, the initiative is being widely appreciated by all.'

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The three women had been heading to Agra to work at a convent there, and the nuns had gone to receive them at the Durg Railway station, Nithya said. "A woman who had earlier worked

Although she had been work-

and the man — under the Act and the Immoral Traffic protest the arrest.

Express at the court.

"The FIR registered by the GRP

Christian organisations have

neral related expenses. He said

he had committed to providing a

suring me to take full responsi-

bility, but I didn't even issue the

visa or ticket, all of that was

arranged by Transrail Lighting

Ltd," he claimed. He also said all

of Ganesh's documents, includ-

ing his visa, flight tickets, and

landing permit, mentioned

charge of the Jharkhand's Migra-

nt Workers Control Room, con-

firmed that Ganesh worked for

Transrail Lighting Ltd.

Shikha Lakra, the officer in

Transrail's name and address."

"The company is now pres-

total of ₹12 lakh over time.

pects had been detained. Annie Peter, a Congress leader

Arun Pannalal, president of

said they would register a police complaint "against the people who are seen screaming, threatening and intimidating the nuns and the victims (in the videos)".

"My sister was going with

The issue has become a major

#### for sexually harassing colleague nursing officer called her at EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE about 12.30 am and asked her to

AIIMS Bhubaneswar staffer held

THE ODISHA Police on Tuesday

Ram Choudhury, Monday night. Police sources said based on a complaint by the woman, a case was registered under various BNS sections, including 75, which deals with sexual harassment.

assaulted, called 'terrorist' in Nagpur; 3 booked

ious BNS sections.

# cials were also part of the inquiry. PATNA. JULY 29

The accused, identified as

This came after a residence

nagar Capital Vande Bharat Express suffering damaged nose and delayed runs due to collision with cattle herds raised safety concerns in high-speed train operations, the Western Railway – in a first-of-its-kind initiative of the Indian Railways — installed W-beam fencing along the 565kilometre length of the tracks of

> Western Railways, the figure of 12 cattle that died between April 1

CRO between Virar and Ahmedabad in 2022-23 to 101 cases in 2024-25, and 12 until July 23 in the current financial year, the Western Railway was able to achieve a significant reduction with continuous fencing on the

these, the maximum cattle deaths were recorded in the sections from Virar to Surat and from Vadodara Junction to Geratpur. In 2022-23, out of the 538 incidents of cattle deaths, 302

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# CRACKS IN IT

TCS layoffs speak of challenges for the sector in times when AI and automation play an increasingly greater role

N SUNDAY, INDIAN tech giant TCS announced its decision to lay off 2 per cent of its global workforce – around 12,000 jobs – over the year. Following this announcement, on Monday, TCS shares fell around 1.6 per cent during trading. Shares of other IT companies mirrored the decline. While the layoffs are being framed in terms of moving towards a "future-ready organisation" through "skilling and redeployment", concerns over changes in the operating environment of tech companies are being raised. While the TCS decision is expected to hit mid- and senior-level employees the most, the question is whether the layoffs are the beginning of a larger churn in the Indian IT sector.

The IT sector in India has been a major source of employment, especially so in recent years. As per a report in this paper, in the big five IT companies — TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Tech Mahindra — employment went up from 11.5 lakh in March 2020 to 15.34 lakh by December 2024 as demand for IT services and digitisation surged post the pandemic. To put these employment figures in perspective, the Indian Railways employed more than 12.5 lakh regular employees as of 2023-24. But, these years have also witnessed two other developments — the advent of AI and Donald Trump's second term — which are reshaping the operating environment in unprecedented ways. The rapid adoption of AI and automation across the world has dramatically altered the business milieu. And not just in the IT sector, which has been affected, but others as well. Alongside, the economic uncertainty unleashed due to Trump's policies has impacted firms' investment and spending decisions. These have raised questions over the future of the Indian IT sector.

Cracks are already appearing in the sector's business model — a model that has relied on the country's educational institutions to churn out software engineers at scale and on wage arbitrage. The question is, if over the coming years, AI and automation make large swathes of IT jobs redundant, and the wage arbitrage with other economies reduces, then, where does India's competitive advantage lie? Considering that Indian IT firms do not allocate large sums of money for research and development — for instance, the consolidated R&D and innovation expenditure for TCS was Rs 2,630 crore in 2024-25 (around 1 per cent of its turnover), and the standalone R&D spending of Infosys was Rs 850 crore in 2025 (0.62 per cent of its revenue) — will firms be able to move up the value chain? And with companies drawing up plans for a future where AI and automation play an increasingly large role, will the business model of IT companies change, and what will be the impact of these changes on the labour market in India? The IT sector will need to navigate these turbulent times carefully.

# BOARD OF HER OWN

Divya Deshmukh's victory in FIDE Women's World Cup showcases the depth of women's chess in India

NDIAN CHESS HAD a breakthrough moment on Monday when Divya Deshmukh defeated veteran compatriot Koneru Humpy in the final of the FIDE Women's World Cup in Batumi, Georgia. At 38, Humpy is twice Deshmukh's age, which made the final a true clash of generations: Humpy, the original trailblazer of women's chess in India, became the country's first woman to claim the grandmaster title, while Deshmukh is the fastest comet to shoot past the skies and become a grandmaster. Her meteoric rise can be gauged from the fact that just last year, she had become the World Junior Champion in the girls' category. Thirteen months later, she's fighting for and winning — the biggest titles on offer in the senior category.

The spectacle of two Indian women fighting it out in the final of the World Cup, an event where 107 players from 46 nations competed, is special. But what makes the win even more significant is the fact that while two Indians were in the final, two Chinese players — former women's world champion Tan Zhongyi and Lei Tingjie — were fighting for third place after losing to the two Indians. China is a powerhouse of the women's event, having given the world six out of the 17 women's world champions in history. This includes the current women's world champion, Ju Wenjun, and the current World No 1, Hou Yifan. Humpy and Deshmukh defeated four of the nine Chinese players who came to Batumi. The FIDE Women's World Cup was another demonstration of India's increasing depth in the women's event. Last year, the Indian women's team, spearheaded by Deshmukh, had claimed a gold medal in the Women's Chess Olympiad, the most prestigious team event in the largely individual sport.

The good news for Indian women chess is that it's not just about Deshmukh and Humpy. In Harika Dronavalli, the country has another veteran who has been around for decades now. And there are players like Vaishali Rameshbabu and Vantika Agrawal, who will be the torchbearers of women's chess for India in the coming decades. At the World Cup, besides Deshmukh and Humpy, Rameshbabu and Agrawal also made it to the quarter finals — India had the most representation at that stage. Having conquered the Olympiad and the World Cup, the next step now for the likes of Deshmukh and Humpy will be to qualify for the Women's World Championship — and to win it.

# NOT TOO MATCHA

Demand for matcha now outpaces the supply. For the cool, that is bad news

HE GLOBAL DEMAND for matcha, the rich, strikingly green-coloured Japanese tea lighting up everybody's social media feeds in recent times, has officially outpaced its supply. The explosion in its popularity came after influencers discovered matcha, thanks to an uptick in tourism to and exports from Japan after the Covid pandemic. Since then, it has become a green flag on the road to aspiration — it is a common feature in elite cafes from Gurugram to Los Angeles. But owing to US tariffs on Japan, heatwaves impacting the production of tencha — the leaves matcha is made of — and dwindling numbers of farmers harvesting them, matcha's production and export is falling at an alarming rate. For the hashtag cool kids, that is bad news.

In a world reeling from the chaos of unpredictable trade wars, the matcha story is an example of how even a niche product might be hit by the calculus of demand and supply. Brought to Japan by the Chinese at the end of the 12th century, much of matcha's popularity owes itself to an accidental technique that the Japanese embraced to allow it to grow during the country's harsh winters. They covered it with straw and reed, protecting it from frost and sun, and allowing its colour to steep. As demand escalates and retailers set limits on how much customers can buy, the Japanese government is now encouraging what was once a carefully curated process to be converted into a larger-scale

production of tencha. But that risks sacrificing the quality of matcha. In the rise and fall of matcha, there is also a larger story that runs alongside the tension driven by contradictory forces in a world in transition — one that features the famous villain called climate change, already wreaking havoc on products as diverse as coffee and gin and tonic. Globalisation enabled matcha's exposure to the world; the move towards protectionism now threatens it. Whether the story will end with a promising sip of matcha is anyone's guess.

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# Trade in time of disorder



UK-India FTA is a template for other agreements. It serves Delhi's economic and geopolitical objectives

JAWED ASHRAF

THE FORMAL SIGNING of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) headlined Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UK. Since leaving the EU, "Global" Britain has been on a spree to conclude or join FTAs. After a period of FTA pause, India, too, is on an accelerated pursuit of trade agreements. Though neither is the other's major trading partner, the salience of CETA lies in the symbolism and substance, the future potential, the many tangible and intangible dimensions of this partnership, and the infusion of strength into a relationship that faces challenges not from customary colonial memories, but from contemporary challenges to India's security and integrity.

CETA's significance also derives from its ambition. FTAs either cover areas that fall within the mandate of the WTO or go deeper in covering commitments and harmonisation on a range of national economic policy issues to facilitate stronger economic partnership among signatories. CETA embodies the latter. The two governments have hailed CETA as a landmark agreement because of the balance of openings and protections, coverage and scope and also because, from India's standpoint, it is the first comprehensive one with a major Western partner that defines the template for others, including with the EU.

CETA is historic for another reason. It is an important milestone in India's — as in the world's — growing reliance on bilateralism and regionalism at a time when the multilateral trade regime is eroding as its architect, which is still the world's most powerful economy, turns its back on it. President Donald Trump has abandoned the foundational principle of the global trade regime. As in other domains, the US no longer finds the system it created useful or attractive. Trump has accelerated a longer-term trend in the US since the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) of 2008 towards trade hesitancy, if not hostility, and protectionism, through the successive tenures of presidents Barack Obama, Trump and Joe Biden. There is a bipartisan consensus that the US will not surrender its sovereignty to the binding rule-making role of the WTO. The current sentiments will continue to shape the US  $\begin{array}{c} \text{political economy.} & \text{comprehensive FTAs.} \\ \text{Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ} \end{array}$ 

consequences of the recent wave of globalisation that began in the 1970s and peaked by the time of the GFC. The first wave of globalisation from 1870 to 1914 led to the concentration of prosperity and power in the industrialising West and America's rise as a major power. By contrast, the recent phase triggered Asia's rise, China's emergence as a major power and the West's relative decline with disruptive political consequences in the advanced countries. In particular, it has resulted in China's extraordinary accumulation of industrial and technological power and dominance in key industries and supply chains in a fundamentally different political and economic system, incongruous with a transparent trade regime. The concentration risk was laid bare by the Covid pandemic. Further, the sharpening geopolitical competition has manifested in trade and technology. The war in Ukraine deepened shifts and uncertainty. Together, these factors have put globalism and its scaffolding under extreme stress. Calls for reshoring and industrial sover-

For the US and the West broadly, the

problem has deeper structural roots in the

eignty face limitations of lost capabilities, and deeply entrenched Global Value Chains (GVCs) that various estimates put at 50-70 per cent of global trade. Trade remains essential for all nations. But as nations seek to derisk, diversify and rebalance trade relations in a world in flux, they seek long-term commitment, trust, assurance and resilience through bilateral and regional agreements. The number of such agreements, although within the WTO framework, has risen rapidly in the past two decades, with an increase in momentum after the GFC and the Covid pandemic.

Trump's strategy will accelerate the trend. For one, despite his impetuosity, the legislative uncertainty of his authority and questionable enforceability of the "deals", countries are seeking exclusive and competitive bilateral agreements with the US. At the same time, hedging strategies, against both US unpredictability and China's dominance, will trigger new bilateral or regional agreements, as well as expansion, restructuring and interlocking of existing regional agreements: The Trans Pacific Partnership was resuscitated as the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) after the US's exit.

India's preferred path is more manageable bilateral agreements with countries or groupings rather than participation in regional agreements. India signed a spate of agreements during the UPA era, mostly in Asia. However, not all of them were with competitors like ASEAN, but also with complementary economies like Japan and Korea. That these agreements had disappointing outcomes was as much due to their terms as to our lack of competitiveness. Their lessons are shaping the choice of partners and the terms of the agreements, and alignment with domestic policies and incentives.

Nonetheless, global trends point to an enhanced need for comprehensive FTAs. With the atrophying of the predictable, non-discriminatory global trade regime, FTAs will become determinants of competitiveness. These have become essential for creating opportunities for our services sector and mobility of our professionals, and for access to critical minerals, technology, innovation and energy.

Above all, there is a strong correlation between high-quality FTAs and the GVCs.

Assured integration into GVCs will serve our twin objectives of rapid industrialisation and export growth at scale. It is even more critical now as various studies estimate the share of potential bottleneck products in global trade to have doubled since 2000 to around 20 per cent, with almost 66 per cent of the share of the global export value in these products now coming from East Asia-Pacific. This also means that, besides the new FTA with Australia, we must revisit the CEPA/CECA with Japan, Korea and Singapore, not just to improve their terms but also for assured access to critical inputs to fully exploit the potential of FTAs with Western partners. This will also

As India pursues its national transformation at a time of global disorder, shaping our external economic engagement strategically is both a geopolitical necessity and an economic imperative.

require finding a modus vivendi with China.

The writer is a retired ambassador



# A LIMITED BORROWING SPACE

Assistance by Centre has played a key role in boosting capital expenditure of states

Aditi Nayar

THE FISCAL HEALTH of the Centre and the states is a key part of the overall macro picture. This article analyses the fiscal trends for a large sample of 17 state governments (excluding Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim) for FY2025 and what they augur for the current fiscal and the medium term. These states account for about 90 per cent of India's GDP. Typically, a wide variation has been observed in the states' actual fiscal metrics relative to the Budget and Revised Estimates. Therefore, the focus here is on the trends revealed by the provisional actuals (PA) for FY2025 relative to the actual position in the previous year. The FY2025 PA indicates a widening in the

combined fiscal deficit of 17 states to Rs 9.5 trillion (3.2 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product or GSDP) from Rs 7.8 trillion (2.9 per cent of GSDP) in FY2024. This was driven by the near-doubling of their revenue deficit to Rs 2.1 trillion (0.7 per cent of the GSDP) in FY2025 PA from Rs 1.1 trillion (0.4 per cent of GSDP) in FY2024, and to a relatively smaller extent by a rise in capital spending (by Rs 678 billion or 0.2 per cent of GSDP).

The spike in revenue deficit levels in FY2025 was due to a moderation in the pace of growth of revenue receipts, which increased to 6.3 per cent in FY2025 from 7.9 per cent in FY2024, amid a stable year-on-year rise of 9 per cent in revenue expenditure.

The rise in the states' revenue deficit in FY2025 is in contrast to the compression at Join FREE Whatsapp Channel chat.whatsapp.com/

In FY2025, Rs 1.5 trillion was disbursed as capex loans to all states, up from Rs 1.1 trillion in FY2024. Based on the previous shares, the proportion of 17 states in the capex loan in FY2025 is estimated at Rs 1.13 trillion, up from Rs 0.8 trillion in FY2024. This suggests that the increase in the capex loan funded over 40 per cent of the incremental capital spending of the sample set in FY2025. HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

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point to an enhanced need for

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the Centre. A higher share of revenue deficit in the fiscal deficit is not a favourable outcome for state finances. This indicates that the limited borrowing space is partly used towards funding the revenue expenditure, which tends to be less productive compared to capital spending. For instance, the total capital spending of the 17 states in FY2025 PA comprised 78 per cent, lower than the trend during FY2022-24, wherein 80-90 per cent of the fiscal deficit was attributed to capex.

The combined capital spending of the 17 states was Rs. 7.4 trillion in FY2025 PA, Rs 678 billion higher than the amount spent in FY2024. The incremental capex of the states in FY2025 PA was sharply lower than the incremental spending of Rs 910-1,120 billion during FY2022-FY2024. Another discouraging trend is the undershooting in capex relative to the Revised Estimates (RE) by Rs 1.1 trillion, once again in contrast to the overshoot seen for the Centre. The capex of the states in FY2025 till the end of February was lower than the spending in the previous year. In March 2025, the states' capex surged by 42 per cent YoY to Rs 2.2 trillion from Rs 1.5 trillion in March 2024, led by a pick-up in spending by Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. As much as 30 per cent of the annual combined capex of the sample states was incurred in March 2025, much higher than the proportion of spending seen in March 2024. Incidentally, back-ended capex is one of the reasons that the states' borrowing through state government securities tends to spike in March. The amounts disbursed by the GoI to the

states under the special assistance for capital expenditure (capex loan scheme) in recent years have played a key role in boosting spending on capex. In FY2025, Rs 1.5 trillion was disbursed as capex loans to all states, up from Rs 1.1 trillion in FY2024. Based on the previous shares, the proportion of 17 states in the capex loan in FY2025 is estimated at Rs 1.13 trillion, up from Rs 0.8 trillion in FY2024. This suggests that the increase in the capex loan funded over 40 per cent of the incremental capital spending of the sample set in FY2025.

For the budget estimates of FY2026, 17 states have indicated capital spending of Rs 9.5 trillion, 29.2 per cent higher on a YoY basis or an incremental spending of Rs 2.1 trillion in FY2026, relative to the FY2025 PA. This is double the average incremental capex of Rs 1 trillion during FY2022-FY2024, and appears somewhat implausible.

Beyond FY2026, the recommendations of the Finance and Pay Commissions, as well as changes related to GST compensation cess, will cast an indelible mark on the evolution of state finance. Any incentives towards maximising capex within the permitted borrowing space and fiscal deficit anchor would certainly be valuable.

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# JULY 30, 1985, FORTY YEARS AGO

# A Probe in Haryana

JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH, retired judge of the Supreme Court, has been asked by the government to hold an inquiry into the charges levelled against Haryana Chief Minister Bhajan Lal by some state Opposition leaders and MPs. The decision to refer this matter to Justice Jaswant Singh was taken at a meeting of the Political Affairs Committee of the cabinet.

renew the stir if an acceptable solution was not reached by Independence Day. AASU president Prafulla Mahanta, after the three-hour meeting with R D Pradhan, said there was hope of a solution and added, "We are going to talk on Tuesday again. The threat was conveyed to Mr Pradhan."

## NUCLEAR TEST BAN

THE SOVIET COMMUNIST Party general secretary, Mikhail Gorbachyov, declared that his country had decided to unilaterally stop any nuclear explosion, beginning August 6. In a statement, he called upon the US to do the same. The ban will begin on the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing

## INANPITH AWARD

THETWENTIETH INANPITH Award for the year 1984 has been given to Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai, popular Malayalam novelist and short story writer. This is the third time that the award has gone to Malayalam. The annual Jnanpith Award of Rs 1.5 lakh, given for the best creative writing by an Indian citizen in any of the 15 languages, has gone four times each to Hindi and Kannada, thrice to Bengali, and once each to Assamese, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

AASU DEADLINE

YET ANOTHER ROUND of official-level talks to resolve the foreigners issue in Assam commenced with the agitationists threatening to

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

# West vs Rest, a fiction

Many are keen to proclaim the decline of the Western global order. But its legacies of reason, scepticism, individual liberty and secularism continue to be powerful magnets all over the world



### BY C RAJA MOHAN

SPEAKING AT THE 1957 Moscow Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties, Chinese communist leader Mao Zedong declared that the "East wind will prevail over the West". The occasion was the 40th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. For Mao, the "East wind" meant the "socialist camp" (led by the Soviet Union and China), and the "West wind" represented the capitalist countries (led by the US). He declared that the balance of world forces had shifted decisively in favour of the socialist camp in the middle of the 20th century.

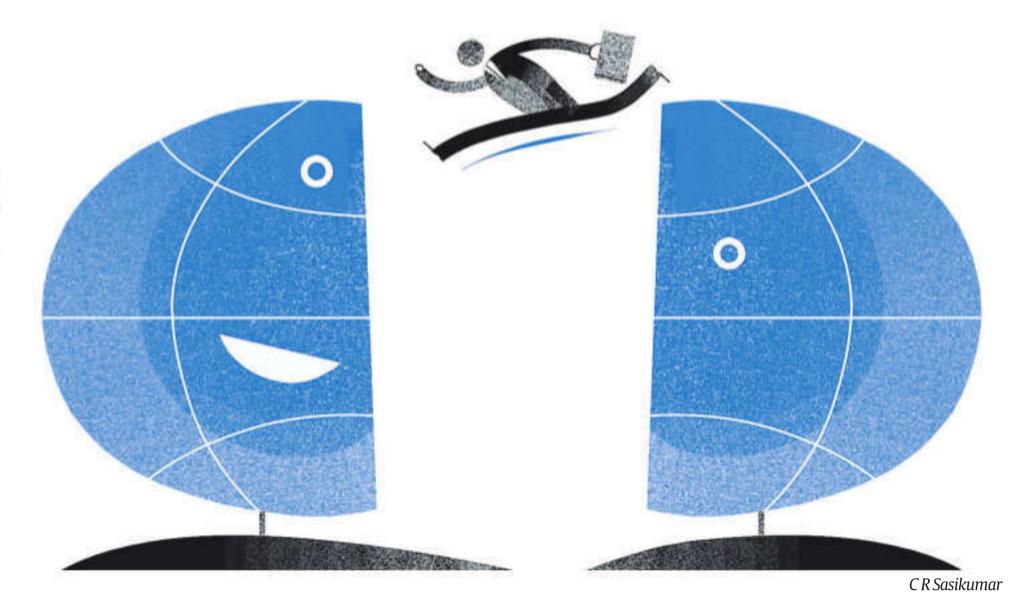
The idea that the West is in decline and that it will soon be swamped by the rising tide of "the rest" has been a recurrent theme since the encounter between the West and the rest began several centuries ago. Here is the problem. The West refuses to disappear, and the rest is having a difficult time taking charge.

Mao himself embarked on a fight with the Soviet Union barely two years after making the grand declaration on the rise of the East wind. He broke the socialist camp, divided the communist movement all over the world, and paved the way for an alliance between Communist China and the "evil empire", the US. The marriage between Western capital and the Chinese market produced a breathtaking global economic expansion for nearly five decades. It also made Beijing the second most important power — economic, technological and military – in the world.

A risen China now talks again of leading the East, now rebranded as the "Global South" or the "Global Majority" to victory against a declining West. Declinism is also in fashion in Western academia and think tanks. Many fear the barbarians from the East are ready to show up at the gates. The fear in the West is matched by the irrational exuberance in the rest about the impending collapse of the US-led world order.

Sceptics might say, not so fast. They point to US President Donald Trump's entirely unanticipated initial successes in singlehandedly rewriting the rules of global trade. The rest did not join hands to counter Trump. Most of them have queued up to negotiate bilateral trade agreements with him. The claim that Trump is winning is vigorously contested. Is Trump accelerating the decline of the American empire and the West, or is he heralding its resurgence? While the debate on this question will continue, Amitav Acharya, one of the leading scholars of international relations, puts the debate in a deep historical perspective.

Acharya's new book, *The Once and Future* World Order, seeks to dismantle the conceptions of global order built around the rise of the West. He reminds us that there was a world before the West and another after it. Acharya argues that the pursuit of order rules, norms, and institutions that enable peace and promote commerce — did not begin with the modern West. He suggests it



across the world. Far from a future dominated by a new hegemon or descending into chaos, he foresees a decentralised, inclusive system drawing on both Western and non-Western traditions.

Acharya asserts that ancient Sumer, China, India, Greece, Mesoamerica, and the Islamic world all devised ways to manage interstate relations. While the post-World War II Liberal International Order led by the US shaped the modern age, Acharya sees it as just one chapter in a longer global history.

The Western-led order, forged through empire, conquest, exploitation and ruthless Cold War geopolitics, was never as universal or complete as its proponents claimed. Global norms evolved through continuous cross-civilisational borrowing. The West never monopolised the ideals of peace, law, or cooperation.

decline, Acharya offers a different narrative. Rather than a harbinger of disorder, the erosion of Western primacy creates space for a more equitable global structure. He introduces the concept of a "multiplex" order where no single state dominates, and multiple actors, from states to international institutions and non-state players, share responsibility for shaping norms.

In confronting anxieties about Western

Rejecting both the "clash of civilisations" thesis and the idea of an inevitable Chinese hegemony, Acharya advocates a cooperative system grounded in civilisational pluralism. He envisions a world not of imposed norms but of negotiated consensus — a "confluence of civilisations". This future demands learning from each other, not dominance. *The Once* and Future World Order is a timely corrective to the dominant narratives in the West and the East. Acharya's central message is that the rise of non-Western actors is not a crisis but a chance to build a fairer, more representative system.

Acharya's hopeful vision of a multiplex order is persuasive but incomplete. It downplays serious constraints in the East that hinder its capacity to shape a just and effective global order. These include authoritarianism, the rise of a state that is free to curb individis rooted in ancient, diverse civilisations ual freedoms in the name of claimed collec-Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

tive interests, violent politics based on exclusive religious, caste, and linguistic identities, and the empowerment of violent vigilante groups that destroy social peace.

There is no question that China has been the most successful non-Western world state in bringing economic prosperity and in rooting out the feudal vestiges. But it is yet to redeem the Chinese national movement's promise to deliver democracy to its people. Externally, China is unable to overcome the temptations of national chauvinism and the urge to dominate its neighbourhood. That, in turn, shatters ideas of Asian unity and the Chinese ability to lead a compact of the rest against the West.

If the Western oppression is real, the Eastern ones are worse. Meanwhile, students, scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, the rich and political dissidents from the East continue to migrate to the West, if they can. The soft power of the West remains a powerful magnet to those who see themselves as suffocating under the Eastern regimes.

Acharya's critique of Western dominance is compelling, but not all aspects of the Western legacy can or should be discarded. The Enlightenment ideals of the 17th and 18th centuries — reason, scepticism, science, individual liberty, and secularisation of society away from religious dominance – are at the very foundation of Western primacy in the last three centuries.

If the East wishes to lead in shaping the world order, it must engage these ideals critically and constructively. Any notion that the East can rise by short-circuiting these values is an illusion. It only delays and derails the effort to rise. The battles against political, religious, and other absolutisms remain to be fought and won in the East. Until then, a rising East will not present an alternative model — only a different and less attractive one. The profound internal contradictions within and across the East will continue to keep it well behind the West.

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# WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US, which recognises that Syria's disintegration is not in its interests, has - THE GUARDIAN sought to rein Israel in and must continue doing so."

# Un-precedented, without justification

Supreme Court decision to stay the precedential effect of Bombay High Court acquittals in train blast case is worrying



Raju Ramachandran

LAST WEEK, THE Supreme Court (SC) stayed the precedential effect of a carefully reasoned Bombay High Court (HC) verdict that acquitted 12 persons accused in the 2006 Mumbai train bombings. The stay, without giving substantive reasons, is worrying.

The case arose out of one of the most horrific terror attacks India has seen. On July 11, 2006, a series of seven coordinated bomb blasts ripped through compartments of Mumbai's trains, killing 187 people and injuring over 800. The Anti-Terrorism Squad of the Maharashtra Police took over the investigation, resulting in the arrest of 13 persons. The accused were charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (MCOCA), the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), as well as the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. In 2015, a special court convicted 12 of them, sentencing five to death and the rest to life imprisonment. Its judgment relied heavily on the confessional statements made by some of the accused under Section 18 of MCOCA, declaring them "voluntary and truthful" despite the defence arguing that they were the result of torture and emphasising that they were subsequently retracted.

Since the death sentence had been imposed, the case was referred to the Bombay HC for confirmation. The persons sentenced to life imprisonment also filed appeals, and these cases were heard together by a Division Bench. In a 671-page judgment, the HC examined every aspect of the prosecution's case, finding its narrative to be riddled with inconsistencies and lacking in conclusive proof. Among other things, the court found that several key eyewitness testimonies were wholly unreliable, with some witnesses coming forward after more than 100 days of silence. The ability of witnesses to identify the accused in court after more than four years was doubted.

Crucially, the HC declared that the invocation of the stringent MCOCA was improper. When prior approval for invoking that Act was granted, information about the existence of the legal ingredients and conditions was clearly not furnished before the approving authority. Also, the "prior" approval was found to be without application of mind. Another key ingredient for the invocation of MCOCA is that there must be a "continuing unlawful activity", as defined in that Act, and that condition was not fulfilled. The HC also held that the confessions relied on by the prosecution were inadmissible due to evidence of brutal torture, lack of voluntariness, and procedural violations under MCOCA, including defective "prior" approvals and identical statements. It noted medical evidence of injuries, retractions made immediately upon judicial custody, and the absence of critical details like the bombs' chemistry, all of which undermined the credibility of the alleged confessions. The court also noted the failure of police to prove voluntariness through oral evidence and the striking fact

that the accused had remained silent for months in custody. They allegedly confessed only after MCOCA was invoked: A pattern that undermined the genuineness of the statements.

The HC ultimately acquitted all 12 of the accused, concluding that the prosecution "utterly failed to establish the offence beyond a reasonable doubt against the accused on each count". The acquittal alerts us to the disturbing fact that the actual masterminds of the 2006 Mumbai train blasts have remained scot-free for nearly two decades. It is particularly pertinent to pay heed to a preliminary paragraph in the HC's judgment, where it emphasises the dangers of "creating a false appearance of having solved a case by presenting that the accused have been brought to justice". This, the HC rightly notes, "undermines public trust and falsely reassures society, while in reality, the true threat remains at large".

The stay order by the SC is jarring for several reasons. The first is the summary manner in which the Court, "taking note of the submissions made by the learned Solicitor General on the question of law", said it was "inclined to hold that the impugned judgment shall not be treated as a precedent in any other pending proceedings". Based on this, the SC ordered "there shall be a stay on the operation of the impugned judgment" to that extent. For the Court to "hold" something, normally, both sides would be heard, and the Court would provide a reason. Instead, the stay order appears to be solely based on the assertion of the Solicitor General. There is no mention of any specific questions of law, or even the potential impact of the judgment as precedent. The SC order does not even refer to the tests it typically applies while determining whether a stay is to be granted. It makes no mention of whether the state has made out a prima facie case, whether the balance of convenience lies on its side, or how irreparable damage might be caused if the HC judgment is not stayed.

Second, the stay order appears to undermine the HC's authority. The HC is not only a constitutional court, but also the mandatory reference court for death sentences, and the first appellate court meant to decide authoritatively on both facts and law. To summarily strip a judgment from such a body of its precedential value is unfair and demoralising.

Third, and perhaps most important, is the signal the order sends out. This must be viewed in a broader context concerning cases involving terror offences, where there are often myriad pressures on the judiciary to secure a conviction to placate public outcry. In these cases, it takes a certain degree of judicial courage and integrity to focus on the particular questions of fact and law that arise in a case without being swayed by general public discourse. The HC's judgment was a bold affirmation of the principle that the judicial task is to dispassionately weigh evidence and uphold the law, however horrifying the crime. The judgment acknowledged the tragedy of the lives lost and harm caused, but refused to sacrifice the lives of innocent persons for the sake of a "false appearance" of closure. Viewed in this broader context, the stay order sends a disconcerting message that even the most thorough and well-reasoned acquittals in these kinds of sensitive cases may be suspended on the basis of assertions by the state.

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# A roadmap for learning

Surveys like PRS 2024 can provide key insights for a stronger education system

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**IAYANT CHAUDHARY** 

IN RECENT YEARS, education in India has not only expanded in scale but matured in ambition. Our reforms today are about quality, pedagogy, and learning outcomes. We have made a deliberate shift towards ensuring that every child in the country not only attends school but also truly learns. To understand if that is happening, we must pause and ask the right questions. What are our children learning? Are schools enabling them to build essential skills at each stage of their education? These questions require reliable, scientific answers.

As an expert noted, "Students can learn despite poor teaching, but they cannot overcome poor assessment." This reminder is crucial because the best way to determine the effectiveness of our education system is through largescale assessments. These analyse macro trends to determine educational effectiveness. They find patterns in data from different locations, subjects, grades, and schools. This form of evaluation helps teachers and policymakers understand the strengths and weaknesses of students. Overall, it helps diagnose systemic issues and buttress policymaking.

Over the past two decades, India has gradually built capacity in this area. Advancing from the National Achievement Surveys (NAS) to PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan (PRS) 2024, the scale of the survey has grown to cover 21.15 lakh students in 74,229 schools across the country. Students from Grades III, VI, and IX were assessed to correspond with the end of the foundational, preparatory, and middle stages of schooling. These stages are now wellestablished under the new curricular structure in line with the National Education Policy

At the foundational stage, the data show that India has not only recovered from the learning losses of the pandemic but, in many cases, surpassed earlier benchmarks. In Grade III, 57 per cent of children demonstrated proficiency or above in Language, up from 39 per cent in 2021 and 47 per cent in 2017. In Mathematics, the figure has jumped to 65 per cent, compared to 42 per cent in 2021. These gains reflect the serious and sustained efforts made under the NIPUN Bharat Mission, underscoring how targeted support, teacher mentoring, and early-grade interventions are beginning to bear fruit. The data also show that government schools in rural areas have, in some cases, outperformed their urban and private counterparts in foundational grades. This is a significant development, demonstrating what focused, systemic reform can achieve. However, as we move to Grades VI and IX, the picture becomes more complex. Central government schools have performed well overall, but marginal gaps persist by gender and region, particularly in Mathematics and Science. These are areas that need urgent focus.

Many comparisons have been made between PRS 2024 and earlier surveys, which are misplaced and require clarification. The struc-

Join FREE Whatsapp Channel chat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ The importance of assessments, however, ture of the assessment has changed. Earlier sur-

veys focused on Grades V and VIII, whereas this edition concentrates on Grades VI and IX. aligning with the new curricular stages. Moreover, the shift from textbook learning outcomes to competencies means the assessment tools are fundamentally different. Directly comparing a Grade V outcome from NAS 2021 with a Grade VI outcome from 2024 is methodologically unsound. Only Grade III scores are comparable across all three surveys, and the improvement in these scores is established. Any interpretation that suggests a decline in performance based on comparisons with other

grades risks misrepresenting the actual story. What we now have is not just a report card, but a roadmap. The actual value of the data from the survey lies in how they are used locally. PRS provides district-level insights, and it is now the responsibility of states, districts, and school systems to translate these findings into granular, need-based interventions. Every state and UT will need to study its data -where learning levels are strong, where gaps persist, which support systems are working and which are not. The Centre will continue to provide guidance, frameworks, and resources; however, the real impact will come from what is done at the school and district levels. Our goal is not just to meet national benchmarks, but to achieve international comparability, and we are steadily moving in that direction.

does not end with school education. We must also focus on how young people transition into the world of work, entrepreneurship, and economic participation. Skills matter as much as academics. That is why, soon, the government will initiate a qualitative, large-scale skills assessment that will help us understand the skill-readiness of our population, map regional variations, and plan targeted interventions in vocational education and skilling. The recent adoption of a data-driven ITI grading system and inclusion of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) in the PLFS exercise is also aimed at providing key

inputs for our reform process. The ambition is to link learning to livelihood, ensuring that every young Indian is not only educated but also employable, entrepreneurial, and equipped to contribute meaningfully to the country's development.

PRS 2024 is a powerful reflection of how far we have come. But it is also a signal of what lies ahead. As we build stronger foundations in school education and expand the horizon of skill development, we remain committed to a system that is inclusive, evidence-driven, and future ready.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TEST IS BEST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A beautiful draw' (IE, July 29). It goes without saying that both Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sunder so patiently yet bravely standing like a rock against the fiery English bowling attack in Manchester, could not be child's play. For sure, England and their captain, Ben Stokes, would have never dreamt of such a dramatic end to this match, which could be akin to a victory for Team India. However, there is no room for any complacency on the part of the Indian team either, with one more Test match to go. **SK Gupta,** via email

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A beautiful draw' (IE, July 29). The glowing tribute paid to the grit of Indian cricket by this editorial is a memorable one. Even considering the various lows and highs of these five days, an interesting highlight was the tenacity of the players against all provocations and traps. This game will be remembered for a long time by cricket fans all over the world and the heroic efforts of all involved will inspire the budding talent scattered in bylanes of our town and villages.

Sanjeev Raina, Greater Noida

## A MAN OF PRINCIPLE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Gentle cru-

sader' (IE, July 29). Sumit Chakravartty was a doyen of journalism who was highly respected by his contemporaries and society at large for his steadfast dedication to the profession. He stepped into journalism not to make contacts with those in power but to be the voice of the disadvantaged. He stood up for freedom of the press to the establishment, whatever the consequences. His refusal to accept the much-coveted Padma Bhushan

speaks volumes about his being a man

SH Quadri, Bikaner

# Mansa stampede

of high principles.

THIS REFERS TO the report, '8 killed, 30 injured in stampede near Mansa...' (IE, July 28). It has become the order of the day that whenever people assemble in numbers to visit temples or religious places of importance, or attend victory celebrations of sports, elections etc, stampedes occur, resulting in the death of hundreds of devotees, fans and admirers. We have not learnt any lesson from previous stampedes.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

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# 14 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

# Classifieds

#### **PERSONAL**

I, PRAVIN KUMAR MAKKAR S/O MR JETHA NAND MAKKAR R/O OPP VENKATESWARA COLLEGE, H.NO.41, FIRST FLOOR, SATYA NIKETAN, MOTI BAGH-II, NEW DELHI-110021, INFORM THAT PARVEEN MAKKAR AND PRAVIN KUMAR MAKKAR, BOTH NAMES ARE SAME PERSON.

0040802044-6 I,RAJESH SANSANWAL,S/O RAJPAL SINGH SANSANWAL, R/O-EB-195, Maya Enclave, Hari-Nagar New-Delhi-110064, inform that RAJESH SANSANWAL and RAJESH KUMAR SANSANWAL.ONE AND THE SAME-PERSON.

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I, Naveen Kumar S/o Ram Mohan Prasad R/o H. No. 33, Third Floor, Pocket-12, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed the name of my minor son REYANSH aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as REYANSH KUMAR.

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It is for general Information that I Asif Mohammad S/o Rais Ahmed R/o H.No.-57B, Gali No-1, Kardampuri, Gokal Pur, PO Gokal Puri, Dist North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SAMSUDDIN in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my father is Rais Ahmed

which may be amended

I,VIMI LUTHRA W/o DEEPAK

LUTHRA, H. No. A-93, BEHIND

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my name to VIMMI LUTHRA. 0040802249-5 I.Shahadatullah Qureshi S/o Niyamat Ullah R/o E-44/1, 2nd-Floor, Abul Fazal Enclave-2,

0070981095-1 I.Saroi Singh.W/o-Abhishek Singh,R/o-H.No.604, Logix Blossom County, Sector-137, Noida, P.O. Maharishi Nagar, Dist.Gautam Buddha-Nagar, UP-201304 have changed my name, from Saroj Singh to Saroj, for all, purposes.

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I.Santosh W/o Sukram Pal. R/o Flat No. A-316, Satya Shanti Apartment, Sector -13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 declare that I have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh for all purposes. 0040802220-1

I,SHAKUNTLA SHARMA,W/O-DES

RAJ SHARMA.R/o-H-902, ANTRIKSH GOLF VIEW-1,SECTOR-78,NOIDA,G.B NAGAR, U.P-201301, have changed my, name from SHAKUNTALA SHARMA to SHAKUNTLA SHARMA, for all, future purposes. 0040802269-4

I.SARVAN SINGH S/o VINDESHWARI SINGH R/o-F-229Gali No-10Jhuggi, Shahbad Dairy Pansali North Delhi-110042, have changed my name to DARA SINGH. 0040802254-2

I,SANJOLI LUNKAD,W/o-ISHAAN JAIN R/o-Banglow.No.379,Shantai,Raj Bhavan Road, Near-Breman Chowk Aundh, Pune City, Ganeshkhind, Pune Maharashtra-411007, have changed my name to SANJOLI LUNKAD JAIN.

0040802254-8 **I.SALLONI** BHATIA W/O RISHAB BHATIA R/O 65, SANDESH VIHAR SARASWATI VIHAR DELHI-

110034, HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO SALONI BHATIA. 0040802248-1

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I,SAGAR MAL,S/O-GANESH LAL AGARWAL,R/O-H.NO-937B,GALI NO-4 ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-1 **GURGAON HARYANA-**122001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAGAR AGARWAL, FOR ALL, PURPOSES

I,Ravish Kumar Dubey,R/o-Tower-1-2503, Primanti Garden Estate, Sector-72, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my Minor Son name, from Reansh to Aadhyan Dubey, for all Purposes.

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I ROMA SINGH W/O ASLAM KHAN R/O WZ-8D, JANAK PURI, DELHI-110058 HAVE CHANGED NAME TO ROMA KHAN. 0040802254-6

I,Ravinsh Kumar Pasi,S/O-

Subash Chandra, R/O-Gaura Katailawa kali tola, Deoria, Uttar Pradesh-274603, have changed my name to Ravinsh Kumar for all purposes. 0040802264-1

I,Ravi Kumar Antil S/o Mange Ram, H.No.-139, Sector-14, Near-Aagersain Bhawan, Sonipat (Haryana) -131001, have changed my name to Ravi Antil.

0040802249-3

I Shyam Shukla alias Rajjan Lal S/o Indra Dutt residing at H.No-146, Bambhera, Mohanpur, Sidhauli Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh-261302, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajjan Lal.It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements

in this connection. 0040802178-1 I,RAVI SHANKAR,S/O-SAGAR AGARWAL, R/O-H.NO-937B GALI NO-4,ASHOK-VIHAR PHASE-1 **GURGAON, HARYANA-**122001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAVI SHANKAR AGARWAL, FOR ALL, PURPOSES.

0040802248-8

I,Priyanka Rawat,W/o Rajat Prasad Pant,R/o-E-2/52,Pratap Vihar Part-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Priyanka. 0040802254-10

I.Pramod Thulkar, S/O Damodar Vithoba Thulkar, R/O Flat.No.229.MIG Ground Floor, L&T Pocket Phase-II,Sector-18B,Dwarka Delhi-110078, Have Changed my Name to Pramod Damodar

Thulkar.

0040802254-1

**I,Poonam** R/o-Plot No.4, House. No. 97/6, Gali No. 31-B,Swatantra Nagar,Narela Delhi-110040, have changed, my daughter's name, from Pratiksha, to Pavni, (Pratiksha in Ladli scheme while Pavni in many governmentdocuments), both name is same.person and.her correct date-of-birth, is 20.06.2008.

0040802254-9

I,Parul Bansal W/o-Mohit Bansal, House.no. 236A/35, Ram Nagar, Kath Mandi, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name to Parul Goyal for all purposes. 0040802249-8

I.PARDEEP KUMAR S/O-PHARBU DAYAL,R/O-5438B,GALINO.-6,NEW CHANDRAWAL, KAMLA

**CHANGED MY NAME TO PARDEEP** 0040802249-2 I,Kamal Kumar Gupta,S/o-Tej Ram Gupta.R/o-B-252, 2ndfloor, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi-

NAGAR, DELHI - 110007, HAVE

110034, have changed my name

0040802254-11 **I,Ravinder** S/o Dharmpal R/o H.No.137. Jatto Wali Gali Tikri Khurd, North-West, Delhi-110040, have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar.

to Kamal Gupta

0040802269-6

I,Neena Rani Gautam,W/O-Shri Naveen Kumar, R/O-G-23/255, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Neena Gautam.

0040802264-2 I,Namarta Chadha,W/o Rohit

Chadha,R/o-C-86,4th.Floor,Block-C2, BPTP Aistare Gardens, Sec-70A, Gurgoan, Haryana, have changed my name to Namrata Chadha for all future references

0040802269-1

I,NEHA KUMARI, D/O-RAJKISHOR SINGH,R/O-G-602 AIMS GOLF AVENUE-1, INTERNAL-ROAD, **SECTOR-75 NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH-NAGAR,UTTAR** PRADESH-201301,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NEHA SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040802248-7 I,NEETU SINGH,D/o-Shatrughn

Singh Chauhan & W/o Ajay Singh,R/o-Flat No.404, Aashiyana Apartment, Block-B, Shakti-Vihar, Mohan-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, inform that in my Aadhar Card my name has wrongly been mentioned as Neetu Singh instead of KM NEETU SINGH.

0040802269-11

I,Mohammad haris-s/o-Mohd Zahid Hasan.house.no-135 jahbeeran post kulsath Deoband po Deoband Dist-Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247554, have changed my name to Mohd Haris

0040802249-7

**I,Kishan** Dev,S/o-Radhey Shyam.R/o.Plot.No.4S/FL Corner, Front-Side Village Hastsal-Vikas Nagar, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Kishan Dev Pal, for all, purposes.

0040802249-9

I,Kiran,D/o Devi Dass Verma,R/o H.No.-146/1, Dhar, Nin(137), P. O.Durgapur, Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)-171007, have changed my name to Kiran Verma.

0040802249-4

I,KEVIN SINGH S/O-RAVINDER KAUR.resident of.C-519. **DEFENCE COLONY, DELHI-**110024 have changed my name to KEVIN BHANDARI, for all future purposes.

0040802254-3

I,KEERTI SIRPAUL,W/O-RAJIV SIRPAUL,R/O-7/5,OLD RAJINDER NAGAR DELHI-110060, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KIRTI SIRPAUL, FOR ALL, PURPOSES.

0040802248-6

I,KAVITA RATURI,W/O SURESH CHAND,R/O HNO.G-108 SECTOR-20 NOIDA-201301.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAVITA SHARMA, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040802249-10 **I.KAVITA** Bidhuri,W/O

SHYAMVEER,R/O VILLAGE DEVLA G.B.N UTTAR PRADESH-201306, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAVITA 0040802248-2

I.Jagtar Singh/Jaktar singh.S/O

Karam Singh, R/O-B1-593, Upper Ground-Floor Janakpuri.New Delhi-110058, Have Changed My Name To Jagtar Singh Permanently 0040802248-3

Delhi-110041, have changed my

I.Bhumika D/o Paramiit Singh R/o-473/1, Jat Chowk, Nangloi,

name to Bhumika Shokeen, Permanently. 0040802234-1

I,FARHA SHAHID,w/o-AHMED SALMAN,R/o-1118,MOHALLA KISHANGANJ, TELIWARA GALI **NEEM WALI NEAR MASJID** IMLIWALI AZADMARKET, DELHI-110006, HAVE changed the same To FARHA SALMAN.

0040802254-5

I,Baljit Kowr/Baljit Kaur,W/O Singh Pathania, R/o-7/20,2nd Jagtar Singh, R/O, B1-593, Upper Floor, Nehru Nagar, South Delhi, Delhi-110065, is also known Ground-Floor, Janakpuri New Delhi-110058, Have Changed My as Archna Singh. Both names are of one and the same person. Name To Baljit Kaur, Permanently.

0040802248-4

I, Paramjeet Kaur, daughter of Harnam Singh, aged about 34 years, resident of D-20. Shokeen Vihar, Nilothi Extension, Chander Vihar, West Delhi-110041, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: That my correct date of birth is 05th September 1991 (Fifth September, Nineteen Ninety-One).

0040802169-1

I, Pankaj S/o Hans Raj Futela R/o-319, Prakash Mohalla, East of Kailash, Delhi-25 have changed my name to Pankaj **Futela** 

0070981091-1

I, PINGALA SUJATA Wife of / LATE PINGALA VENKATA BHIMA RAO residing at FLAT NO AM-308, ABHIMANYU APARTMENT, 65, VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE, **DELHI-110096 HAVE CHANGED** MY first NAME TO PINGALA FOR **ALL FUTURE PURPOSES** 

0070981101-1 I, Naveen Kumar S/o Ram

Mohan Prasad R/o H. No. 33, Third Floor, Pocket-12, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed the name of my minor son SHAURYA aged 5 years and he shall hereafter be known as SHAURYA KUMAR. 0040802244-2

I, Mohammad Mehtab, S/o Nazar

Mohammad, R/o-H.No.1083, Kamra Bangash, Darya Ganj, Distt-Central Delhi, Delhi-110002, have changed my name Mehtab khan to Mohammad Mehtab, for all future purposes 0040802171-1

I. Mina D/o No. JC0076509A Rank SUB (Late) Bal Singh R/o RZ-15A/335 F/F Jagdamba Vihar, Sagarpur, Nangal Raya, Delhi 110046 have changed my name to Rakhi vide affidavit Date 29-07-2025 before Delhi.

0070981082-1 I, MOHMAD RIYAZ AHMAD S/O MOHAMED ESRAVAL R/O D-17B. **RAJA PURI GALI NO. 5. UTTAR** NAGAR, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110059 declare that name of mine, my wife and my minor son has been wrongly written as RIAZ AHMED, SHAH JAHAN and MD IMRAN AHMED in my minor son namely MD IMRAN AHMAD aged 12 years in his school records. The actual name of mine, my wife and my minor son are MOHMAD RIYAZ AHMAD, SHAHJAHA KHATUN and MD IMRAN AHMAD.

0070981086-1 I, Karanjot S/o Raj Kumar, holder of Indian Passport No.

U7574659, R/o Vill. Mana, Po. Dhakowal, Hoshiarpur, Pin: 146111, Punjab, India have changed my Name Karanjot and Surname Karanjot. 0040802233-1

I,BHIM KUMAR S/O-RADHA KRISHAN BHAGAT R/O-A-1/289,MADHU VIHAR,UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHIM **KUMAR BHAGAT** 

0040802249-1

I,Ajay Kumar S/O-Manohar Lal,R/O D-354,Shakur Pur J.J.Colony, Delhi-110034, declare that Ajay/Ajay Gupta and Ajay kumar all are one and same person,

0040802254-4

I, Aashima Kapoor, D/o Ashok Kapoor R/o,D-14A, F-1,Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011, have changed myminor daughter's name Anika Kapoor to Anika.

0040802269-5

I, Sarita Devi Goel W/o Late Jagdish Prasad Goel, R/o E-4/95, 3rd Floor, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Sarita Goel.

0070981088-1

I. Raparla Aruna Kumari. D/o R. Venkateswara Rao, resident of 6251/B9, Vasantkunj, New Delhi, have changed my name to Aruna Gulati for all future purposes.

0040802166-1

I, Priyanka spouse of service no.15157480P Rank Hav (GNR) Ravi Kumar R/o Village-Dehrain, P.O- Hamirpur Sidhar, Tehsil-Akhnoor, Distt-Jammu (J&K) Pin181209 have changed name my from Priyanka to Priyanka Sharma vide affidavit no.BY738499 dated 25-07-2025 Before Notary Public Suratgarh (Raj.) 0110056089-1 I, Parveen Salonia S/o

Rameshwar Dayal R/o H.No.4 /2367, Gali No.9, Bihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed the name of my minor Son from Piyush Salonia to Daksh Salonia for all purposes. 0070981085-1

I, KRISHAN PAL SINGH, S/O

JAGPAL SINGH, R/O FLAT NO-319, PACKET-D, MAYUR VIHAR, PHASE-2, PATPARGANJ, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110091, have changed my name to KRISHANA SINGH for all future 0070981081-1 purposes. I, K.M Neetu W/o Sumit Kumar

R/o D-626, 4th avenue, Gaur City, Greater Noida West, UP-201301 have changed my name to NEETU SUMIT KUMAR for all future purposes. 0070981080-1

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0040802165-4 I, Himanshu S/o Madan Lal, R/o-517/31, Shivaji Colony, Rohtak (Haryana)-124001,have changed my name Himanshu Kinra for all Purposes.

I Vandana G Bakshii D/o Subhash

Bakshi R/o Flat 2103 Block K GH

03 The Hyde Park Sector-78

Bali to Vandana G Bakshii

I Km. Rajni Bala W/O, Rajesh

Kumar R/o A59, Ranaji Enclave,

0040802231-1

Near Santoshi Mata Mandir,

Najafgarh, New Delhi. 110043

have changed my name to

I, Archana Thakur W/o Ranjeet

Rajni.

Gautam Buddha Nagar UP have changed my name from Vandana

0040802249-6

0050271115-1 I Parveen Kumar Dahiva S/o-Shri Attar Singh R/o-H.No.523, Jagian Patti, Malik Pur, Zer-Najafgarh, Delhi-110073 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Shreva to Shreya Dahiya for all purposes.

0040802235-1 I ANSH S/O ASLAM KHAN R/O

0040802254-7 I, Jasin Kawr/Jasleen Kaur, D/O Jagtar Singh, R/O-B1-593, Upper Ground-Floor Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, Have Changed My Name To Jasin

WZ-8D, JANAK PURI, DELHI-

TO ANSH SINGH.

Kaur, Permanently

110058 HAVE CHANGED NAME

0040802248-5

I, Priyanka spouse of service no.15157480P Rank Hav (GNR) Ravi Kumar R/o Village- Dehrain, Hamirpur Sidhar, Tehsil-Akhnoor, Distt-Jammu (J&K) Pin 181209 have changed name my from Priyanka to Priyanka Sharma vide affidavit no.BY738499 dated 25-07-2025 Before Notary Public Suratgarh (Raj.)

#### LOST & FOUND

I. Santosh Sharma, S/O, Hari Krishan Sharma, R/O Imp2001 Imperial Court Jaypee Wishtown Sector 128 Noida-201304 I Have Lost My Allotment Letter And Possession Letter Of Property 243d Shipra Suncity Indirapuram Ghaziabad-201014 (U.P) Finder Contact-9654467501

0070981097-1

I, Ranjana Pandey, D/O HP Mishra, w/o Shri SK Pandey, 2/321, Vikas Khrad II, Gomati nagar, Lknw I have lost my **Builder Buyer Agreement with** M/s Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Developers for the property bearing number 965, Ground Floor, Sector 5, Wave City, Ghaziabad in the Shahdara region in Delhi along with other relevant important documents. Finder Contact

0070981089-1

I, Dhiraj Aggarwal, S/O Kailash Nath Agarwal, R/O-367a Krishna Apra Shappire Vaibhav Khand Shipra Sun City I Have Lost My Allotment Letter And Possession Letter Of Property K-1a Viabhav Khand Indirapuram Ghaziabad, Finder Contact-9654467501

0070981093-1

WANTED Yogendra Kumar Bhatnagar, owner of vehicle RJ45CN9987 registered at Jaipur RTO second, expired on 8 Dec 2024. His wife Kumud Bhatnagar expired on 16 Jan 2024. Their daughter Payal Bhatnagar wishes to register vehicle to her

name. Inform Jaipur RTO second

any objection within 15 days. Payal

**AUTOMOBILES** 

Bhatnagar 7093700582 0130054481-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

PUBLIC NOTICE

the owner in possession of Property No. 26, area admeasuring 50 Sq. Mtrs. Block-A, Sector-12, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.F by virtue of Transfer Deed dated 03.03.2010 (Reg. No. 673) executed by Mrs. Nirma Kantura in his favour. Owner has mortgaged the said property with ICICI Bank Ltd, Sector-50, Noida, U.P. for Loan bearing LBNOD00001794455. Original Lease Deed dated 28.05.1985 (Reg. No. 1307/1308) & Transfer Deed dated 27.09.1989 (Reg. No. 4963/4964) & Transfer Deed dated 03.03.2010 (Rea. No. 673) & Other documents have beer misplaced/lost and FIR bearing LR no.: 154769/2016 dated 17.02.2016 has been lodged with P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi, I anybody, person, bodv corporate is in possession of the said lost deed or have found or finds in future, then he/she/it should returned the same to the undersigned. General Public is cautioned not to deal on behalf or basis of the said Lost Deed. Any use of the said deed without knowledge/ consent by anybody other than Original owner shall be illegal & void and such person would do so at his/ her own risk and responsibility Bank or Owner shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such

> **Amit Kumar (Advocate)** GNA & Associates D-28. Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

person(s) on account of such

unauthorized use of the lost

document.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Raj Kumari, W/o Late Sh Kishan Chand R/o F-25/110, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have senarated & deharred her son Shri Pawan Keshwani His wife Ms Neha Keshwani, and their legal heirs and they has no claim or title to any of the properties possessed or belonging to her, as the said properties are al her self-acquired properties. Her said son his wife and their legal heirs has no power or authority to incur any debts on the security of her said

properties and any person hereafter

giving him/them any loan or advance

shall be doing so entirely on his own

risk & responsibility. My client nor

her properties, shall in any way be

Anii Kumar Arora (Advocate) 8-1/H-6,

Aggarwal Tower, Netaji Subhash Place,

responsible for such debts.

Pitampura, Delhi-110034.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby Informed through this insertion that Hriday &/ or Hriday Krishotra (date of birth -14.10.2006) daughter of Kartik Krishnan and Dipti Malhotra is the name of one and same person only. Hriday Krishotra D/o Kartik Krishnan has been isued adhar card no. 537726648342 also.

स्वार्थकाचित्रकस्त्रुयाचा के मेरे मुवक्किल यामिन खान सुपूत्र पदीक खान वर्तमान निवासी TA-32/2, Gal io. 2, Tughlakabad Extr., New Delhi-110019 पुत्री Simran W/o Mohd Invan Qureshi alias Mohd Imran और उनके बच्चे अनम व माहिरा को उनके दुर्व्यवहार व गलत आचरण के कारण उनको अपनी समस्त यल व अथल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर उनसे अपने सभी पारिवारिक सम्बंध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं । यदि भविष्य में इस से कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी प्रकार का संबंध अधवा लेग देन करता है तो वह स्वयं के जोखिम पर करेगा। इसमें मेरे मुविकल एवं उसके परिवार की किसी प्रकार से कोई हरप्रीत्त सिंह (एडवॉकेट)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** To be known to the public at large that ients. Sh. Chaman Kochhar S/o- Late Sl Bodh Raj Kochhar and Smt Neetu Kochha W/o- Chaman Kochhar, R/o-12/25, Groun Floor, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi 11091 have severed all her relations from belo ntioned family member. 1) Rahul Kochh Son) 2) Roomy Kochhar (Daughter-in-la-W/o- Rahul Kochhar. 3) Rishi Kochhar (Gra Son). And disowned & debarred them from a her movable and immovable properties. M lients shall not be held responsible for any act leeds, ominous and things and any civil, crim & financial liability whatsoever may be done by hem in past, present or future."

> Anurag Kalra (Advocate) Ch. No. 525/A, Western Win Tis Hazari, Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Sheela Devi W/o Láte Prem Nath Jha Residing at H.No.-G-164, Old Seemapuri, East Delhi, Delhi-110095, and have severed all relations and debarred their son Vikas Jha and daughter in law Priya from their entire moveable property due to cruel behaviór. My clients shall not be responsible for any acts, debts and deeds in future. Kamalakant Jha (Advocate)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Off. 688, Nawada Village, Delhi-59

IS HEREBY INFORMED THAT S AKSHAY SHARMA & SHRI HARSH SHARM WHO HAD APPLIED FOR LOAN FROM LICHE AND THERE IS A DEATH OF SHRI V VISWANATHAN DIED ON 12.06.2018 AND RESPECT OF THE RESIDENTIAL ENTIR THIRD FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, O FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. 11 HAVING AREA MEASURING 100 SO. YDS SITUATED AT TIHAR-1, SUBHASH NAGAI WAHI DOES NOT HAVE DEATH CERTIFICAT AND SURVIVING MEMBER CERTIFICATE A THERE ARE NO OTHER LEGAL HEIRS ALSO. IF ANY OTHER CLAIMENT HAS ANY RIGHT THE AFORESAID PROPERTY, HE/SHE SHOULI NDERSIGNED HN 15 DAYS FROM THE DAT

OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTICE

SUBHASH GUPTA (Advocate Enrl. No. D-446/2003 125, FIRST FLOOR, ANAND NAGAR INDERLOK, DELHI-11003

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eneral Public at large hereby inform that My Client Sh. Aayush Thanar & Sm Rima Thapar is the owner of Freehold Property Bearing No.23, Entire First Floor, Block-C, Panchsheel Enclave, Nev Delhi (hereinafter called the said Property) virtue of Sale Deed duly as Doc No.1211 dated 24.02.2022 Original Perpetual Lease Deed dated 04.04.1973 vide Doc No.2274 Book No.1 Vol No. 3114 Pages 170 to 174 & Origina sued in favour of Sh. Har Bhagwan Day respect of entire property and Perpet Lease Deed in respect of the caption roperty is informed as lost and lost report

and Previously Conveyance Deed is lo and lost report filed with P.S. New Delhi Connaught Place vide FIR No. 161 dated It is hereby notified that any person of entity, firm/ company, Bank, financia or lien or claim on the basis of docume entioned above or otherwise and/o bjection thereof, he/she/they may lodge notify the same to the undersigned wit ntary proof within 15 days from th day of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and

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Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, for the supply of Enzymes for rare diseases from the Licensed Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender. Date and

SI. No.	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	time of online opening of Technical Bid
1	Online Tender for the supply of Enzymes for rare diseases to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptances	e-020/M(P)/ ENZYMES/ TNMSC/ 2025, Dated. 30.07.2025	at	18.08.2025 at 10.00 AM to 28.08.2025 upto 3.30 PM	28.08.2025 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at https://tntenders.gov.in/. The tender document can also be downloaded at www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.

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DIPR / 3938 / TENDER / 2025

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of Drugs to Bone Marrow Transplant Unit under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance of the tender. Date and

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of <b>Drugs</b> to <b>Bone Marrow</b> <b>Transplant Unit</b> under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptances	e-017/M(P)/ BMT/ TNMSC/2025, Dated. 30.07.2025	30.07.2025 at 11.00 AM to 19.08.2025 upto 11,00 AM	08.08.2025 at 10.00 AM to 19.08.2025 upto 11.00 AM	19.08.2025 at 11.30 AM

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e-bids is invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000. e-Bid e-Bid Submission Name of work and Tender No. Opening Security No. closing Date Date Package II- Replacement of various sizes of damaged SWP / RCC, Strengthening 02.09.2025 03.09.2025 Rs. of sewer collection system in various 31.40 upto after SPS commanding areas in Area IV, V & VI Lakhs 3.00 pm 03.30 pm under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3629B/2025-26

document. Last date for submitting applications for issuance of work site inspection certificates to the concerned Executive Engineer / Superintending Engineer for having visited the site of work is 48 hours before the tender submission date.

EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit

scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender

Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: www.tntenders.gov.in For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from 31.07.2025.

(Contracts & Monitoring) DIPR/3941/TENDER/2025 TAMIL NADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of Drugs to Sale Counter of TNMSC Ltd for two years from the date of acceptance of the

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)

No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008.

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SI. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Drugs to Sale Counter of TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance	e-016/M(P)/ RE-SALE/ TNMSC/2025, Dated. 30.07.2025	30.07.2025 at 10.00 AM to 19.08.2025 upto 10.00 AM	08.08.2025 at 10.00 AM to 19.08.2025 upto 10.00 AM	19.08.2025 at 10.30 AM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at https://tntenders.gov.in. The tender document can also be downloaded at www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in for reference purpose.

DIPR/3934/TENDER/2025

**Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)** 

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

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Dt: 28.7.2025

Time Schedule as per Corrigendum notice

Extended up to 14.08.2025 5.00 Pm

13.08.2025 up to 2.00 PM

16.08.2025 at 11.00 AM

**Chief Construction Engineer** 

(OIPR-25182/11/0068/2526)

Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

Will be intimated later on to the successful

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Pali Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No - 05/2025-26) Notice inviting Bid for Construction of Anicut at Sangwara Nallah, Village Panchdeval, Tehsil -Pindwara, District-Sirohi Rs 436.86 Lacs in the State of Rajasthan India invited from interested bidders' Date of sale of Bid 25.07.2025, 09:00 AM to 25.08.2025 upto 01:00 PM. Date of receiving of Bid 25.08.2025 up to 06:00 PM and Bid will be opened on 26.08.2025 at 5:00 PM. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the http://sppp.raj.nic.in and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in of the state; and Water Resources department

NIB No.: WRD252AO259 UBN No.: WRD2526WSOB00718

DIPR/C/10342/2025

Rajasthan website.

Ref. No.: 515

Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Pali



Dated: 29.07.2025 NOTICE INVITING TENDER Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites

sealed & separate tender from interested bidders. Brief summary of tender is given below:-1. Tender Notice Reference:

NIT No.- 09/2025-26/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:- Hiring of Diesel Vehicle with Driver for DGM(CM-GV), Mayapur-Haridwar for the Year 2025-26. 2. Estimated Value of Tender: -Rs. 5, 10,000.00 respectively, excluding GST 3. Date of availability of bid document on website: - 30.07,2025 from

13:00 Hrs. Last Date for Submission of Tender: -20.08.2025 upto 13:00 Hrs. For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our website. The tender can be downloaded from our website i.e. http://ujvnl.com and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of the tender

> Executive Engineer, PCM (GV), Mayapur Haridwai 'Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity'

> > निविदा संचना सं0: 1117/Vividh-12/216

दिनांक : 28.07.2025

ई-निविदा सुचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से

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Head (Power Management Services)

Head (Power Management Services)

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NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

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**Department of School Education & Literacy** 

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NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LAST DATE

TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR

**CLASS VI JNVST 2026** 

Online registration for Admission to Class-VI (session

2026-27) in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas through selection test is in progress. The last date of submission of online

applications is extended up to 13rd August, 2025. Eligible

candidates may apply free of cost by visiting the link

NPCL NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of

Power on Short Term basis

Bids are invited by "Noida Power Company Limited having its

registered office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV,

Greater Noida - 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of up to 140 MW during

01.04.2026 to 31.10.2026 as per the Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Gol

dated 30.03.2016. Bid Document is available on

The Company reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or cancel

the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reasons

For any clarification, contact at e-mail id powertradingnpcl@rpsg.in or

Notice Inviting Bids for Procurement of

Non-Solar Renewable Power on Short Term basis

Bids are invited by "Noida Power Company Limited having its

registered office at Electric Sub-station, Knowledge Park-IV,

Greater Noida - 201310 (U.P.)" for procurement of up to 100 MW non-

solar renewable power during 01.04.2026 to 31.10.2026 as per the

Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Gol dated 30.03.2016. Bid Document is

The Company reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bids or cancel

the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reasons

For any clarification, contact at e-mail id powertradingnpcl@rpsg.in or

Ph.D. Admission Notice (2025-26)

Online Applications are invited from the eligible

candidates for admission in Ph.D. programme for the

Academic Session 2025-26 latest by 31.07.2025

(upto 05:00 p.m.). The prospectus for admission in

Ph.D. programme including schedule for admission,

fee structure and number of seats (category wise) in

each department is available on the University

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L. No.: 846/M-14/213 Dated: 29.07.2025 ई-निविदा सुचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा BARBED WIIRE FENCING ON EXISTING BOUNDARY WALL AT D.T.T.I VRINDAVAN, MATHURA (U.P. अनुमानित लागत रू० 10.40 लाख (जी0एस0टी0 रहित एवं लेबर सेस सहित) हेतु सी० एण्ड डी०एस० में पंजीकत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 29.08.2025 के अपरान्ह 15:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेर ई-निविदा प्रपन्न दिनांक 30.07.2025 से दिनांक 29.08.2025 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश https://etender.up.nic.in डाउनलोड किये जा सकते है - निविदा दिनांक 30.08.2025 15.30 बजे परियोजना प्रवन्धक, यनिट-17, सी०एण्ड डी०एस०, उ०प्र० जल निगम

सिकन्द्राबाद, बुलन्दशहर में मार्डन वर्कशॉप एण्ड ट्रेनिंग रूम का निर्माण कार्य, अनुमानित लागत रू० 297.57 लाख (जी०एस० टी० रहित एवं लेबर सेंस सहित) हेत् सी० एण्ड डी०एस० में यधोचित श्रेणी में भवन कार्य हेत् पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 30.08.2025 अपरान्त 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाए आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेत ई-निविदा प्रपन्न दिनांक 01.08.2025 से देनांक 30.08.2025 के मध्य उत प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट https://etender.up.nic.in से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 30.08.2025 को पर्वान्स 16:30 बजे सी० एण्ड डी०एस० (नगरीय), मधरा में खोली जायेगी। ई युनिट-31, उ०प्र० जल निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू० 2,000.00 + गाजियाबाद में निविदा खोली जायेगी। GST@18% कुल रू० 2,360.00 देव ई--निविदा प्रपन्न का मृत्य रू० 10000.00 होगा। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तर +GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा विवरण विभाग की बेवसाइर निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण www.cdsupjn.org एवं प्रोक्योरमेन पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in प www.cdsupin.org एवं प्रोक्योमेन्ट उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigen-पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर dum) https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धिपत्र (Corrigen-ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, **इनका पृथक से** dum) https://etender.up.nic.in पर कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। उक्त वेबसाईट का समय-समय पर निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है वि अवलोकन करते रहें।

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Maha Mumbai

4th Floor, NaMTTRI Building, Adjoining New MMRDA Building, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051. Website: https://mahatenders.gov.in. / www.mmmocl.co.in e-TENDER NOTICE

Maha Mumbai Metro Operation Corporation Limited (MMMOCL) invites bids from eligible Bidders through e-Tendering as detailed below:

Name of Tender/ Invitation for Bids for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) of the Mumbai Monorail (Sant Gadge Maharai chowk to Chembur).

dp@mmmocl.co.in Contact Details **Bid Document** 29.07.2025 (11:00 Hrs.) to 11.09.2025 (15:00 Hrs.) Download Last Date

for Online 11.09.2025 (16:00 Hrs.) Submission The e-Tender can be downloaded from https://mahatenders.gov.

in/nicgep/app Any additional information & help for uploading & downloading the e-tender may be availed by contacting Maha Tender e-tendering

portal 24\*7 helpdesk at the following address: support-eproc@nic.

in or call on 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005 and 0120-6277787.

Managing Director, Date: 28.07.2025 MMMOCL Place: Mumbai

Tender Notice No. : ELIN/TRS/Retro fitment/Cab AC/25-26/02, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Electric Loco Shed, Ispatnagar, Jharkhand-827010 acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. ELIN-TRS-RETRO-AC-01 for the following work Name of work : Retro fitment of Air Conditioning system with provision of thermal insulation of cabs in Electric locomotives. Quantity: As per Schedule of tender document. Name of Shed/Place: Electric Loco Shed/Ispatnagar, S.E. Railway, Tender Value: ₹ 1,23,51,073/-Earnest Money : ₹ 2,11,800/-. Contract Period: 12 months. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Closing Date & Time of tender: 26.08.2025 at 15:00 hrs. Detail of Tender document is available in the e Tender Portal and the URL of the IREPS website is www.ireps.gov.in (PR-452)

Tender ID

2. 2025 KMML 779817 1

3. 2025 KMML 780110

Chavara 29.07.2025

2025 KMML 780103 1

2025 KMML 780259 1

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

O-508 No.: 2647 In continuation to this office Bid Identification No- CCERWCSBD Online-07/2025-26 invited vide this office Notice No.2306 Dtd. 03.07.2025, partial modification of TCN has been made as follows: Availability of Tender online for bidding Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any 3 Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) Estimated Cost: Varies from Rs.73.95 Lakhs to Rs. 283.61 Lakhs (Approximately) is revised as Varies from Rs.70.33 Lakhs to Rs.299.10 Lakhs (Approximately)

TENDER NOTICE

For the supply of Chlorinator Bricks

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd Phone: 0476-2651215 to 217 e-mail: md@kmml.com For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com 2025 KMML 778845 1 For the supply of FRP Pipe and Fittings(Vinyl ester) For the supply of Pipe Seamless CS 250mm-100MR For the supply of Class 1 Brick Acid Resistant for Digester Tender for Stack Gas Ambient Air Monitoring Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)

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भायल एण्ड नेचरल गैस कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड

Godavari Bhavan, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. Ph: 9531107119

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ONGC Rajahmundry Asset intends to procure pre-engineered, skidmounted Packaged Flare Gas Recovery Compressors (FGRC) for installations at Mandapeta GCS & Kesanapalli GGS. Expression of Interest is sought from reputed vendors, who has the requisite technical experience and financial capabilities to provide skidmounted Packaged Flare Gas Recovery Compressors (FGRC). For further details of EOI please refer to https://tenders.ongc.co.in. For any queries mail to kurmana sunil@ongc.co.in.

### Noida Power Company Limited, Greater Noida (CIN- U31200UP1992PLC014506) Electric Sub Station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida-201310

TENDER NOTICE Date:30.07.2025

Sealed tender under two Bid System (Commercial & Technical) are invited for following job from all interested bidders Start and Due Date & NIT No. Tender Description (Rs. in Lakhs) Time of Submission NPCL/FY25-26/FEEDER ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT OF SUPPLY 30.07.2025 & 20.08.2025 OF FEEDER PILLAR PILLAR/017 (up to 15:00 hours) NPCL/FY25-26/ DRDR Annual Rate Contract for the supply of 30.07.2025 & 20.08.2025 3 DRDR meters Meter/020 (up to 15:00 hours) Cost of Individual Tender Document (Incl. GST) Rs 1180/-.

For other tender details and further amendment/corrigendum, please visit our website www.noidapower.com-->Procurement-->Tenders DGM (CMM)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE NAME OF MODAL OFFICER/CONTACT WEBSITE OF THE BOARD NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER CLOSING (APPROX.) IN No. BOARD/CORP./AUTH DETAILS/EMAIL DATE RUPEES LINE AND SEMERASE LINE IN SHOWING CENTRE IN OLD IAIL LAND VOOS PRACHODATANI, https://works.haryona.gov.in 116.62 LACS DEVISION NO. NO. millanginggradum CAUGUM PIPES FOR SEMERAGE, CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOLE AND ALL OTHER HICAKS CONTINGENT THERETOAKS (INCLUDING DEFECT LIABILITY

झारखण्ड सरकार सूचना एवं जन–सम्पर्क निदेशालय

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति (Expression of Interest)

सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, रांची द्वारा भारत के विभिन्न एयरपोर्ट पर Digital Display

Board/Backlit/Standee के माध्यम से झारखण्ड सरकार के योजनाओं एवं उपलब्धियों का प्रचार-प्रसार करने हेत् दर निर्धारण एवं एजेंसियों का चयन हेत इच्छक उमीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है। विभिन्न एयरपोर्ट पर Digital Display Board/Backlit/Standee के माध्यम से प्रचार-प्रसार के इच्छ्क एजेंसी सूचीबद्धता एवं विभागीय दर निर्धारण हेत् विहित प्रपत्र में निर्धारित तिथि तक आवेदन समर्पित कर सकते है। इच्छक एजेंसी के पास उल्लेखित एयरपोर्ट का Sole Right/Authorization अथवा Agreement होना अनिवार्य है।

सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क निदेशालय, रांची द्वारा Digital Display Board/ Backlit/Standee के माध्यम से भारत के उल्लेखित विभिन्न एयरपोर्ट पर प्रचार-प्रसार करने हेतु दर निर्धारण एवं एजेंसियों का चयन हेतु दिनांक 13-08-2025 के अपराहन 03.00 बजे तक jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है। प्राप्त सभी आवेदनों को दिनांक 14-08-2025 के अपराहन 03.00 बजे क्रय समिति के समक्ष समीक्षा की जाएगी।

इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति के नियम एवं शर्ते jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं www.prdjharkhand.in पर उपलब्ध है। सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क निदेशालय, PR 358446 IPRD(25-26)D झारखण्ड,रांची

## OFFICE OF NAGAR PALIKA PARISHAD **PITHAMPUR DISTT. DHAR (M.P.)**

NIT No./4882/2025 DATED: 28.07.2025

# NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online bids are invited from registered contractors/firms of repute for (1) Work of plantation by Miyawaki Method at Sanjay Jalashay Near Muktidham ward no 05 pithampur Tender No: 2025\_UAD\_440368\_1 Probable amount Rs. 245.55 Lacs, EMD Rs. 122775/- Cost of bid document Rs. 15000/- (2) Supply of Plant for plantation at various places in pithampur Tender No: 2025\_UAD\_440369\_1 Probable amount Rs. 100.00 Lacs, EMD Rs. 75000/- Cost of bid document Rs. 10000/-Last date and time of submission of bid 27.08.2025 & time: 17:30 Hrs. All other details are published on website www.mptenders.gov.in further information or clarification (if any) shall be published on website only, and not in Newspaper.

**Chief Municipal Officer** President Nagar Palika Parishad Pithampur Nagar Palika Parishad Pithampur

#### **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE** MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD.

CIN: U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427 Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period

Up to 30.09.2024 & MSGL, SPL 16. One Plus, Guide prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure gold loans upto 31.12.2024 and MSGB, SME overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 29.08.2025 from 10 am onwards. BIJNOR DISTRICT-CIVIL LINES-BIJNOR: 4370000004, 4370000050, 4370000096, 4370000153, 4370000172, 4370000183, 4370000197 4370000202, 4370000207, 4370000250, 4370000256, 4370000269, 4370000278, 4370000280, 4370000293, 4370000307, 4370000311, 4370000312 4370000319, 4370000324, 4370000332, 4370000340, 4370000360, 4370000365, 4370000366, 4370000430, 4370000448, 4370000458 4370000461, 4370000473, 4370000553, 437000511, 437000513, 437000952, 437001046, 437001054, NAJIBABAD: 4384000020, 4384000060 438400073, 4384000109, 4384000119, 4384000120, 4384000131, 4384000137, 4384000143, 4384000163, 4384000190, 4384000194, 4384000196 4384000212, 4384000239, 4384000244, 4384000246, 4384000250, 4384000256, 4384000257, 4384000258, 4384000281, 4384000306, 4384000339 438400714, 438400791, 438400810, 438400812, 438400818, 438400820, F767, MUZAFFARNAGAR DISTRICT-CIVIL LINES MUZAFFARNAGAR 4276000137, 4276000138, 4276000149, 4276000169, 4276000174, 4276000176, 4276000189, 4276000196, 4276000198, 4276000203, 430001184, 430001187, 430001192, SAHARANPUR DISTRICT-DEOBAND: 4204000014, 4204000039, 4204000049, 4204000054, 4204000056 4204000061, 4204000084, 4204000093, 4204000207, 4204000217, 420400098, 420401995, 420402046, 420402084, 420402138, 420402181 420402249, 420402306, 420402323, 420402329, 420402339, 420402354, 420402355, 420402359, 420402392, 420402413, 420402442, 420402462 420402479, 420402482, 420402491, 420402512, 420402531, 420402545, 420402560, 420402577, 420402600, 420402619, 420402625, 420402636 420402644 420402645 420402652 420402667 420402688 420402705 420402714 420402724 420402729 420402731 420402735 420402736 420402819, 420402821, 420402824, 420402825, 420402837, 420402844, 420402845, 420402868, 420402872, 420402896, GANGOH: 4391000343 4391000782, 4391000797, 4391000860, 4391000863, 4391000867, 4391000907, 4391000916, 4391000949, 4391000958, 4391000961, 4391000963 276403003, 276403033, 276403046, 276403062, 276403070, 276403099, 276403103, 276403128, 276403130, 276403171, 276403183, 276403193 276403194, 276403200, 276403201, 276403202, 276403204, 276403208, 276403210, 276403221, 276403232, 276403259, 276403266, 276403273, 276403280, 276403285, 276403289, 276403301, 276403307, 276403317, 27640338, 276403371, 276403381, 276403385, 276403389, 276403391 276403400, 276403422, 276403430, 276403446, 276403462, 276403463, 276403464, 276403484, 276403492, 276403565, 276403569, 276403573 276403575, 276403582, 276403693, 276403601, 276403602, 276403612, 276403616, 276403617, 276403620, 276403631, 276403635, 276403647 276403652, 276403659, 276403664, 276403673, 276403696, 276403709, 276403712, 276403723, 276403724, 276403747, 2 276403774, 276403775, 276403778, 276403788, 276403804, 276403809, 276403810, 276403813, 276403821, 276403822, 276403829, 276403832, 276403841, 276403845, 276403846, 276403852, 276403854, 276403860, 276403865, 276403870, 276403878, 276403883, 276403886, 276403889 276403894; 276403923; 276403925; 276403931; 276403936; 276403949; 276403953; 276403966; 276403972; 276403976; 276403981; 27640404000 276404008, 276404011, 276404023, 276404024, 276404035, 276404036, 276404039. Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 11.09.2025 at 10.00 am at CIVIL LINES MUZAFFARNAGAR: Ground Floor, Shop No 1718.174, Court Road, Opp Court Main Gate, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh-251001. SAHARANPUR-DEHRADUN ROAD: Ground Floor, Dr Bansal Building , 2a/2086 , Dehradun

Road Ram Nagar, Nears A.M. Inter College , Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh , 247001. CIVIL LINES-BIJNOR: Ground Floor Shop,H.No 209 Civil Lines 1,Bijnor,Uttarpradesh-246701. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

# Regd. Office: 13th Floor, Parinee Crescenzo, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharastra-400051

MUTHOOT MICROFIN LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA

1st corrigendum

Time Schedule as per original TCN

10.07.2025 at 11.00 AM to 30.07.2025 up to 5.00 Pm

29.07.2025 up to 2.00 PM

31.07.2025 at 11.00 AM

Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

email- serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Administrative Office:5th Floor, Muthoot Tower, M.G. Road, Kochi, Kerala-682035 Tel: +91-484-4277500, Fax: +91-484-2351494 CIN: L65190MH1992PLC066228 Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that MSGB loans gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned

branches of the company for the period on 15-06-2024, 05-07-2024 respectively which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices will be auctioned at 10.00am on below Muthoot Fincorp Limited JABALPUR DIST:- AUCTION CENTRE: ADHARTAL - JABALPUR-GROUND FLOOR, 106/1A, RADDI CHOWKI, ADHARTHAL ROAD. JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH - 482002. AUCTION DATE: 13-08-2025, PANAGAR MML:1106850105141564. SAGAR DIST:

AUCTION CENTRE: SAGAR-MADHYA PRADESH-GROUND FLOOR, SAHU BUILDING BELOW HDFC LIFE, PLOT NO.264, KATRA BAZAR ROAD, OPPOSITES HIMLA HOTEL, SAGAR, MADHYA PRADESH - 470002. AUCTION DATE: 12-08-2025 SAGAR MML Please note, If the Auction is not conducted on the above-mentioned date for any reason, the same will be conducted at 10.00 am on Muthoot Fincorp Limited branches on AUCTION DATE: 25-08-2025, AUCTION CENTRE: SAGAR-MADHYA PRADESH, on AUCTION DATE:

26-08-2025, AUCTION CENTRE: BALDEOBAGH-JABALPUR -GROUND FLOOR, OLD BATA SHOWROOM, 4 KH, NH 7, MAIN ROAD, NEAR CITY HOSPITAL, BALDEOBAGH, MADHYA PRADESH - 482001. This notice will not be For Muthoot Microfin Ltd applicable for the respective loan accounts where the redemption of gold ornaments

has already been effected.

Name of Transmission Lines

Place: Jaipur

Authorised Auctioneer

Hari Mohan Gupta

Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.

#### RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM Ltd. [Corporate identity Number (CIN): U40109RJ20005GC016485] Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005 Tel. No. Fax: +91-141,-2744290, email ID: se.npp@rvpn.co.in

NOTICE Determination of Tariff for the year 2024-25 to 2028-29 in respect of RVPN owned transmission lines/system connecting with

other States and Intervening transmission lines incidental to inter-State transmission of electricity for Inclusion in the POC transmission charges in accordance with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024 and CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulation, 2020 and its subsequen The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission systems are: (1). Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., (2) Haryana Vidyut

Prasaran Nigam, (3) .Haryana Power Purchase Centre (HPPC) (4). M.P. Power Transmission Company Ltd. (5). MP Power Management Co. Ltd. (MPPMCL), (6). Delhi Transco Ltd, (7). BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, (8). BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd, (9). North Delhi Power Ltd, (10). UP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd, (11) UP Power Corporation Ltd, Tariff for the year 2024-25 to 2028-29 for below assets YTC in Lakh Rs

Asset No.	() I continue societ set time comments reconsists	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1	132 KV S/C Sadulpur (Rajgarh)- Hissar	40.07	42.24	44,44	46.73	49.17
2	220 KV S/C Anta-Kota	34.42	36.29	38,18	40.14	42.24
3	132 KV S/C Amrapura-Sirsa Line	41.10	43.33	45.58	47.93	50.44
4	220 KV S/C Alwar-Badarpur Line	67.61	71.27	74.99	78.84	82.97
5	220 KV S/C Kota (Sakatpura)- Badod Line (Raj-MP)	30.63	32.29	33.97	35.72	37.59
6	220 KV S/C Khetri-Dadri Line I (Raj-Haryana)	36.43	38.40	40.40	42.48	44.70
7	220 kV S/C RAPP(B)-Kota	21.58	22.91	24.11	25.34	26.67
8	220 KV S/C RAPP(B)-RAPP(A)	1.03	1.08	1.14	1.20	1.26
9	220 KV S/C Agra-Bharatpur Line (Raj-UP)	24.72	26.06	27.42	28.83	30.34
10	220 KV S/C Khetri-Dadri Line II (Raj-Haryana)	39.56	41.70	43.87	46.13	48.54
11	220 KV S/C Modak-Badod Line (Raj-MP)	8.48	8.94	9.40	9.88	10.40
12	132 KV S/C Khandrar-Sheopur Line	17.45	17.81	18.16	18.53	18.93
13	220 KV S/C Chirawa- Hissar Line	191.55	194.90	198.23	201.68	205.38
1	Total	554.63	577.21	599.90	623.42	648.63

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. The suggestion and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi- 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to applicant at the address of its corporate office RVPNL, Vidyut Bhawan, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Superintending Engineer (NPP&RA), RVPN, Jaipur Raj\_Samwad/C/25/7135 RRVPN/TR-7027/2025

#### **MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.

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Pradesh, Central Market Shastri Nagar Opposite Pankai Garments, Nearidhi Bank, Meenit, Uttar Pradesh, 250004, RAMPUR ROAD-MORADABAD: Ground

Floor, Old Prathma Bank Building, 6/27/36, Rampur Road Moradabad, Opposite kryeena Restaurant. Moradabad, Ultar Pradesh, 244001, BULANDSHAHAR:

First Floor, Nirmal Plaza, Plot No2, 3.5, Civil Lines Delhi Road Kaala Aam. Oppositevishal Cinema, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, 203001. FREEGANJ HAPUR:

Ground Floor, Commercial Shop, 17-5,1334, Freeganj Road, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, 245101. The bidders are requested to produce Photo lid card, Pan Card. The

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#### समाहरणालय, किशनगंज

(बिहार मद्यनिषेध, उत्पाद अधिनियम, 2016 के अंतर्गत अधिहरित (राजसात)

वाहनों के सार्वजनिक नीलामी की

ः अल्प-कालीन आम सूचना ः

सर्व साधारण को सुचित किया जाता है कि बिहार राज्य में पूर्ण शराब बन्दी के उपरांत शराब को दोने में प्रयुक्त वाहन को समाहत्ती–सह–जिला दण्डाधिकारी, किशनगंज के द्वारा अधिनियम में विहित प्रावधानों के अधीन अधिहरित किया गया है, जिसे सार्वजनिक नीलामी द्वारा बिक्री किया जाना राज्यहित में आवश्यक है। तदआलोक में निम्नलिखित वाहन / वाहनों की नीलामी "जो है, जहाँ है, जैसा है, "उसी स्वरूप के आधार पर अधोहस्ताक्षरी / प्राधिकत पदाधिकारी के द्वारा दिनांक 13/08/2025 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वीहन में कनकई सभागार, डी०आर०डी०ए० (रचना भवन), किशनगंज में की जायेगी। उक्त तिथि को किसी कारणवश नीलामी नहीं होने की स्थिति में सदश नीलामी अगले कार्य दिवस को की जा सकेगी। यह आम सूचना निम्नांकित सूची में अंकित वाहनों के स्वामी के लिए भी सूचना है कि इन वाहनों को नीलामी हेत् योग्य घोषित किया जा चुका है। वाहनों का विवरण निम्न तालिका में अंकित है। रीजागी केन अधिकतिन (कानमान) नावनों की गानी

क्रo संo	अधिहरण वाद सं0	परिसर जहाँ वाहन सुरक्षित रखा गया है	उत्पाद / थाना काण्ड सं0 एवं तिथि	वाहन का प्रकार	निबंधन संख्या/ईंजन नं0/चेचिस नं0	अधिहरित वाहन का न्यूनतम निर्धास्ति मूल्य	अग्रधन की राशि (10 %)	वाहन स्वामी का नाम/पता	अम्युक्ति
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1	1301/ 2023	उत्पाद	FIR No. 1506/2023 02.11.2023	मोटरसाईकिल	DL7SAL-0967	18000.00	1800.00	Tausif, S/o - Badru, Add- 12A/168 2nd Floor, Vijay Mohalla, Maujpur, Nort East, Delhi	
2	1242/ 2023	उत्पाद	FIR No. 1233/2023 04.09.2023	कार	DL3CAL-0665	25000.00	2500.00	Kshitiz Pandey, S/o-Ramendra Nath Pandey, Add-2596, C- 2Block, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.	स्क्रीप
3	473/2 024	उत्पाद	FIR No. 120/2024 01.02.2024	मोटरसाईकिल	DL8SNB-2089	5000.00	500,00	Abdul Saleem, S/o-Abdul Majeed, Add-T-Hut-33, kalibari Marg, Gole Market, Delhi.	स्क्रैप

इसका विस्तृत घाषणा पत्र / प्रपत्र की जानकारी जिला के वेबसाईट kishanganj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्य दिवस में बाहन का अवलोकन वाहन भंडारण स्थल पर अथवा नीलामी से संबंधित अन्य जानकारी हेत् निरीक्षक मद्यनिषेध, किशनगंज के (मो0नं0-7488472914) से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

PR- 009721 (Excise ) 2025-26 नशे की मार, वर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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#### PROVIDING & FIXING SINGLE PIECE SPRING

E-Tender Notice No.: 43-ENGG-RNY-2025-26 Dated: 25-07-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No.1. Brief Description of work: Providing and fixing Single Piece Spring Inserted Reusable Self-Locking Steel Nut for use in steel girder bridges/track under the jurisdiction of DEN/III/Rangiya against the sanctioned work. Tender Value: ₹3,91,85,246/- Earnest Money: ₹3,45,900/-, Date & Time of closing of tender: 15:00 hrs. of 18-08-2025 & opened at 15:30 hrs. of 18-08-2025 at DRM (W), Rangiya office. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

of tender please check on net/ newspaper/corrigendum at the respective offices mentioned in the original tender notice before dropping. DRM (W), Rangiya

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

## उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे. जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एंव उनकी ओर से ई--निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमों के अंतर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है- ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2025-26: 85 of 2025-26, कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Construction of RUB/LHS in lieu of LC No.C-264, C-274, C-307, 319, 331A on SMR-MBF section under ADEN/BME of Jodhpur Division, अनुमानित लागत रुपयेः 168506021.44, बयाने की राशि रुपये: 992500.00. ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2025-26 86 of 2025-26, कार्य का नाम व स्थान: Various activities in C/W Through Ballast Recoupment (TBR) 129.15 Km. & other Miscellaneous maintenance work in the section of ADEN/Barmer of Jodhpur Division, अनुमानित लागत रुपये: 127373866.86. बयाने की राशि रुपये: 786900.00, निविदा सूचना संख्या 85 of 2025-26 एवं 86 of 2025-26 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 18.08.2025 को 15.00 बजे तक है वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती हैwww.ireps.gov.in

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### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open E-tender is invited by DRM (S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below. Name of Work: Provision of RDSO approved CCTV cameras for Goods Shed (12 Nos.) (i.e. Bania Sanda Dhora, Barmer, Samdari, Sonu Phalodi Jn., Pokran, Thayat hamira, Badwasi, Nagaur, Bhagat Ki Kothi, Gotan, & Nawa City Stations) of Jodhpur Division. Estimated cost of the work: Rs 3,38,80,706/-(R/O), Address of the NIT Issuing office: Sr.DSTE/JU NWR, DRM Office Harish Joshi Marg Jodhpur, Earnest money to be deposited: Rs 3.19.400/-. Last Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: 18.08.2025 Jpto 15:00 Hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS, Tender will be opened at 15:00 Hrs., Website particulars, where complete details

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# ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

(An Autonomous Institute of Govt. of Karnataka) Office of the Director cum Dean, Fort, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002. Telephone: 080-26700810, Tele Fax: 080-26704342

E-mail: director\_bmcri@yahoo.co.in

Dated: 29-07-2025

BMCRI, Bengaluru.

No: BMCRI/D&C/15/2024-25

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

#### Tender Details Notification No. No. Tenders are invited for the Purchase of Drugs BMCRI/D&C/15/ to Teaching Hospitals of Bangalore Medical 2024-25. Dated: 01-08-2025 | College and Research Institute, Bengaluru. Tender details, EMD details and other related details can be viewed.

Website: https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Interested tenderers have to register in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, details of which can be viewed in the said website. 1) Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: 01-08-2025. 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: 14-08-2025. 3) Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: 31-08-2025 before 5.30 PM. 4) Date of Opening of

downloaded and applied only through the e-Procurement mode only.

Tender Technical Bid: 03-09-2025 at 2.30 PM. For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru. Sd/- Director cum Dean,

DIPR/CP/2081/Adverto/2025-26

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No:EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-05/Call-3/2025-26 Date: 29-07-2025

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM) (Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KRPC), BBMP, Bengaluru for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

#### Name of the Work / Category Development of Ulsoor Lake by Enhancing Storage

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18.08.2025

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OPENING DATE | AMOUNT / EMD

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Rs. 99,36,126/-

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Capacity of Lake through Desilting and Removal of Slush and Other allied Works. (Call-3) (General) -Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 400.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 4,80,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30-07-2025 after 16.00 Hours. 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 04-08-2025 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, FECC, No. 308, 3rd Floor, Annex-2 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: 11-08-2025 upto 15.00 Hours. 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 12-08-2025 at 15.30 Hours. 5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: After Approval of Technical Bid. Further details can be had from the above office.

> Sd/- Executive Engineer Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), BBMP.

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### E-Tender Notice

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sabir Khan S/o Saleem Khan R/o RZC-150, Nihal Vihar Nangloi, West Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.13/2023 u/s 4CC & DP Act, P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Sabir Khan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sabir Khan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sabir Khan of FIR No.13/2023 u/s 4CC & DP Act, P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.08.2025. By Order,

Ms. Tania Singh, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

अपराहन।

बेहार सरकार

DP/10037/RLY/2025

### TAMIL NADU LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 4º Floor, Integrated Office Complex for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, ROC NO.559/E/TNLDC/2025

Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Corporation (TNLDC), wishes to establish a 20 MT/day ntegrated meat processing complex for processing sheep, poultry, pig and cattle meat at District Livestock Farm, Hosur of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Expression of interest are invited from eligible, experienced agencies with technology for the

execution of the project. The EOI as per the terms of reference shall be submitted on or before 11.00 am (IST) 29.08.2025 to the office of Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Corporation. The detailed term of reference is made available at www.tnlda.tn.gov.in The terms of reference document shall be read very carefully before submission of the EOI. A pre-submission meeting for those preferring would be held on 05.08.2025, 11.00 am at the O/o TNLDC. Tamil Nadu Livestock Development Corporation reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all of the EOI or cancel the process at any time without assigning any reason and any liability thereof. Any corrigendum hereafter would be made available only at the website www.tnlda.tn.gov.in Chief Executive Officer (TNLDC)



बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, 19, हार्डिंग रोड, पटना-800001

## आवश्यक सूचना

PR.NO.-021522 (B & C) 2024-25 विज्ञापन सं०-21/2025 (परिधापक)

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अन्तर्गत परिधापक के पद पर नियुक्ति हेत् प्रकाशित विज्ञापन सं0-21/2025 से संबंधित दिनांक-08.07.2025 एवं 09.07.2025 को आयोजित परीक्षा के प्रश्न-पत्र पर दिनांक-30.07.2025 से 04.08.2025 तक अभ्यर्थियों से Online Portal पर आपत्ति प्राप्त किया जाना है।

उक्त से संबंधित विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश एवं आपत्ति Portal का लिंक आयोग के Website- www.btsc.bihar.gov.in पर प्रकाशित कर दी गयी है। अभ्यर्थियों को निदेश है कि आयोग के Website का सत्त अनुश्रवण करते रहेंगे।

PR-010152 ( B & C ) 2025-26 नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

अपर सचिव. बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, पटना।

# Govt. of Bihar



**GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE, SHEOHAR** Chhatauna, Bisunpur, Block-Piprahi, Sheohar, Bihar Pin Code-843327 E-MAIL ID: sce.sheohar@gmail.com

#### Tender Ref. No.- GECS/25-26/02 Requirement of Laboratory items for Civil and

### Mechanical Engineering Department Government Engineering College, Sheohar has been constituted under the Department

of Science, Technology and Technical Education, Government of Bihar to cater to the needs of technical education. The Government Engineering College, Sheohar intended to invite bids from eligible entities for Laboratory items for Civil and Mechanical Engineering Department in the institute Premises as mentioned in the tender document. Bidder may download the tender documents (System Tender no: 106295/

College Tender no: GECS/25-26/02) available on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in from 28/07/2025 and submit the tender by using the downloaded document, on or before 20 /08/2025 upto 5:00 PM. Last time and date of downloading the RFP is Upto 4:00 PM of 20/08/2025 on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Least Cost Selection (LCS) method will be adopted for Civil and Mechanical Engineering Department. The tender shall be accompanied by a Non-Refundable Tender Cost: Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand only) through Online mode and by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs3,96,000/- (Three Takh Ninety Six thousand only) through offline mode in the shape of Demand Draft from any Schedule Bank in favour of Principal Government Engineering College, Sheohar on or before 20/08/2025 upto 5:00 PM through Speed Post/ Registered Post only. The bidders shall submit their eligibility and qualification details, certificates as mentioned in the tender document, in the online standard formats given in www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in at the respective stage(s) only. The technical and financial bids must be submitted through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date and time specified in the tender document, the processing fee may be applicable as per www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in The Government Engineering College, Sheohar doesn't take any responsibility for the delay/ Non-Submission of Tender/ Non-Reconciliation of online Payment caused due to Nonavailability of Internet connection, Network Traffic/ Holidays or any other reason.

Note: Interested bidders may obtain further information about this Notice inviting Tender (NIT) from Institute website. No tender will be accepted after closing date and time in any circumstances.

PR- 009716 ( Sci & Tech ) 2025-26

Government Engineering College,

## **Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) Procurement of Goods** (One-Envelope Tendering Process)

RFP No: CE/ASRIP/E.493872/8 Procurement of Goods Providing laptops to APWRD engineers under ASRIP Client: Chief Engineer (EAP), PWRD, Assam Country: **INDIA** Issued on: July 24, 2025 Loan No L440A

The Government of India on behalf of Government of Assam (hereinafter called "Recipient") has received financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Providing laptops to APWRD engineers under ASRIP.

The Public Works Roads Department, Government of Assam now invites sealed Tenders from eligible Tenderers for Providing laptops to APWRD engineers under ASRIP.

in the Bank's Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR) and is open to all eligible Tenderers as defined in the PIR. Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from Mr. Jogendra Das, Chief

Document during office hours, i.e., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the address given below.

electronic tendering system upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs 20,000.00 only. The cost of tender document shall be paid online through e-tendering system.

Tenderers shall submit their tenders only through Government of Assam Electronic Tendering System (ETS) - https://assamtenders.gov.in. Tenders submitted manually or by any other means will not be accepted. The electronic Tender submission procedures are provided in Data Sheet ITT 22.1 and must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM. Electronic tendering will be permitted. Late Tenders will be rejected. Tenders will be publicly opened in the presence

of the Tenderers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on 2:30 PM. All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of Rs. 32,40,200.00

The address(es) referred to above is (are): Office of the Chief Engineer (EAP). PWRD Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati- 781025.

Chief Engineer (EAP), PWRD Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-781025, Assam

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है। जिला पदाधिकारी एवं समाहर्ता

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION** SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT E-Tender Notice

Cost of Tender Document and EMD File No. and Name of the Work "City Cleaning Project: Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping waste (including street sweeping activities) Horiculture Waste and Collection & Storage Hazardous Waste in the Zone 4 & 8 (Package 7) to the designated processing

Rs.3,00,000/- + 12% GST and EMD of Rs.4.13 Crores facilities / dumpsites / Depositing centers of Greater Chennai Corporation Pre bid Meeting 06.08.2025 at 11.00 am Bid submission due date 11.09.2025 at 3.00 pm

E-Tender is invited for the following work in single stage two cover system by Superintending Engineer (SWM), in Solid Waste Management Department.

Bid opening date 12.09.2025 at 4.00 pm Tenderer can view and download the details of E-Tender from website http://tntenders.gov.in from 22.07.2025 onwards, on payment of cost of tender document through online. EMD amount should be paid through online i.e., through E-tender portal, details which are given in Tender Document DIPR / 3886 / Tender / 2025 Superintending Engineer (SWM)

# बिहार 🎏 सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय. भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, बेगूसराय शुद्धि-पत्र (वर्ष-2025-26)

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-770, दिनांक-14.05.2025 द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0-06 / बेगूसराय / 2025-26 जो दिनांक-18.05.2025 को दैनिक समाबार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ है एवं जिसका पी0आर0 सं0-003561 (BCD) 2025-26 है का पूर्व निर्धारित तिथियों में अपरिहार्य कारणवंश संशोधन करते हुए अवधि विस्तार किया जाता है। कंडिका-3, 5, 6 एवं 7 में पूर्व में उल्लेखित तिथियों को निम्नवत संशोधित रूप में पढ़ा जाय:-

कंडिका		निविदा में निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय	संशोधित तिथि एवं समय
3	परिमाण विपत्र (डाउनलोड करने) की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-08.07.2025 से 28.07.2025 के 3:00 बजे अप0 तक।	20.08.2025 के 3:00 बजे अप0 तक
5	प्रीबिंड मिटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	(i) दिनांक—14.07.2025 को 3:00 बजे अपराहन मुख्य अभियंता (उत्तर), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना। (i) दिनांक—19.07.2025 को 3:00 बजे अपराहन अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल, दरभंगा।	(i) दिनांक-06.08.2025 को 3:00 बजे अपराहन मुख्य अभियंता (उत्तर), मदन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना। (i) दिनांक-13.08.2025 को 3:00 बजे अपराहन अधीक्षण अभियंता, भदन अंग्रल, दरभंगा।
6	निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड करने) की अंतिमतिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-29.07.2025 की 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनाक-21.08.2025 को 3:00 बजे अपराहन तक।
8.9	निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी	दिनांक-30.07.2025 को 3:30 बजे	दिनाक-22.08.2025 को 3:30 बजे

बीड) की तिथि अन्य शेष शर्ते एवं कंडिकाएँ यथावत रहेंगी

कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय PR. No. 009750 (BCD) 25-26 नशामुक्त हो जाए बिहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।

परियोजना निदेशक, बुडको,

पटना पूर्वी क्षेत्र का कार्यालय कमरा सं0-एस0 32, द्वितीय तल, ट्रांजिट हॉस्टल

(विधायक अस्पताल), आयकर गोलम्बर के नजदीक होटल पाटलिपुत्रा अशोक के सामने, वीरचंद पटेल पथ, पटना-800001, E-mail ID - exengdudapat2@gmail.com

मुख्यमंत्री समग्र शहरी विकास योजनान्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

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#### **SLOWLY ALLOWING CHINESE COMPANIES TO PARTNER WITH INDIAN ENTITIES** IN APRIL. IMF PROJECTED INDIA'S FY26 GROWTH AT 6.2%

# Amid trade upheaval, India rethinks China blockade to further tech manufacturing

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK NEW DELHI, JULY 29

NEARLY HALF a decade ago, India adopted a 'China-out' strategy of sorts, in response to the border clashes in 2020, introduced an anti-Beijing foreign investment policy, and kept Chinese firms out of critical sectors like telecommunications.

Now, however, necessitated by changing geopolitical dynamics, following US President Donald Trump's unprecedented onslaught on global trade, and India's own manufacturing ambitions, New Delhi is undertaking a serious rethink on the existing strategy, and is strongly considering particularly easing China-based entities' entry into the country, with some riders. The most recent sign of the thaw came in the form of a recommendation made by the government think tank Niti Aayog, earlier this month, to ease India's foreign direct investment (FDI) rules, which involves government scrutiny into investments made by Chinese firms. Earlier, the Economic Survey 2023-24 had sprung a surprise by advocating attracting investments from Chinese companies to boost

India had earlier put restrictions on investments from China to go deeper into the supply chain, with Chinese entities to partici-Join FREE Whatsapp Channel chat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

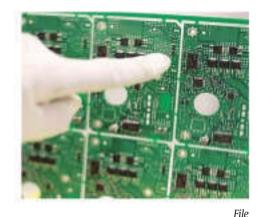
through Press Note 3 in April 2020 to curb potential opportunistic takeovers of Indian companies during the Covid-19 pandemic by making a government approval mandatory for all investments from countries sharing a land border with India, including China. It continued to be in force in the wake of national security concerns due to border tensions after the Galwan clash.

### Early signs of a thaw

There have been some signs that India is slowly, but surely, allowing Chinese companies to partner with Indian entities. Dixon Technologies, which is a major Indian electronics assembly company, received approval from the IT Ministry to set up a joint venture with China-based Longcheer. The new company will focus on manufacturing and supplying a wide range of electronics, including smartphones, tablets, true wireless stereo (TWS) devices, smartwatches, AI-powered PCs, automotive electronics, and healthcare devices. Dixon will hold 74 per cent in the IV, and the remaining 26 per cent will be with Longcheer.

"We can not continue to avoid China. The truth is, they make things which we need for our assembly operations, and if we want

NEW DELHI, JULY 29



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our companies have to work with Chinese companies," a senior government official said. The IT Ministry, earlier this year, notified a Rs 23,000 crore policy for electronic components manufacturing, and it is widely anticipated that Indian firms would partner

pate in the scheme, given the expertise they have.

Recently, India also resumed issuance of tourist visas to Chinese nationals as part of a broader effort to repair bilateral ties. Earlier this month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar travelled to China where he had underlined that "differences should not become disputes" nor should "competition ever become conflict" and that while India and China have made good progress in the past nine months towards the normalisation of bilateral relations, they should work to address de-escalation on the border.

#### China out in letter, not in spirit

Of course, while the government managed to keep China out in some sectors like finished smartphones, imports from the country continued, particularly for a number of electronic components, which are crucial for the final assembly process in India, but for which New Delhi has little to no production base.

*The Indian Express* had earlier reported that in the financial year 2023-24, India imported electronic components worth over \$12 billion from China and \$6 billion from Hong Kong, with the two accounting for more than half of total such imports to India –

suggesting that the country's growing footprint in electronics manufacturing was not necessarily translating into reduced reliance on Beijing.

In the last five years, electronics imports from China and Hong Kong have far outnumbered imports from other major manufacturing hubs like South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and all ASEAN countries, combined. China, for its own part, and seeing India's growing manufacturing footprint, also imposed restrictions on its companies, making it harder for them to do business with Indian firms.

For instance, India's share in US smartphone imports surged to nearly 36 per cent in the first five months of 2025, from about 11 per cent in 2024. China, which continues to dominate the product category, saw its share drop from 82 per cent to 49 per cent over the same period, this paper had reported earlier.

China's actions include pulling workers out of India, and making it more difficult for India-based manufacturing companies to obtain capital goods, which are needed for the assembly process. China has also imposed a blockade on several rare earth metals and magnets, and while the prime target of that restriction is the United States, India has found itself caught in the crosshairs.

# IMF upgrades India's FY26 GDP growth forecast to 6.4% as trade tensions ease

**SIDDHARTHUPASANI** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday raised its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for India to 6.4 per cent for both 2025-26 and 2026-27 on account of easing global trade tensions, with the world economy also seen expanding at a slightly faster pace than what the multilateral organisation had predicted in April.

"In India, growth is projected to be 6.4 per cent in 2025 and 2026, with both numbers revised slightly upward, reflecting a more benign external environment than assumed in the April reference forecast," the IMF said in an update to its World Economic Outlook report, referring to India's fiscal years that begin in 2025 and 2026.

According to non-partisan policy research centre The Budget Lab at Yale, US consumers faced an overall average effective tariff rate of 18.2 per cent as on July 28, down from 28 per cent on April 9.

India's GDP is estimated to have increased by 6.5 per cent in 2024-25, the lowest growth rate in four years. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), meanwhile, expects the GDP to grow by another 6.5 per cent in the current fiscal, with the Finance Ministry estimating it in the range of 6.3-6.8 per cent. For 2026-27, the RBI on April 9 had forecast a growth rate of 6.7 per cent. Back in April, the IMF 8 per cent since January, allow- **www.indianexpress.com** Join FREE Telegram Channelchat.whatsapp.com/HDvqPnxvwWb3Agy98nVaIQ

### INTERNATIONAL **MONETARY FUND PROJECTIONS**

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Brazil	2.3%	2.0%
Canada	1.6%	1.4%
China	4.8%	4.0%
Euro Area	1.0%	0.8%
Japan	0.7%	0.6%
Russia	0.9%	1.5%
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Source: IMF

had cut its growth forecasts for India by 30 basis points (bps) to 6.2 per cent for 2025-26 and by 20 bps to 6.3 per cent for 2026-27 due to "higher levels of trade tensions and global uncertainty". Since then, the tariff war waged by the US has eased somewhat, with IMF Chief Economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas calling the Trump administration's April actions an

for others

"unprecedented escalation". Moreover, global financial conditions have eased and the US dollar has weakened around

ing the IMF to now project that the global GDP will grow 3 per cent in 2025 and 3.1 per cent in 2026, up from 2.8 per cent and 3 per cent, respectively, predicted in April.

#### 'Historically high' tariffs

However, the IMF continued to warn that while the "modest decline in trade tensions" had contributed to the resilience of the global economy, tariffs remain "historically high" and global policy remains highly uncertain, with risks to the world "firmly to the downside".

"...compared to our pre-April 2 forecast, global growth is revised downwards by 0.2pp (0.2 percentage points) this year. At around 3 per cent, global growth remains disappointingly below pre-COVID average. And we continue to project a persistent decline in global trade as a share of output despite the recent frontloading, from 57 per cent in 2024 to 53 per cent in 2030,' Gourinchas said. One percentage point is equal to 100 basis points.

The other countries expected by the IMF to grow at a faster pace now in both 2025 and 2026 include the US, Canada, China Brazil, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria China, in fact, received the largest growth forecast upgrade by the IMF, with its GDP now seen expanding 4.8 per cent in 2025, up from 4 per cent predicted in April

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# Govt raised tax demand of ₹35,104 cr under **India-born** foreign black money law over last 10 years **AANCHAL MAGAZINE**

# Shailesh Jejurikar to be P&G CEO

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**VIVEAT SUSAN PINTO** MUMBAI, JULY 29

Shailesh MUMBAI-BORN Jejurikar made history on Tuesday when he was appointed the first Indian-origin president and CEO of Procter & Gamble (P&G) in its 187-year existence. Jejurikar, 58, currently the chief operating officer at P&G, will succeed incumbent Jon Moeller, effective January 1, 2026. P&G has also nominated Jejurikar for election to the director's post at the annual shareholder meeting in October.

Moeller will become executive chairman as part of the toplevel rejig, the company said, as the maker of Tide detergent and Pantene shampoo battles slowdown concerns across the globe. India contributes about 2.5 per cent to its global revenue.

A P&G veteran of 36 years, who began as an assistant brand manager at P&G India, he rose rapidly through the ranks. **FE** 

# **BRIEFLY** —

### **Derivatives: Norms** for NRIs eased

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday decided to abolish the mandatory requirement for NRIs to notify the names of clearing members or obtain a custodial participant code for trading in derivatives.

### Lenskart files IPO papers with Sebi

New Delhi: Lenskart Solutions Ltd has filed preliminary papers with Sebi seeking its approval to raise funds through an IPO. The company's IPO involves raising Rs 2,150 crore via fresh issuance of equity shares. PTI

## 'I-T Bill does not seek rate changes'

New Delhi: The income tax department on Tuesday said the new I-T Bill does not seek to change any rate of taxes. **PTI** 

# **RECOVERY AMOUNT AT ₹338 CRORE**

**MINISTER OF State for** THE GOVERNMENT has raised Finance Pankaj Chaudhary tax demand of Rs 35,104 crore unsaid in Rajya Sabha on der the Black Money Tuesday that recovery (Undisclosed Foreign Income and amount in the form of tax, Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, penalty and interest 2015 over the last decade, demand under the Black Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. However, reunder the Black Money

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In a written response to a question by CPI(M) MP John Indian-linked funds in Swiss Brittas, wherein he asked about banks surged more than three details of international deposits, times the previous year's amount, Chaudhary said tax demand of Rs Chaudhary said there are some 21,719 crore has been created as a media reports based on Swiss result of completed assessments National Bank (SNB) statistics Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 has been much lower at Rs 338 crore during July 1, 2015 to March 31, 2025

which mention that Indian linked funds in Swiss banks have risen in 2024 as compared to previous year's amount. However, Chaudhary, pointed out that as per Swiss authorities, the data in respect of SNB statistics includes, inter alia, amounts due in respect of customer deposits (including in foreign branches of Swiss Banks located in any country), other liabilities as well as amounts due to banks. "The Swiss authorities have also clarified that the SNB annual banking statistics should not be used for analysing deposits held

Finance Ministry on Tuesday

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Other PSBs that have ended

"This move is aimed at

sensitive one for some time.

PSBs pocketed ₹9K crore over 5 years

for minimum balance non-maintenance

by residents of India in Switzerland," he said. Indian money in Swiss banks more than tripled in 2024 to 3.5 billion Swiss francs (CHF), or approximately Rs 37,600 crore on the back of a huge jump in funds held through local branches and other financial institutions, news agency PTI had reported last month. On the query to provide details

of outstanding tax demand raised from the data shared with India via Automatic Exchange of Information under India-Switzerland tax agreement, the Minister said there is no centralised data for the specific query on country-wise undisclosed foreign income and the action taken. "Tax demand arising in cases of undisclosed foreign income or assets can pertain to multiple jurisdictions. Country-wise bifurcation of such demand is not maintained centrally," Chaudhary said.

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Chaudhary further told the Rajva

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# From rugby balls to umbrellas, Decathlon to double down on sourcing from India

**AGGAM WALIA** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

FRENCH SPORTING goods giant Decathlon plans to significantly ramp up sourcing from India, aiming to nearly double the country's share in its global production to 15 per cent by 2030, it said on Tuesday. The retailer, which operates over 130 stores across 55 Indian cities, also expects to spend \$3 billion on sourcing from Indian suppliers over the next five years for both the domestic market and exports.

Already, Indian suppliers account for a large share of Decathlon's global production in select products like rugby balls (60 per cent), umbrellas (35 per cent), and textiles (20 per cent). Overall, India's share stands at 8 per cent.

## **Upping sourcing**

By 2030, the French retailer expects 90 per cent of the quantities sold in India to be locally manufactured, up from 70 per cent today. As of now, nearly 99 per cent of Decathlon bicycles sold in India are locally made, followed by textiles (75 per cent), bags and accessories (65 per cent), and footwear

(55 per cent). Decathlon set up its first production office in India 25 years ago in Chennai, starting with some leather products for horse riding. The company currently has seven production offices in India, through which it sources from 83 local suppliers, spending around \$480 million annually. The suppliers manufacture



technical specifications. Popular for its wide range of affordable offerings, Decathlon is increasingly focussing on high-end sporting gear as it looks to cater to the full spectrum of buyers. "It's very important to under-

stand that Decathlon is a multisport specialist and we accompany the beginner, the intermediate, and the pro, Frederic Merlevede, its global production head, told *The Indian* Express. Merlevede added that Decathlon's top of the range products also tend to be "20-30 per cent less expensive than the competition".

## **India bestsellers**

In India, the products that move in large numbers include socks, 10-litre backpacks, skipping ropes, bottles, caps, and t-shirts.

"There are several sports that are gaining popularity in India today. One of the biggest is outdoor sports — including hiking and trekking, which many people are

taking up. Fitness is another major category on the rise, with activities like running and yoga seeing strong growth," said Deepak D'Souza, Decathlon's India production head. While India is a key market for Decathlon — which reported €16.2 billion in net sales globally in 2024 – 60 per cent of its business still comes from Europe.

Source: Company

Merlevede said the India-EU free trade agreement (FTA), currently under negotiation, "will bring a lot of positive advantages" to both regions, and expressed hope it would be signed by the end of the year. If tariffs on sporting goods and textiles are reduced, the FTA could make it easier for Decathlon to supply European markets from India.

Going forward, the company will focus on expanding production of footwear, fitness equipment, and technical textiles such as swimwear — in India. Over the next five years, it also aims to develop fitness electronics to help monitor vitals.

#### Eminent economist, House of Lords member Meghnad Desai passes away at 85 2003 at the LSE. He was ap-Mahatma Gandhi in London's and open to new ideas. I will cher-

#### **HITESHVYAS** MUMBAI. JULY 29

**SIDDHARTH UPASANI** 

EVEN AS a number of banks are

announcing the waiving off of

charges on non-maintenance of

minimum balances, the Finance

Ministry on Tuesday informed

Parliament that public sector

banks (PSBs) collected almost Rs

9,000 crore as penalties on the

According to data shared by

Minister of State for Finance

Pankai Chaudhary in response to

a question in the Rajya Sabha,

state-owned lenders collected

Rs 8,932.98 crore as penal

same over a five-year period.

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

**EMINENT INDIA-BORN British** economist, former Labour party politician, and House of Lords member Meghnad Desai passed away on Tuesday. He was 85. A prominent and well-regarded voice in economics in the UK, India, and beyond, Desai was a widely respected academic who wrote over 200 articles published in academic journals and au-

thored over 25 books. A Professor Emeritus of the **London School of Economics** (LSE), where he had a long and distinguished career, Desai also wrote scores of columns in newspapers in the UK and India, in-

cluding in *The Indian Express*. In 2008, he was awarded India's third-highest civilian honour the Padma Bhushan.

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Although a celebrated economist, Desai's writings and commentary spanned varied subjects economics, politics, political and social economy, history, sociology, international affairs, and even cinema. In fact, Desai reportedly counted his biography of the legendary actor Dilip Kumar – *Nehru's Hero: Dilip Kumar in the* life of India — as his "greatest achievement". Desai was an avid watcher of old Hindi films, and also had a passion for cooking.

After learning of Desai's passing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to social media platform X to express his

said last week.

"Anguished by the passing away of Shri Meghnad Desai Ji, a distinguished thinker, writer and economist. He always remained connected to India and Indian culture. He also played a role in deepening India-UK ties. Will fondly recall our discussions, where he shared his valuable insights. Condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti," Modi posted on X. Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, wrote on X, "Very sorry to hear that

eminent economist Meghnad Desai has passed away. I had known him for over two decades. He was always cheerful

Meghnad Desai 1940 - 2025

Born on July 10, 1940 in Vadodara to Jagdish Chandra, a civil servant, and Mandakini Desai, a homemaker, Desai grew up with three siblings. He earned his BA in 1958 and MA in eco-

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years. Om Shanti."

nomics in 1960 from the University of Bombay, after which he bagged a schol-

arship to the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed his PhD in Economics in 1963.

Desai, also wellknown as Lord Desai due to his membership of the upper house of the British parliament, taught economics from 1965 to

pointed as a lecturer at the LSE in debates that we had over the 1965, and became a Professor of Economics there in 1983. Desai went on to head LSE's **Development Studies Institute** from 1990 to 1995, and established and led the LSE Centre for the Study of Global Governance. During his time at the LSE, Desai researched and lectured on a variety of subjects—Marxian analysis, applied econometrics, Indian development and reform, poverty, globalisation, and the

> role of private markets. In 1971, Desai joined the British Labour Party and was elevated to the House of Lords in June 1991. He was Chairman of the Gandhi Memorial Statue Trust which helped erect the statue of

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Parliament Square. In 1991, he was created a life peer as Baron Desai St Clement Danes in the City of Westminster. In 2020. Desai resigned as a member of the UK's Opposition Labour Party over its failure to effectively tackle antisemitic racism within its ranks. He authored numerous

books, the most recent being *The* Poverty of Political Economy: How Economics Abandoned the Poor (2022). His other notable books are Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism, Rethinking Islamism: Ideology of the New Terror, The Route to All Evil: The Political Economy of Ezra Pound, a novel Dead on Time, and The Rediscovery of India.

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US President Donald Trump opened a new golf course bearing his name in Scotland Tuesday, capping a five-day foreign trip designed around promoting his family's luxury properties and playing golf. "Let's go. 1-2-3," Trump said before he cut the red ribbon.

# **TOPOFTHE** WORLD



**Author Kiran Desai.** AP

### **UNITED KINGDOM** Kiran Desai in **Booker longlist** with new novel

London: Indian author Kiran Desai, who won the Booker Prize and then didn't publish a novel for almost two decades, is up for the award again with her long-awaited follow-up. "The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny," the 677-page tale of two young Indians making their way in the United States, is one of 13 books announced Tuesday as semifinalists for the prestigious 50,000-pound (\$67,000) prize. The contenders include authors from nine countries on four continents.It's Desai's first novel since "The Inheritance of Loss," which won the Booker in 2006. A list of six finalists will be announced Sept. 23, and this year's winner will be crowned on Nov. 10 at a ceremony in London. AP

## **SINGAPORE**

### Official pleads guilty for sexually abusing 6 Indians

Singapore: An Indian-origin officer with the Singapore immigration department has pleaded guilty to accepting bribes in the form of sexual favours from six Indian nationals in exchange for facilitating their short-term visit pass applications to extend their stay in the citystate, according to a media report on Tuesday. Kannan Morice Rajagopal Jayaram pleaded guilty on Monday to three corruption charges, each involving an Indian national. Another three similar charges involving three other Indian men will be considered during his sentencing, which is scheduled for August 18.

## **CHINA**

## 30 killed in heavy rains and floods, relief efforts on

Bishkek: Authorities in Beijing have launched allout disaster relief and rescue operations after a fresh spell of intense rainstorms left 30 people dead, damaging roads, disrupting power supply, and prompting mass evacuation. The deaths occurred in Beijing's northern mountainous districts, with 28 in Miyun and two in Yanqing, according to local authorities. President Xi Jinping ordered all-out efforts to ensure the safety of people's lives and property in the fight against rain-triggered

## 'ISRAEL MUST TAKE STEPS TO END GAZA CRISIS, NO ANNEXATION IN WEST BANK'

# UK plans to recognise Palestine in Sept unless Israel meets conditions: Starmer

**REUTERS** LONDON, JULY 29

PRIME MINISTER Keir Starmer said on Tuesday Britain was prepared to recognise a Palestinian state in September at the United Nations General Assembly unless Israel takes a number of steps to improve life for Palestinians.

Britain, if it acts, would become the second Western power on the U.N. Security Council to do so after France last week, reflecting Israel's deepening isolation over its conduct in its war against Hamas in Gaza, where a humanitarian disaster has set in and the Palestinian death toll has risen above 60,000.

Starmer said Britain would make the move unless Israel took substantive steps to allow more aid to enter Gaza, made clear there will be no annexation of the West Bank and commits to a long-term peace process that delivers a "two-state solution" - a Palestinian state co-existing in peace alongside Israel.

"The Palestinian people have endured terrible suffering," Starmer told reporters. "Now, in Gaza, because of a catastrophic failure of aid, we see starving babies, children too weak to stand, images that will stay with us for a lifetime. The suffering must end."

Starmer said his government would make an assessment in September on "how far the parties have met these steps", but that no one would have a veto over the decision.

He took the decision after recalling his cabinet during the summer holidays on Tuesday to discuss a new proposed peace plan being worked on with other European leaders and how to deliver more humanitarian aid for Gaza's 2.2 million people.

Successive British governments have said they will formally recognise a Palestinian state when the time is right, without ever setting a timetable or specifying the necessary conditions.

'Worst-case scenario of famine' in Gaza, say food crisis experts



A Palestinian woman in a destryed neighbourhood in central Gaza Strip on Tuesday. The Palestinian death toll in Gaza has risen above 60,000, authorities said. Reuters

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS** TEL AVIV, JULY 29

The "worst-case scenario of famine is currently playing out in the Gaza Strip," the leading international authority on food crises said in a new alert Tuesday, predicting "widespread death" without immediate action.

The alert, still short of a formal famine declaration, follows an outcry over images of emaciated children in Gaza and reports of dozens of hunger-related deaths after nearly 22 months of war.

The international pressure led Israel over the weekend to announce measures, including daily humanitarian pauses in fighting in parts of Gaza and airdrops. The United Nations and Palestinians on the ground say

little has changed, and desperate crowds continue to overwhelm and unload delivery trucks before they can reach their destinations.

The Integrated Food Security

Phase Classification, or IPC, said Gaza has teetered on the brink of famine for two years, but recent developments have "dramatically worsened" the situation, including "increasingly stringent blockades" by Israel.

A formal famine declaration. which is rare, requires the kind of data that the lack of access to Gaza and mobility within has largely denied. The IPC has only declared famine a few times — in Somalia in 2011, South Sudan in 2017 and 2020, and parts of Sudan's western Darfur region last year.

But independent experts say they don't need a formal declaration to know what they're seeing in Gaza.

"Just as a family physician can often diagnose a patient she's familiar with based on visible symptoms without having to send samples to the lab and wait for results, so too we can interpret Gaza's symptoms. This is famine," Alex de Waal, author of "Mass Starvation: The History and Future of Famine" and executive director of the World Peace Foundation said.

The report is based on available information through July 25 and says the crisis has reached "an alarming and deadly turning point." It says data indicates that famine thresholds have been reached for food consumption in most of Gaza — at its lowest level since the war began — and for acute malnutrition in Gaza City.

# The Netherlands to ban far-right Israeli ministers





Itamar Ben-Gvir; Bezalel Smotrich

The Hague: The Netherlands will ban two far-right Israeli ministers from entering the country, in the latest European response to the rapidly deteriorating situation in Gaza, the country's foreign minister said. The ban and other measures

were announced in a letter Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp sent to lawmakers late Monday evening, declaring "The war in Gaza must stop".

The ban targets hard-line National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, key partners in PM Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition.



AN AREA is classified in famine when all three of the following conditions are confirmed: At least 20% of households have an extreme lack of food, or are essentially starving. At least 30% of children 6 months to 5 years old suffer from acute malnutrition or wasting, meaning they're too thin. And at least 2 people or 4 children under 5 per 10,000 are dying daily due to starvation or the interaction of malnutrition and disease.

# Russian strikes kill 27 in Ukraine, Kremlin ignores Trump's threats



A serviceman walks at the site hit by a Russian air strike in Zaporizhzhia region, Ukraine on Tuesday. Reuters

### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KYIV, JULY 29

RUSSIAN GLIDE bombs and ballistic missiles struck a Ukrainian prison and a medical facility overnight and killed at least 27 people across the country, officials said Tuesday, as Russia kept up its relentless pounding of civilian areas despite US President Donald Trump's threat to soon punish it with sanctions and tariffs unless it stops.

Four powerful Russian glide bombs hit a prison in Ukraine's southeastern Zaporizhzhia region, authorities said. They killed at least 17 inmates and wounded more than 80 others, officials said.

In the Dnipro region of central Ukraine, authorities said Russian missiles partially destroyed a three-story building and damaged nearby medical facilities, including a maternity hospital and a city hospital ward. Officials said at least four people were killed and eight injured, including a pregnant woman who was in a serious condition.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that across the country, 22 people were killed in Russian strikes on 73 cities, towns and villages "These were conscious, deliberate strikes - not accidental, Zelenskyy said on Telegram. Trump said Monday he is giv-

ing Russian President Vladimir Putin 10 to 12 days to stop the killing in Ukraine after three years of war, moving up a 50-day deadline he had given the Russian leader two weeks ago. The move meant Trump wants peace efforts to make progress by Aug. 7-9. Trump has repeatedly re-

buked Putin for talking about ending the war but continuing to bombard Ukrainian civilians. But the Kremlin hasn't changed its tactics. "I'm disappointed in President Putin," Trump said during a visit to Scotland.

Zelenskyy welcomed Trump's move on the timeline. "Everyone needs peace - Ukraine, Europe, the United States, and responsible leaders across the globe,' Zelenskyy said in a post on Telegram.

# Bangladesh: Mob damages homes of minorities, govt issues repair work orders

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** DHAKA, JULY 29

AT LEAST a dozen homes belonging to the members of the Hindu community were damaged by a mob over the weekend in northwestern Bangladesh, according to officials and media reports.

The office of the interim government's Chief Adviser, Muhammad Yunus Tuesday said orders have been issued to repair the houses damaged in the violence in Gangachara upazila of

The violence erupted on Saturday after a 17-year-old Hindu youth allegedly made derogatory remarks against the Prophet on social media, Bangla language daily Prothom Alo reported. Police have arrested the teenager, a third-semester student at a private polytechnic institute, the paper said.

Citing Gangachara police station officer-in-charge Al Emran, the paper said the police received a complaint that a boy had posted offensive content on Facebook.

found to be true, he was detained

around 8:30 pm on Saturday and brought to the police station," he said, adding that he was sent to a juvenile rehabilitation centre following a court order.

Following the incident, enraged locals carried out attacks and vandalised several homes belonging to members of the Hindu community on Saturday night and again on Sunday after noon. The situation was brought under control by the army, according to the paper.

Yunus' office said 12 Hindu households were damaged in the violence. "Three families, including that of the detained boy and his uncle, are staying at their relatives' homes at a neighbouring village," the chief adviser's office said.

"The repair works of the Hindu households will start from Tuesday under the supervision of the district and concerned sub-district administrations," it said in a statement. The male members of 19 of

the 22 affected Hindu families are now living at their homes, but the female members were staying elsewhere since their houses were damaged, it said, quoting Rangpur's deputy commissioner Mohammad Rabiul Faisal.

## MANHATTAN BUILDING SHOOTING

# NY Mayor says man who killed 4 was targeting NFL headquarters

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** NEW YORK, JULY 29

NEW YORK City Mayor Eric Adams said Tuesday that a gunman who killed four people at a Manhattan office building was trying to target the headquarters of the National Football League but took the wrong elevator.

Investigators believe Shane Tamura was trying to get to the NFL offices after shooting several people in the building's lobby but accidentally entered the wrong set of elevator banks, Adams said in interviews on Tuesday.

Four people, including an offduty New York City police officer, were killed. Police said Tamura had a history of mental illness, and a rambling note found on his body suggested he had a grievance against the NFL over an unsubstantiated claim that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy. He had played football in high school in



NYPD officers in Midtown Manhattan, New York. AP

California nearly two decades ago. "He seemed to have blamed the NFL," the mayor said. 'The NFL headquarters was located in the building, and he mistakenly went

up the wrong elevator bank." The note claimed he had been suffering from CTE — the degenerative brain disease that has been linked to concussions and other repeated head trauma common in contact sports like football — and said his brain should be studied after he died. two people familiar with the matter said.

**Shooting claims** life of Blackstone's senior executive



Wesley LePatner was 43

New York: Blackstone's offices were closed Tuesday after a senior Blackstone executive Wesley LePatner was killed in Manhattan building shooting.

Blackstone CEO Stephen Schwarzman and President Jon Gray called it the "worst day in the firm's 40 year history," according to people who saw the memo. LePatner was 43 years old. A mother and wife, LePatner served as the CEO of Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, or BREIT, a real estate fund, and the global head of core real estate for the \$1.2 **REUTERS** trillion company.

# Bangladeshi-Americans mourn fallen officer: 'He mentored youngsters'

**WESLEY PARNELL** NEW YORK, JULY 29

ON A sleepy Bronx street, relatives, friends and leaders of the Muslim community that enveloped Didarul Islam came early Tuesday to pay their respects just hours after he was gunned down. Officer Islam, 36, was a three-

and-a-half-year veteran of the New York City Department, an immigrant from Bangladesh and the father of two. His wife is pregnant with their third child. He was killed in a massacre at

a Park Avenue skyscraper Monday as he provided security there. The police say a gunman drove from Las Vegas to open fire in the lobby and beyond, killing four people and himself.

"He was saving lives. He was protecting New Yorkers," Mayor Eric Adams said in a news conference at the Manhattan hospital



where Officer Islam was pronounced dead. "He embodies what this city is all about. He's a true blue New Yorker, not only in a uniform he wore."

**Didarul** 

the first

to die

Islam was

Shueb Chowdhury, 49, a basement tenant of Officer Islam, said he had been devoted to his family. "I cannot believe it." Chowdhury said. "He was very young. I saw him this morning and 12 hours later he's dead."

Marjanul Karim, 31, a close family friend, said that Officer Islam had mentored young men in the Bangladeshi community, more than 100,000-strong in polyglot New York City. He had expected Islam to attend his wedding in September.

"Once the allegations were

# THE FINNS ARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS BECAUSE THEY GET ONLY TWO MONTHS OF SUMMER

# Finland's short, precious summers are plagued by 'shocking amount' of goose poop

AMELIA NIERENBERG & JOHANNA LEMOLA

HELSINKI, JULY 29

EACH SUMMER, sun-starved Finns flock to Hietsu Beach, a sandy stretch in Helsinki, to exer-

cise, splash and attempt to tan. Amid a late July, record-breaking heat wave, a very different flock has also been stalking the surf around Finland's capital: barnacle geese — white-faced, blackbacked and ever-present. At night, they roost by the water's edge. Come daytime, as people spread out their towels, they waddle away, leaving small mountains of excrement in their tracks.

"There can be a shocking amount of poop," acknowledged Jukka Lundgren, the manager of Helsinki's public beaches, who has spent 15 of his 18 years on the job trying to keep the sand from looking like a goose litter box.

Now, after Sisyphean summers facing down the fowl's feces, he thinks that he just may have found a solution: a wheeled cage with a strong resemblance to an old-fashioned hand lawn mower that is meant to sift the dirtied sand and whisk up only the offending feces.

The contraption may be Helsinki's most innovative poopfighting effort yet. It is being tested this summer on about half

the city's 25 public beaches. It was designed in-house by beach staff members, who drew inspiration from a public competition last year meant to crowdsource poop-scooping ideas.

Finns are hardly alone in their fight against geese droppings, which can carry dangerous germs like E. coli and salmonella. In other places, officials fight the problem at its source: the birds themselves. In recent years, Canadians have tried to relocate the geese, New Yorkers hired a patrol dog and Californians moved to cull them.

sible option anyway.

But Finland does not allow culling, and hunting geese in urban Helsinki would not be a feaeverywhere in Helsinki. NYT



White-faced and black-backed Barnacle geese can be seen

The Finns are desperate for solutions because their two months of summer are precious. They live so far north, that's about all they get. However brief, the summers

they do get can sometimes be unpredictably hot, with this past Sunday marking the 16th consecutive day that temperatures exceeded 30 degrees Celsius, or 86 degrees Fahrenheit, somewhere in Finland — a record.

So on a recent afternoon — a warm day in a city where anything over 25 degree Celsius is biked with his wife and two children to Hietsu Beach, whose formal name is Hietaranta. They

brought some nuts and a few juice into the treads of shoes. boxes for their children, 5 and 8. Helsinki's humans are not

the only ones who gravitate to the beach in summer. Last July, according to the Finnish Environment Institute, researchers counted about 5,300 geese in the Helsinki area.

The plump birds are everywhere: They jaywalk across bike paths, swagger through crosswalks barefoot like the Beatles, preen in the parks and sometimes strut between office buildings and cultural landmarks in the city center.

In parks, the problem can be even worse, with the droppings matting the grass and squishing

At the beach, sunbathers must check the sand before they lay

down their blankets. Beach vollevball players hope that a dive does not bring them face to face with you know what. And parents, like Puirava, an entrepreneur keep a watchful eye out so their young children do not end up putting the feces in their mouths. "You have to watch your

every step," he said. To keep up with the cleaning demands, the ranks of summer maintenance workers have grown in the past decade,Lundgren said. Some beaches can see well over 40 pounds of excrement a day, he said.

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**EXPLAINED HEALTH** 

# EXPOSURE OVER LONG TERM TO AIR POLLUTION INCREASES DEMENTIA RISK, SAYS A LARGE NEW STUDY

LONG-TERM exposure to air pollution is linked to an increased risk of developing dementia, a new large-scale study by Cambridge University researchers has found. The report, published in The Lancet Planetary Health last week, is the most comprehensive assessment of its kind, involving a systematic review of 51 studies and drawing on data from more than 29 million participants who had been exposed to air pollutants for at least one year.

### The findings

The study, the most comprehensive of its kind, found a positive and statisticallysignificant association between three common air pollutants and dementia.

**PM2.5:** Predominantly produced by vehicle emissions and thermal power plants, PM2.5 is extremely fine particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometres or less. The study found that for every 10 micrograms per cubic metre  $(\mu g/m^3)$  of long-term exposure to PM2.5, an individual's relative risk of dementia would increase by 17% from the baseline. For context, the average PM2.5 levels at Delhi's ITO pollution AQI monitoring station over the last 24 hours (as of Tuesday, 8 pm) was 72.

NO2: Nitrogen dioxide is produced primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels by vehicles, thermal power plants, and various industrial processes. The study found that for every 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> of long-term exposure to nitrogen dioxide, the relative risk of dementia increased by 3%. The average NO2 levels at the ITO station over the last 24 hours (as of Tuesday, 8 pm) was 86.

**SOOT:** Soot or black carbon PM2.5 comes from sources such as vehicle exhaust emissions and burning wood. The study reported that dementia risk jumped by 13% for each 1 μg/m<sup>3</sup> of longterm soot exposure. The Central Pollution Control Board does not separately report BC/PM2.5 levels.

#### The explanation Over the years, scientists have pro-

posed several mechanisms to explain how air pollution may cause dementia. These primarily involve inflammation in the brain and oxidative stress (caused by



Delhi covered in a thick blanket of **smog in 2023.** *Praveen Khanna* 

an imbalance between the production of reactive oxygen species and the body's ability to detoxify them, leading to cellular damage).

Both oxidative stress and inflammation play a role in the onset and progression of dementia, and air pollution is thought to trigger these processes through direct entry of pollutants into the brain or via the mechanisms that underlie lung and cardiovascular diseases.

#### Why this matters

Dementia is a term for several diseases that affect memory, thinking, and the ability to perform daily activities. The illness gets worse over time, and mainly affects older people. According to WHO, some 57 million people had dementia worldwide in 2021, with the number expected to increase to at least 150 million by 2050.

The rise in air pollution, especially in developing countries, might lead to an even sharper rise in cases. WHO data show that 99% of the global population breathes air that exceeds WHO guideline limits and contains high levels of pollutants, with low- and middle-income countries suffering from the highest exposures.

"These findings underscore the need for an interdisciplinary approach to dementia prevention. Preventing dementia is not just the responsibility of healthcare: this study strengthens the case that urban planning, transport policy, and environmental regulation all have a significant role to play," said Dr Christiaan Bredell from the University of Cambridge, and the study's first author.

# NEW ATLAS MAPS BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS HIDING UNDERGROUND

**PAPER** 

NEW RESEARCH

THE WORLD'S biological riches are not evenly distributed. Instead, much of Earth's plant and animal life is concentrated in a small number of biodiversity hotspots — from the tropical rainforests of the Amazon to the meadows of the Himalayas — that have earned enormous scientific and conservation attention.

Now, a new research suggests that more of these crit-

ical hotspots could be hiding beneath our feet — undocumented and largely unprotected. Last week, a team of scientists unveiled a global underground atlas, mapping the biodiversity of organisms known as mycorrhizal fungi. The fungi, which live in and on plant roots, form vast underground networks and perform critical ecosystem services, transporting nutrients to plants, storing carbon, bolstering soil health and helping crops survive environmental shocks and stresses.

More than 80% of the world's plants form symbiotic relationships with mycorrhizal fungi, which entwine themselves in the plants' roots and spread thin filaments underground. Using ma-

chine learning models, the scientists predicted that rich reservoirs of these fungi lie hidden in some unexpected places, including the Alaskan tundra and Mediterranean woodlands.

Scientists pulled together more than 2.8 billion fungal DNA sequences from 25,000 soil samples collected in 130 countries and built machine-learning

models to analyse this data. The models then made predictions about fungal biodiversity, estimating both richness how many species were present at a given location — and rarity, or how unique those fungi were. More work is needed to confirm their predictions, which were published in *Nature*.

Some of the findings mirror other well-documented biodiversity trends. For instance, the map predicts that the biodiversity of one major subgroup of mycorrhizal fungi — associated with grasses, crops and many species of trees — is greatest near the equator, a pattern that holds for many plants and animals. **THE NYT**  **EXPLAINED SCIENCE** 

# NISAR's two eyes on Earth

NISAR, launching today, has been jointly built by ISRO and NASA. It will be the most powerful of all Earth observation satellites, its two synthetic aperture radars operating in tandem in different frequency bands

AMITABHSINHA & ANJALI MARAR NEW DELHI, BENGALURU, JULY 29

COUNTRIES routinely deploy Earth observation satellites in space for various purposes. But the satellite that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch on Wednesday is anything but routine.

NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar), built jointly by ISRO and the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has been in development for more than a decade.

At more than \$1 billion, NISAR is the most expensive satellite ever built. It is also the first satellite equipped with two synthetic aperture radars (SARs), operating in different frequency bands, which will make it the most powerful Earth observation satellite ever, producing data and high-resolution images that will facilitate research in a range of fields.

#### What are SARs?

Radars, large dish-shaped antennas, send out signals in the non-visible spectrum of electromagnetic waves, typically microwaves or radio waves, and collect the signals that bounce back from objects.

The returning signals are analysed to obtain information such as the distance of the object from the radar, its velocity (if it is moving), composition, and texture. Larger antennas are usually able to collect more information. A SAR is a special kind of imaging radar

that is deployed in space where large dishlike radars cannot be sent. SARs use sophisticated technologies and algorithms to mimic the power and resolution of large ground-based radars. NISAR's antenna, which is 12 metres in di-

ameter, can produce images whose resolution would be comparable to those generated by a simple ground-based antenna of 20-km diameter, according to NASA.

A number of SAR-mounted satellites are currently deployed in space, but none of them have two SARs. ISRO's RISAT (Radar Imaging Satellites) series of satellites — now renamed to the EOS series — carry a SAR. Some of ISRO's other Earth observation satellites such as Cartosat and Oceansat do not use SARs.

#### What is the benefit of using SARs that operate in different frequency bands?

One of NISAR's SARs operates in L-band frequency, the other in the S-band. They are designed to capture complementary sets of images for the same location at the same time,



**1 RADAR ANTENNA 3L-BAND REFLECTOR:** With a SAR: It diameter of just 12 can m, the antenna can penetrate produce images through whose resolution tree cover, is comparable to ice, and sand to those taken by map the ground below ground-based by using higher wavelength microwaves. antenna with 20 km diameter. **2 DEPLOYED SOLAR ARRAY: It 4 S-BAND SAR:** As it uses shorter wavelength, it will generate electric power,

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which will be used to run

instruments such as

the two synthetic

aperture radars.

Both the L-band and S-band radars can see through clouds, smoke, rain, and fog for an unfiltered view of the planet across all weathers, and through day and night.

The different wavelengths of the radars will enable them to capture different kinds of details on the surface. The L-band SAR, which uses higher wavelength microwaves, can better penetrate tree cover or vegetation, sand, and ice. It will capture minute details of surface undulations, and see through dense forest cover, for example, to map the ground below and measure tree trunk biomass, which is use-

ful for estimating carbon stock.

crop fields and water bodies.

The S-band SAR, which has a shorter wave-

cannot penetrate very deep

into the ground. But S-band

SAR can capture features such as

length, cannot go very deep, but is good for capturing larger features such as crop fields and water bodies. It can observe crops like soybean, corn, and sugarcane, and provide information on their growth and maturity stages.

As the L-band and S-band SARs will work together, they will give a comprehensive picture of the observed area — generating imagery of the kind that is not possible by integrating data from S-band and L-band SARs on two separate satellites. These satellites would not be able to look at the same place at the

same time, and any changes that occur between their observations would be missed.

Putting two SARs on the same satellite was a major engineering challenge, which was the main reason for the extended time that was needed to get NISAR ready. Each of the two radars requires its specific hardware, and integrating their signal processing capabilities without one of them interfering with the other needed sophisticated engineering.

#### What is the significance of ISRO partnering with NASA on NISAR?

Developing and installing SARs on NISAR involved significant costs. That is why a collaboration between two space agencies made sense.

The L-band SAR, the 12-metre antenna, and many other components and systems, including GPS control, have come from NASA. ISRO has contributed the S-band SAR, the rocket, the spacecraft and its sub-systems, and will carry out the launch.

The two agencies will handle mission operations from their respective ground stations. NASA has invested about \$1.16 billion in the mission; ISRO has given \$90 million.

The idea for a NISAR-like mission emerged in 2007 after a committee in the US recommended a space mission to study changes in land, ice, or vegetation cover. The mission aimed to carry out surface deformation monitoring to facilitate studies of earthquakes, landslides and volcanoes, and make observations that would help studies of climate change, the global carbon cycle, and changes in vegetation, biomass, and ice cover.

NASA began working on the project in 2008. ISRO came into the picture four years later, when it identified science studies and applications that were complementary to the primary objective of the mission. NASA and ISRO had collaborated earlier — there was a NASA payload on Chandrayaan-1 — but they had not jointly developed or executed a space mission. The NISAR deal was signed in 2014.

The launch comes at a time when the two countries have stepped into a more strategic partnership on space. India has signed on to the Artemis Accords, a US-led partnership on space exploration that is closely linked to NASA's Artemis program to return humans to the Moon. NASA and ISRO have also worked out a strategic framework for human spaceflight cooperation. One of the first outcomes was the participation of Shubhansu Shukla in the NASA-facilitated Axiom-4 private mission to the International Space Station.

# Where and how flash floods are impacting India

#### **ALIND CHAUHAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 29

A YEAR ago, landslides following torrential rain and flash floods killed 373 people in Wayanad, Kerala. A month before that, five Armymen were killed after a flash flood in the Shyok river in Ladakh swept away a tank. In 2023, dozens died after a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) in Sikkim. This month, flash floods and landslides killed more than 100 people in Himachal Pradesh.

Flash floods after extreme rainfall events kill more than 5,000 in India annually, and cause significant damage to infrastructure, farmlands, and the environment. As the global climate crisis intensifies, these events are becoming more frequent — increasing from 132 in 2020 to 184 in 2022, official figures show.

What factors are driving flash floods and where, and how can their impacts be limited? A study by researchers at IIT Gandhinagar has provided some important insights. ('Drivers of flash floods in the Indian sub-continental river basins', *Nature*, July 13)

## Most vulnerable

Flash floods occur most frequently in the Himalayas, Central India, and the west coast of the country, the study has reported.

The researchers analysed sub-basins (parts of large river basins) to identify flashflood hotspots, and identified sub-basins in the Brahmaputra, Narmada, Tapi, Mahanadi, Brahmani, and west coast river basins as being "extremely prone" to flash flooding.

Parts of the Godavari, Ganga, Mahi, and Indus river basins have been identified as "highly susceptible". There has been a notable increase in flash

flood events since 1995. Most have occurred in the Brahmaputra river basin, followed by the Ganga and Krishna basins, the study says.

## **Driving factors**

Only 25% of flash floods are directly caused by extreme precipitation, the study says. The rest are due to a combination of extreme rainfall and the condition of the soil before precipitation.

"If the ground is already wet before a heavy rainfall event, chances are the soil would be instant runoff. This increases the risk of flash floods," study co-author Vismal Misra said. In only 23% cases does an extreme rainfall

saturated or near saturated, which can lead to

event lead to immediate (within six hours) flash floods; prolonged (multi-day) rain, of both low and high intensity, is usually the reason, the study says. On the west coast and in Central India,

flash floods are driven by the high 'flashiness' of sub-basins — where water levels rapidly reach a peak after a heavy rainfall event. Soil conditions play a crucial role in determining how quickly water infiltrates a sub-basin. In the Himalayas, factors such as steep

slopes and high relief (when there is a significant difference between a high point and low point) add to chances of flash floods.

## Climate change

For every degree Celsius increase in average temperature, the atmosphere can hold about 7% more moisture, leading to more intense precipitation.

Between 1981 and 2020, the yearly frequency of extreme precipitation events dou-

ing territory. The instruments recorded all the

birds singing in the landscape," Dr Ghosh said.

identify the birds from the recordings.

Bora said various tools were then used to

"After recording for three consecutive

days, we removed the recorders and

analysed those sound files. If the sound was

not identifiable, we used software to create

a spectrogram, which is a graphical repre-

sentation of the sound, to aid us in identify-

ing. We also used a tool called Birdnet, which

uses machine learning to try and identify

species by bird song. We covered 29 loca-

Dr Ghosh said grassland birds are "an in-

Extreme rainfall during the monsoon, postmonsoon, and winter seasons has increased by 56%, 40%, and 12.5% respectively, the study notes. More than 75% of all flash flood events in the period 1980 to 2018 occurred during the June-September monsoon season. Rising temperatures are also leading to

bled during the pre-monsoon season in India.

more wet hours in most sub-basins that are not currently flash flood-prone, says the study.

## Adaptation strategies

Findings of the study point to the need to adopt region-specific adaptation strategies that are based on factors such as topography and soil conditions, and not just extreme This can help in developing better early

warning systems, targeted disaster preparedness, and long-term adaptation plans, the researchers say. There is also a need to identify new po-

tential flash flood hotspots and build climateresilient infrastructure to limit the impacts. **LONGER VERSION ON** 

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# Listening to birds, counting them too: Kaziranga census that PM mentioned

**SUKRITA BARUAH** GUWAHATI, JULY 28

IN HIS Mann ki Baat radio program on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about the "first-ever grassland bird census" in Assam's Kaziranga National Park, and the technology used for the exercise. **EXPLAINED** 

**ENVIRONMENT** 

What is the bird census, and what was its methodology?

## The census exercise

A team of forest officials, scientists, and conservationists carried out a survey between March 18 and May 25 to record the grassland bird population in Kaziranga National Park.

The idea emerged after doctoral student Chiranjib Bora, who is studying the blackbreasted parrotbill, a threatened grassland bird, received the INSPIRE fellowship from the central government's Department of Science & Technology, along with acoustic

monitoring tools to conduct his research.

Bora, along with Kaziranga authorities, decided to use the tools to count all grassland bird species in the park, 70% of which is covered by grassland.

"Our goal was to monitor which grassland bird species live in Kaziranga. Most of these bird species have become rare. They

are small, well-camouflaged birds that are not easily spotted, unlike wetland birds. Also, they live in peculiar habitats that are

rapidly declining," Bora said. The survey prioritised 10 species that are either globally threatened or are endemic to the Brahmaputra floodplains: The Bengal florican, swamp francolin, Finn's weaver, swamp grass babbler, Jerdon's babbler, slender-billed babbler, black-breasted parrotbill, marsh babbler, bristled grassbird, and Indian Grassbird. In all, the survey recorded 43 grassland bird species, including one critically endangered, two endangered, and six vulnerable species on the



The unique methodology

The use of passive acoustic recording

monitoring was the highlight of the survey.

Kaziranga National Park Director Sonali

Ghosh said. "Surveying these small, shy, and

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ing traditional methods like visual counting.

So, the acoustic recorders were placed in tall

tions in the park using six recorders," he said.

Significance of findings

highly camouflaged birds is very difficult usrather like body mass index (BMI) for humans. "The presence of these birds tells us that the habitat is healthy," she said.

trees near grasslands during the breeding sea-The park authorities are particularly excited by the discovery of a breeding colony son of the birds, between March and May. This is the season when they are very vocal. of the endangered Finn's weaver, which is calling out for mates, and with males defendendemic to the Brahmaputra flood plain.

"They nest on treetops, but till now, we did not know where they were nesting. During the survey we found a colony of more than 85 nests," Dr Ghosh said.

## Threats to the birds

Over the past four decades. Assam has lost around 70% of its grasslands. Bora said.

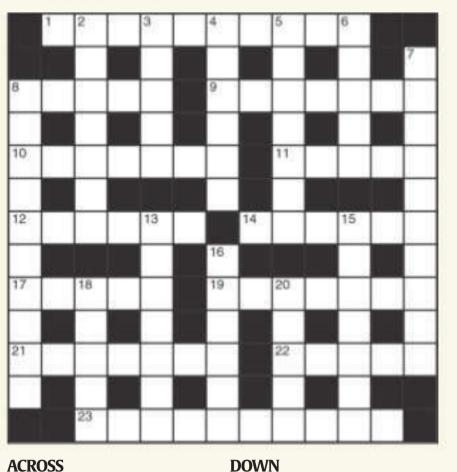
"There are anthropogenic factors such as overgrazing and clearing of grasslands for cultivation. But there is also a natural phenomenon called ecological succession, which is basically an instinct for grasslands to gradually transition to forests. Among the 10 species that we had prioritised, three are endemic to the grasslands of the Northeast, which means that if they vanish from here, they become extinct, he said.

Climate change is a major concern, Dr Ghosh said. "It is a cause of worry. We used to see a lot more of some species like the Bengal florican, but this time we could detect only one or two. Further study can tell us if the decline is influenced by climate change or other factors," she said.

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# 20 CALENDAR

### CROSSWORD 5741



#### **ACROSS**

1 To lead on is wrong causing great distress (10) **8** Dotty sort of dance? (5) **9** Four who work and play together(7)

**10** There's merit in unhappy endings (7) **11** Country engaged in taking

back help(5)**12** Means it won't have a principal part (6) **14** Such work is outstanding

 Check the key in as a rule (5) A girl after a bit of butter for with care (7) her kneecap (7)Models of no standing (7)

22 Pamphlet followed by pronouncement (5) **23** Decries new changes in TV

format (10)

Solutions Crossword 5740 Across: 1 Scraps, 4 Bridge, 9 Crouton, 10 Valet, 11 Notch, 12 Workman, 13 Hurried meal, 18 Rolls up, 20 Nudge, 22 Defoe, 23 Romance, 24 Tastes, 25 Amoeba Down: 1 Second, 2 Roost, 3 Pitcher, 5 Raver, 6 Dilemma, 7 Extend, 8 Snow leopard, 14 Uplifts, 15 Minimum, 16 Credit, 17 Reseda, 19 Siege, 21 Dense

# **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis







### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson



WHEN YOU GET SOMETHING. IT'S NEW AND EXCITING WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING. YOU TAKE IT FOR GRANTED AND IT'S BORING.





### **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. The only way to enjoy anything in this life is to .- Ginger Rogers (4.2.5)

**2** General form of increase (7)

3 In the zoo some took a

picture of an animal (5)

**4** Discharge an account

**5** Fancy - game in one

as low as this (2,4-4)

how one votes? (4,6)

poor health? (3,4)

pulled along (2,3)

**20** Coachman? (5)

16 Fits and starts (6)

**6** Observed how music is

7 It's sad if standards become

**8** Effectively demonstrates

13 Make an effort to study

**15** Reputation for enjoying

**18** I won't resort to being

and leave (6)

move(7)

written(5)

MRAER **ADIIR** 

**AEITFS** 

Answer: The only way to enjoy anything in this life is to earn it first. - Ginger Rogers Solution: REARM, RADII, KNOTTY, FIESTA

**KOYNTT** 

#### Difficulty Level 1s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

SUDOKU

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns. in each of the nine horizonta rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard: 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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Date:24.07.2025

#### 6030 SUDOKU 5 4 7 9 8 6 5 2 9 SOLUTION 3 6 5 2 8 3 9 6 2 5 6 9 4 8 4 6 3

### **DAY TODAY**

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** 

The risky planetary situation is compounded by lunar formations which

create confusion. You may wish to turn down lively opportunities and go for quiet. A few minutes of meditation could help you work out your true purpose.

# TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

I think you're finding it

easier to stand on your

own feet, though.



CANCER (June 22 -**July 23**)

However much you would like to be the centre of attention, if you are a typical Cancerian you will find it very difficult to be truly selfish. Something keeps pulling you back to the need to put others' interests first. And that has to be a good thing!

#### **LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)** What you find



If at all possible, please do put extra energy into all professional aspirations.

#### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** The Moon is

aligned with your seventh solar house, the repository for all Virgoan feelings of partnership and relatedness. In plain English, you'd better get on with other

people. If you offend someone you might find that they don't fight back they just give up.

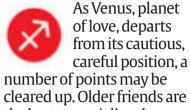
LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Nobody understands

better than you that sometimes it is prudent to walk away from upsetting situations. It is best to be magnanimous in victory. That, after all, is the way to turn defeated rivals into permanent friends.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Quite aside from the difficulties

posed by planets influencing both domestic and professional sectors, others, influencing travel and adventure are utterly favourable. Surprisingly, emotional complications may put you on the right track.

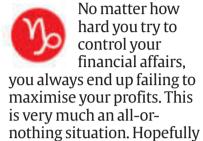
#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



the best, especially where money is concerned. Team up with people who are more experienced than you.

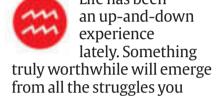
# CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

a loser.



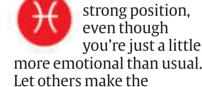
#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Life has been

you're a winner rather than



are going through. You can only go up if you've been down first. Great things PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

#### You're in a



running. There is no need for you to dive in first, if you feel that the waters of life are looking rather too risky. A fish you may be, but you must still watch out for sharks.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

## See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Sakil @ Kalu, S/o: Kunne Khan, R/o: H.No-74 Prayog Vihar, Shubhash Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.: 327/2022, U/s: 25/54/59 Arms ACT, P.S Rajouri Garden, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sakil @ Kalu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sakil @ Kalu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sakil @ Kalu of P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.10.2025. By Order

Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt JMFC-02, West, Court No. 356, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/9690/WD/2025

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

## (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Rajesh Kumar Singh S/o Ram Pal Singh R/o C-216, 4th Floor, Pandev Nagar, Delhi-110092 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 11567/2018 U/s 138 NI Act PS DBG Road, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Rajesh Kumar Singh can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Rajesh Kumar Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Rajesh Kumar Singh of case CC No. 11567/2018 U/s 138 NI Act PS DBG Road, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 29.08.2025 By Order

Arushi Parwal LD., JMFC-05, NI Act DP/10041/CD/2025 Central Annexure-01, Room No. 02 (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Rajiv Bhadu S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar R/o No 79, 3rd Floor Adhchini Desu Office Malviya Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 159/2024 Dt.: 24.03.2024 U/s 279/338 IPC at PS: Vikaspuri, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Rajiv Bhadu can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rajiv Bhadu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rajiv Bhadu of FIR No. 159/2024 Dt.: 24.03.2024 U/s 279/338 IPC of PS: Vikaspuri, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.09.2025. By order

DP/9768/WD/2025

Rishabh Kapooi Judicial Magistrate, First Class-05 South-West District, Court No.09 Dwarka Courts New Delhi

#### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 74-W-CSP-25-26-02

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Engineer/Concrete Sleeper Plant, North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-TENDERS for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. The details of the Tenders are as under:

Tender No.: 74-W-CSP-25-26-02 Approx. Cost of work (₹): ₹ 52.62 Lakh Name of work: Supply of Coarse Aggregate, 20 mm nominal size of granite stone to Concrete Sleeper Plant, Subedarganj, Prayagraj

Completion Period: 12 Month Earnest Money (₹) : ₹ 105200.00

Date of Opening of tender: 18.08.2025 Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tender will be uploaded and shall be available up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening on Website www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. Tenderers are required to submit Annexure-V online on IREPS Module: 5. For detailed information, please refer the tender document uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in. 6.Payment of Earnest Money Deposit / Bid Security in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or e- payment gateway only. 7.In case of any difficulty helpdesk on the website of IREPS may be approached. 8. Tender can be submitted online up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening and will be opened after 15.00 hours. 9. Suppliers of Goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act, and Rules as applicable from time to time. 10. The Railway reserves the right to amend/postpone/cancel any tender/s without assigning any reason thereof. 1318/25(DG)

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### BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division

Thimmaiah Road, Queens Road, Bengaluru-560 052.

Date: 30.07.2025 No:EE(SJN)/KPPP/TEND/10/2025-26 **INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (NIT)** (TWO COVER SYSTEM) (STD KW 3 & 4)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only) The Executive Engineer, (Shivajinagara Division), East Zone BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike KPWD/ CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works

Name of the works

detailed in the table below.

Bharathinagara

Providing Men and machineries for Immersion of Ganesha, Durga, Kali Idols during festival and Performing Chetta Pooja at Halasuru Kalyani in Ward No-121 Halasuru

Approx. value of work: ₹60.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹1,20,000.00 Resurfacing to Asphalt Roads and Repairs to Concrete Roads in Bad Reaches and Improvements to Drains and Allied Works in Ward Jurisdiction in

Ward No-119 Shivajinagara Approx. value of work : ₹120.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹1,80,000.00 Resurfacing to Asphalt Roads and Repairs to Concrete Roads in Bad Reaches and Improvements to Drains and Allied Works in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No-120

Approx. value of work: ₹120.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹1,80,000.00 Resurfacing to Asphalt Roads and Repairs to Concrete Roads in Bad Reaches and Improvements to Drains and Allied Works in Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No-121 Halasuru

Approx. value of work: ₹120.00 Lakhs EMD: ₹1,80,000.00

Calendar of Events :(1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from 01.08.2025. (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 08.08.2025 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Date of Opening of Tenders is on 11.08.2025 at 11:00 am if possible or next working day. Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Shivajinagara



Press (Open) Tender Enq. Not522P-3/EMP-W-13082

#### PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001) Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in Phone No. 01881275289

E-mail: se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

Dated 29.07.25

Dy. Chief Engineer: Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP. Rooprugur invites Press Tender for Painting of DM water storage tank installed in water treatment plants of Stage II & III at

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to PSPCL website www.pspcLin from 29.07.25 from 05:00 P.M. onwards Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at PSPCL website www.pspcl.in

No. 1701/PSPCL RTP 89/25

### BRAHMAPUTRA CRACKER AND POLYMER LIMITED (BCPL) [A Government of India Enterprise] Lepetkata, Dibrugarh, Assam - 786006, CIN: U11101AS2007GOI008290

TENDER NO. BCPL/HR/OFFICE-GUEST HOUSE/DELHI/001/2025 BCPL invites tender submission in sealed bids in two-bid system for "Hiring a wellmaintained premises for BCPL Office cum Guest house of approximately 400 to 500 sqm carpet area suitably at a prime location in New Delhi with proximity to main road, marketplaces and preferably metro rail service for a period of 03 years.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Mode & Date of submission of tender document: Hard Copy of Bid to be submitted a BCPL office at House No. 17A, Eastern Avenue, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi - 110065. Last date of bid submission: 16-08-2025 (till 5:00 PM)

Details of tender available on BCPL website: www.bcplonline.co.in Corrigendum / addendum (if any), to this tender would appear on above website only & will not publish on any other Media/Press. For any clarification contact

jkbaruah@bcplindia.co.in (9706050807)/ ajdutta@bcplindia.co.in (9435736432)

#### FORM NO. CAA. 2 [Pursuant to Section 230(3) and rule 6 and 7]

## CA(CAA)/34(AHM)2025

**Citizen Infoline Limited** ....Applicant Company No.2 (Transferee Company) In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013;

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013;

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of Citizen Solar Private Limited, into Citizen Infoline Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors CITIZEN INFOLINE LIMITED

(CIN: L31100GJ1994PLC023561) A Public Listed Company incorporated under the

provisions of the Companies Act Having its registered office at

411, Sakar-II, Ellisbridge, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat ... Applicant Company 2 Transferee Company

#### NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF MEETING OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF **CITIZEN INFOLINE LIMITED**

NOTICE is hereby given that by an order dated 21st July, 2025 passed in CA(CAA)/34(AHM)2025, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Ahmedabad Bench ("NCLT") has directed for convening and holding the meeting of Equity Shareholders of Citizen Infoline Limited, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving, with or without modification(s), the Scheme of Amalgamation of Citizen Solar Private Limited into Citizen Infoline Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors

Take Further Notice that in pursuance of the said order, the meeting of Equity Shareholders of Citizen Infoline Limited shall be held through video conferencing or other audio-visual modes as per details mentioned herein below:-Class of Meeting Date of Meeting Time (IST)

2.4								
1	Equity Shareholders	03.09.2025	12:00 Noon					
Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, Explanatory Statement with annexure								
can be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Company or from the								
office of Thakkar and Pahwa, Advocates at 71, New York Tower-A, Thaltej Cross								
Roads, S.G. Highway, Ahmedabad-380054, Gujarat during 12.00 Noon to 5:00 pm								
on all working days and including date of meetings (except Holiday and Sunday).								
Since meeting is held through VC/OAVM, the provisions regarding proxy are not								

The Tribunal has appointed Mr. Dipak Rachchha, Advocate as the Chairperson of the said meeting including any adjournment thereof. The Court has appointed Mr. Akash Modh. Advocate as Scrutinizer of the meeting. The Scheme, if approved in the aforesaid meeting, will be subject to the subsequent

approval of other regulatory authorities and sanction by Hon'ble NCLT. Place: Ahmedabad

Dipak Rachchha Chairman appointed for the Meeting

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Vicky Verma, S/o Sh. Shiv Kumar Verma, R/o Plot No. 44, Chandra Park, Old Palam Road, Dwarka, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 84/2025, U/s 109(1)/309(5)/312/61(2)/3(5) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, P.S. Dwarka North, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Vicky Verma cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Vicky Verma has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Vicky Verma accused of FIR No. 84/2025, U/s 109(1)/309(5)/312/61(2)/3(5) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, P.S. Dwarka North, New **Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.09.2025. By Order

Ms. Neetika Kapoor Judicial Magistrate First Class-06 South-West District, Room No. 514

Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

DP/9976/DW/2025

DP/9988/OD/2025

(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING

## See Section 82 Cr. P.C

THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Anil Gupta, S/o. Panna Lal Gupta, R/o.: H-185, Mangolpuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.731/2016 U/S 354A/354D/506/509 IPC registered at P.S. Mangolpuri, Outer District, Delhi and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said accused Anil Gupta could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused Anil Gupta is absconded (or is concealing

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Anil Gupta, accused of FIR No. 731/2016 U/S 354A/354D/506/509 IPC, P.S Mangolpuri, Outer District, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 01.09.2025.

himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Reetika Jain **Judicial Magistrate First Class** North West District, Court No.105 First Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Mohd. Iflikar, S/o. Mohd. Ishtiyak, R/o.: E-2/384, Nand Nagri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.291/2016 U/S 380/411 IPC registered at P.S GTB Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said accused Mohd. Iflikar could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused Mohd. Iflikar is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mohd. Iflikar, accused of FIR No.291/2016 U/S 380/411 IPC, P.S GTB Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.09.2025.

DP/9824/SHD/2025 (Court Matter)

Judicial Magistrate First Class-01, Shahdara District, Room No. 54, Second Floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

By Order, Ms. Sanghmitra

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Date: 28.07.2025

applicable.

### VENUS GETS US OPEN WILDCARD

New York: Venus Williams' comeback is headed to the U.S. Open next month, when she will enter the redesigned mixed doubles tournament with Reilly Opelka via a wildcard entry. **REUTERS** 

# Sparks fly at Oval as curator asks Gambhir to stay 2.5m away from pitch



**EXPRESS IN ENGLAND** 

**SANDEEP DWIVEDI** LONDON, JULY 29

WHEN INDIAN coaches Gautam Gambhir and Sitanshu Kotak walked to the Oval central square to have a routine pre-match look at the pitch, local curator Lee Fortis, through a messenger, asked them to stay 2.5 metres away from the playing surface. He also shouted at the Indian support staff to not take a 'cooler' to the ground.

This is the back-story of India head coach Gambhir's angry exchange with Fortis and his "you don't tell us what we need to do" comment that was caught on

camera and went viral. The final India-England Test of the twomonth-long, but riveting, tour starts on Thursday but the mercury around the series-deciding game continues to climb. After England skipper Ben Stokes's sermon on cricket morality to Indian batsmen Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar – the chief Bazballer didn't want the Indians to complete their hundreds since there was no point in continuing a Test that was headed for a draw – comes the lesson on field of play decorum by an English cura-

Though Gambhir, after the Manchester Test. didn't sav much about the Stokes-Jadeja 'handshake' incident, the Indian team management didn't mince words at The Oval. Batting coach Kotak, who was close to the action and played the pacifier when an animated Gambhir was talking to Fortis, gave details about the net session altercation.

"When we went to see the pitch, we were asked by someone to keep a 2.5-metre distance. This was surprising. The Test would be in a few days and we were wearing joggers. So it felt a bit odd. We all have been on the ground enough, we have played so much cricket. Curators are pos-



Gautam Gambhir with Akash Deep at The Oval nets on Tuesday. PTI

sessive about the ground and the square but they need to understand that they are speaking to highly skilled and intelligent people." Kotak said.

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INDIA ASSISTANT COACH

damaged. End of the day, it's a cricket pitch ... it's not an antique that is 200 years old and can be broken. Today, we were wearing shoes with rubber soles and in a day's time, a batsman will be sliding to survive a runout or a bowler will be sliding there to stop the ball."

Kotak said that the curator told them that they were trying to grow grass on the pitch next to the main wicket."I don't know how much grass will grow in one day and what will happen in the next five days. So sometimes, you want your ground and

square to be good but at the end of the day, it's a cricket pitch."

#### **Curator's reputation**

Kotak also gave details about curators yelling at Indian support staff members for carrying a water-cooler to the ground.

"He was sitting on the roller and from there, he shouted at the support staff asking them not to take the cooler to the ground. The weight of that cooling box is about 10 kilos ... it wouldn't have mattered. It is good to be a little possessive and protective about the pitch and the outfield, but not that much. The support staff work under the head coach, so Gautam will say that you cannot shout at them."

The batting coach hinted that the Oval curator has a reputation that they were aware of. "To be very honest, before coming to

The Oval, most of the teams know that the curator is not the easiest person to get on

Later in the press conference, Kotak would get questioned by the English media and the batting coach would once again repeat his version of events. A few more details would emerge.

"So we were there standing on the wicket (when) one of the groundstaff came and said that we need to stand 2.5 metres away from the pitch. In my cricketing career, I have not heard anyone saying that ..., He was literally telling the head coach 'you go outside the rope and see the wicket ...' I don't know how you see ... if somebody is brushing their shoes on the pitch or trying to put something in the wicket or somebody wearing spikes, the curator feels that way, it is fine. But in this case, it was a very strange way of saying you go and stand two-and-ahalf metres away from here ..."

Kotak said they have had conversations with other curators in this series but none like the one they had with Fortis.

"Gautam is someone who does not even speak about unnecessary things. He does not talk to anyone. Last four games we played, everywhere, wherever we go, all the curators where they talk, they even tell you when they are going to cut the grass, whether they are going to cut the grass. And if they do not want to give an answer, they will say 'we will see the weather, we will decide tomorrow.' That is a good answer..."

# All-weather all-rounder

Washington's father's vision of a player that can be called upon in any situation, across formats, with bat or ball, is now taking shape

**VENKATA KRISHNA B** 

CHENNAI, JULY 29

**"Ni ena periya** Prasanna va? (are you the great (EAS) Prasanna?)" This was a question that a young Washington faced from his father, M Sundar, in 2016 over a dinner table in Kolkata.

In the lead-up to that year's Under-19 World Cup, as Washington was leaking runs in the preparatory fixtures in Kolkata, Sundar only found out what was wrong once he saw his son bowling at the venue. "He was tossing them up like a classical off-spinner would do. And Sarfaraz Khan hit him for three-four sixes over mid-wicket in one over. I couldn't believe what he was doing," he tells The Indian

That night, Sundar would drop in to the team hotel to have a guiet word or two to remind Washington what he originally is. "He is not Prasanna or (R) Ashwin. Washington's strength is constantly attacking the stumps and bowling in the same spot again and again and testing batsmen's patience. Now that Ashwin isn't around, you can't expect him to bowl like him. He is a great with over 500 Test wickets. Washington has to bowl like Washington..." Sundar pauses before completing the sentence: "And bat like Washington."

In India's ongoing tour of England, Washington has shown with the ball and bat why he would be an integral member of the national team squad going forward. At Edgbaston and Lord's, he has shown his offbreaks don't need favourable conditions and that he has enough guile to create opportunities. And on the final day at Manchester, his unbeaten 206-ball 101 showed why he deserves to bat up the order. With a strong defence as his base, he is capable of constructing innings like any other top-order

Washington is now shaping up into the cricketer that Sundar has been dreaming of all along. "I wanted him to be the captain's go-to man across formats with bat and ball. When you are switching formats, I didn't want anything to be compromised. If your foundations are strong, you can manage everywhere. I have given Washy a strong base," Sundar says.

## Subtle refinements

batsman.

The traits that Sundar spells out are what caught Stephen Fleming and MS Dhoni's attention in the 2017 IPL. In 2025, it is why India are counting on Washington every time they pick him in the XI, knowing he won't give away easy runs and can make telling contributions with the bat.

The 25-year-old has delivered that through the series, leaving so much of a mark with the ball that Shubman Gill's captaincy came under sharp scrutiny for not bowling him till the 69th over of England's innings at Manchester. He may not be a conventional off-spinner, but the drift alone has caused England batsmen plenty of trouble.

"Very early in his age, all that I would make him bowl was spot bowling. I would drop a handkerchief on the pitch just outside the offstump line. Washington's job was to keep landing the ball repeatedly on it and hit the top of off-stump. With that line and the drift he was getting, I believed, he had more chances to succeed because he would constantly be bowling in the line of the stumps and even if it holds its line, then the outside edge will come in play. As a spinner, he can still test both the edges,"

Being tall, Washington's high-arm release and open-chested action mean he has the sight of batsmen at all times, allowing him to make adjustments till the point of release. Those huge fingers, impart plenty of revs, which in turn enable him to get the drift. That has become the sucker punch for

"He has always had the drift," AC Pratheepan, who has been mentoring him of late in Chennai, says. "In the last few years, he has undergone a small tweak, where he wants to use the crease and angles more to create the illusion in the minds



Washington Sundar has made telling contributions with the bat this series. AP



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of batsmen that he is getting more turn than what is actually on offer."

Apart from the drift, the angle causes an element of illusion. Pratheepan points out how Washington has slightly changed his grip on the ball, which enables him to impart more revs than before.

"Actually we'd been working on these things for way too long. Unfortunately, he went through a lot of injuries in between, which delayed it a bit. But once he got fully fit, his bowling has just evolved. It might seem like he isn't doing much, but in terms of angles, speed and trajectory, he bowls a lot of variations that will make him effective across conditions," Pratheepan, who also mentors Varun Chakaravarthy, adds.

## Stop-start comeback

In January 2021, when Washington left Brisbane, he had put his imprint on a famous Test series win. He would later name his pet dog 'Gabba' and was full of hope. In the next two months, he would play three more Tests, but as India moved on from the Virat Kohli-Ravi Shastri era, it appeared they were doing so without Washington as well, going two entire World Test Championship cycles without considering him.

Injuries played their part, and every time he made a comeback, a lay-off seemed around the corner. Washington would change his diet plans, would go about improving his fitness, yet something seemed to hold him back. "It was definitely not an easy period," his father Sundar says. "It was difficult to see him because he looked stressed and down."

During his stint as mentor of Lucknow Super Giants, Gautam Gambhir had told assistant coach Sridharan Sriram how Washington was being under-utilised in Indian ranks. Now in the hot seat as India head coach, at his first sight of distress during the New Zealand series, it was Washington that Gambhir turned to. When many expected Kuldeep Yadav to feature in the series – similar to the current circumstance in England – it was Washington who came in after a solid spell in the Ranji Trophy and got a spot in the XI.

He earned the call-up not only for his bowling, but for his batting, which has always gone under the radar, too. In Chennai cricket circles, many, including the reputed WV Raman, have always seen him as a top-order batsman who can bowl rather than a bowler who can also bat. In Washington's formative years, Sundar had ensured his son got equal attention to both facets of the game.

"When Sundar brought him, even as a 14year-old he could face fast bowlers bowling with a full run-up. He wasn't afraid of facing them," M Senthilnathan, who coaches him at club level, says. "Even when he came here, he had a strong defence. When your defence is strong, you can add shots to your batting. He doesn't need to change his game based on the format. With confidence, he would only get better."

# WHICH WAY WILL THE SELECTORS TURN?

# Lack of trust in No 3 and 'keeper behind Kuldeep's exclusion from XI

**SANDEEP DWIVEDI** LONDON. JULY 29

WILL KULDEEP Yadav get his first game of the series in the final Test of this long tour? The team management is considering that option but it's not going to be an open-and-shut case.

Unfortunately for Kuldeep, according to those in the know, it isn't his skill or talent that the decision-makers doubt. What keeps him out of the team is the unreliability of India's frontline batsmen – namely the No.3 and, surprisingly, also the wicket-keepers. At the start of the tour, it was Rishabh Pant and now it's his replacement Dhruv Jurel. And also the local conditions. More about how The Oval might not be ideal for Kuldeep later.

First the wicket-keepers. Pant has been an enigma for the cricketing world, and also for the team. When dealing with him, the Indian decision-makers stick to 'believe in God but lock your car' philosophy. He has been an asset to the team but not quite a steady stock - before this Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series. At one point, there was a school of thought

that plans can't be formed around someone with the habit of leaping down the track in the first over he faces. And certainly not someone who has scored just one fifty in nine innings in Australia, India's last Test outing before the England tour. It's not that those with correct strokes and

conventional outlook towards scoring runs don't have bad patches. They also fail but it's human to trust a textbook cricketer playing in a time-tested manner. If a mathematician has to describe the Indian batting line-up, KL Rahul and Shubman Gill will be constants and batsmen like Pant the variables.

On this tour, Pant was becoming one of the constants. In his seven innings here, he has two 100s and three 50s. But just when the team management was getting used to the runs coming from down the order, India's most comfortable-looking batsman on the tour was hit on the foot by a full ball - the fracture ruling him out of the remainder of the series.

In Pant's place comes Jurel, who has played just one Test outside India. His outing at Perth wasn't too long.

## Not instilling confidence

The other Virat Kohli-sized hole in the middle order is at the No.3 spot where Sai Sudharsan and Karun Nair haven't yet given confidence to the team management. They have been given chances but have shown a tendency to get out to innocuous balls and not score in crunch situations. They don't seem to



towards pacers doing more damage, which may keep Kuldeep Yadav out again. PTI

be putting a high price on their wicket.

In case India had a settled No.3 and a wicket-keeper playing percentage cricket, Kuldeep would have been a sure-shot selection in most Tests in England. That hasn't happened so India faces the old question again: Should they go with the specialist left-arm wrist-spinner or stick to pace all-rounder Shardul Thakur?

Batting coach Sitanshu Kotak, like many other Team India coaches who have faced the media, explained the complexity of the Kuldeep call. He was asked a pertinent question about playing four specialist bowlers from 8 to 11 – in other words Kuldeep and three pure pacers.

Kotak took his time to say that "scoring 550 to 600 runs is as important as taking 20 wickets" and it was by scoring runs that they won their only Test of this series at Edgbaston.

"Once you play with five bowlers, everyone has to bowl well. In case you play with six bowlers, one of them can be under-bowled. And if that bowler is an all-rounder, you know he will also contribute in batting. But if he happens to be a pure bowler ... when you look back at the game, you will think that instead of an extra bowler, if we had a batsman..." he explained the quandary.

Kotak indicated that it's always easy to be wise after a game. Before it, the only thing the team management can do is think of playing a balanced side. But he still didn't rule out Kuldeep. "That also depends on the wicket and what we feel about it .. the captain and coach will take a look at the

pitch and decide who they will play."

## **Surface tension**

Now to the pitch and the question of adding Kuldeep to the spin department that has undroppable all-rounders Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar. Can India play three spinners at The Oval?

Historically, the venue helps spinners but this time around, the domestic games here have seen teams scoring in the range of 250-300 with pacers doing most of the damage. This is clear from the new addition to the England squad – homeboy Jamie Overton.

With offie Shoaib Basher injured and Liam Dawson not really effective at Manchester, England will focus on their quicks. Overton joins Gus Atkinson, another Surrey boy, who know his way around The Oval.

Does that mean India will play Jasprit Bumrah? That looks unlikely but can't be ruled out. If the World No.1 bowler sits out, India in all likelihood will play Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep and, finally, Arshdeep Singh.

Is it worth burdening Bumrah with extra workload? It was something that coach Gautam Gambhir, at one point on this tour, was dead against. But then India's only win on this tour came when Bumrah wasn't in the XI. And has he become less impactful with the new ball and gotten slower as the series has progressed? At The Oval, India need to bring out stone, paper and those sharp scissors.

# Overworked pace attack

As the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy heads for a climax at the Oval, England have tired legs in their dressing room, They were on the field for 5 consecutive sessions in the 4th Test. The Indian Express takes a look at England seamers workload...

## CHRIS WOAKES



Nobody has sent as many as 167 overs as the 36 year old, who returned after a long injury lay-off. With not much movement on offer, has picked up just 10

wickets and would be interesting to see if England play him at the Oval if the pitch retains its green look.

## **BRYDON CARSE**

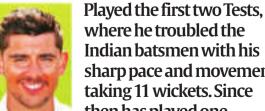


**Another England seamer** who has had to toil hard. He has sent down 155 overs, accounting for just 9 wickets. By the end of the Manchester Test,

Carse looked down and out with his pace dropping as India's resistance grew. Could possibly be benched for the decider.

### BEN STOKES

Undoubtedly, the pick of England attack, the hosts captain has sent delivered 140 overs and has picked 17 wickets. Has taken the tough job of bowling mostly with the old ball and at Manchester was struggling physically, holding his shoulder and hamstring.



where he troubled the Indian batsmen with his sharp pace and movement, taking 11 wickets. Since then has played one

County fixture and given Woakes and Carse workload, the 27-year-old could get a look-in at the Oval.

## IOFRA ARCHER



He has bowled only 88.3 overs. But that is already plenty for someone who didn't play Tests for four years. Has had his moments, but hasn't

looked the part completely. Remains to be seen if he can play three on the bounce with just three days to recover.

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## Pandit parts ways with IPL team KKR

Kolkata: IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders on Tuesday announced the departure of head coach Chandrakant Pandit, ending his two-year stint with the team following a disappointing 2025 season. Pandit, who guided KKR to their third IPL title in 2024, oversaw a sharp decline in fortunes this year with the side finishing eighth in the 2025 edition, matching their lowest ever finish in tournament history. "Mr. Chandrakant Pandit has decided to explore new opportunities and will not continue as Head Coach of Kolkata Knight Riders," KKR said in a post shared on 'X'.

## Nagal in second round in Germany

New Delhi: Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal moved to the second round of the Platzmann Open with a straight set win over Spain's Carlos Sanchez Jover in Hagen, Germany on Tuesday. The 307ranked Indian defeated the higherranked Jover 6-2, 6-2 in the opening round of the ATP Challenger event which is being played on clay. He will take on 17-year-old German tennis player Niels McDonald in the round of 16 on Wednesday. Nagal entered the tournament on the back of two semifinal finishes in the Triste Challenger and Tampere Open earlier this month. PTI

## Women's Asian Cup: India in tough group

New Delhi: India were on Tuesday drawn with powerhouse Japan, former champions Chinese Taipei and Vietnam in Group C of the AFC Women's Asian Cup, the continent's showpiece tournament, to be held in Australia next year. The draw ceremony for the 12team tournament to be run from March 1 to 21, 2026 was held at the Sydney Town Hall with Indian midfielder Sangita Basfore being one of the three draw assistants. The 12 teams were divided into three groups of four teams each.The Blue Tigresses will begin their campaign with a match against Vietnam on March 4, 2026, at the Perth Rectangular Stadium.

# How Humpy keeps ticking at 38

Her second Krishnater says veteran's game is constantly evolving due to familiarity with latest trends

### AMIT KAMATH & MAYANK

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KUSHAGER KRISHNATER calls the week gone by the 'most draining seven days' of his career as a chess second. You have a feeling that Koneru Humpy, who at 38 is experiencing a second wind in her pathbreaking career, would agree. Humpy ended second in the FIDE World Cup on Monday, after losing to 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh in a battle of generations at Batumi.

The defeat to Divya came after the first two games in the classical format on Saturday and Sunday ended in draws. Then the first game in the rapid section on Monday ended in a draw as well. Finally, in the second game, there was a breakthrough as Divya managed to clinch victory.

For Humpy and team, finishing second after having come this far left them "gutted", says Krishnater, who has been a second to Humpy since August 2022. This has included working with the Indian women's star during her FIDE Women's Candidates tournament challenge last year. He is an International Master, who has worked with over 10 Grandmasters. This includes super elite grandmasters like Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi, besides Humpy.

A FIDE Master at 16, he was an IM by the age of 18.

Krishnater says that the World Cup is the "most difficult format" for Humpy, since, at 38, it means playing for one month at her peak level, which she managed until the final tiebreak game. He details the intense work that the team did after both classical games ended in draws.

"After the match against Alexandra Kosteniuk, the intensity of our work is something that we have never reached so far in our working relationship. For example, we worked till 11 in the night on Sunday (during the final against Divya). And on Monday morning, we started at 8 am, and went on till 11.30 am, which was just one hour before the game. She gave it all, despite like one month of consistency and her being in a stage of her career where she has played for so many years. It is a physically taxing job, playing nearly one month at a FIDE World Cup," says Krishater. "I can easily say that since the time we have been working together, this has been the



Humpy lost to compatriot Divya Deshmukh in the final. Anna Shtourman/FIDE

most draining work – physically draining work — for both of us, especially for Humpy."

While he admits he did not discuss her workout regime, he does say: "To do this for 24 days, I don't think it's easy for anyone. I'm sure she was working out diligently before she came. That's why even during the quarter-finals, she was very fresh." It's that freshness, that's allowed her to keep battles going and try to squeeze water out of stone, like in the second classical game against China's Lei Tingjie, where Krishnater thought after a point that there was "no venom left" in the pieces. But Humpy continued playing and soon, she was one move away from victory.

#### Bearing fruit

On the board, all the work that is happening behind the scenes is bearing fruit.

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**VISWANATHAN ANAND** FIVE TIME WORLD CHAMPION

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The crazy hours Krishnater details are something that are par for the course for young teenage players like Divya or Gukesh, who have the energy to work for hours on chess before striding into a battle and then grind it out for five-six hours more. And then doing it all over again the next day. For Humpy, this was also a challenge because over the last few years, she has managed to find a balance between her family life and her professional pursuit which is rare in Indian chess.

As Krishnater points out, that ever since Humpy reached the quarters, she entered the zone of focussing primarily on her chess.

"After Humpy reached the quarter-finals, it has been so hectic. I can easily say that the past week has been like the most draining job for me. Having worked with all kinds of players, this has been the most difficult job. And then to think that Humpy is somebody who is 38, and still willing to give it all," he says.

The FIDE Women's World Cup is the second-most prestigious event in chess, behind the Women's World Championship. But unlike the Women's World Championship, which features up to 12 one-on-one battles between the same two players, the World Cup is a seven-round tournament where Humpy had to play six opponents of different skillsets in two oneon-one classical games (and games in faster time controls after that if needed).

Besides the work behind the scenes, Anand also credits a changed mindset for Humpy's recent results: she won the World Rapid Championship in December last year for the second time in her career. Anand calls it Humpy's "willingness to learn and to experiment" rather than sticking with things that have worked well for her.

"Her confidence, the fact that she has done well in the World Rapid Championship last year also suggests that she is comfortable with all kinds of formats. Maybe the main thing is an open mind. She is willing to take on any format, and doesn't tell herself that I'm good in this (format). The main force driving this for Humpy is that she feels good about herself," says Anand before drawing a comparison with Hikaru Nakamura: "Maybe she now competes without feeling a lot of pressure and she just thinks, 'let me try this and enjoy myself. That attitude comes across very well, maybe in a way similar to Hikaru."

# Macau Open: Satwik-Chirag in second round

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STAR INDIAN shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty stormed into the men's doubles second round of the Macau Open Super 300 with a straight-game win over Malaysia's Low Hang Yee and Ng Eng Cheong, here on Tuesday.

The Asian Games champions, who also regained their place in the top 10 of the BWF world rankings on Tuesday, produced a clinical performance to outclass the Malaysian pair 21-13, 21-15 in just 36 minutes.

The women's pair of Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra also moved to the second round after battling past Chinese Taipei's Zih Ling Huang and Wang Szu-Min 21-15, 16-21, 21-17 in a hard-fought three-game en-

In women's singles, Anmol Kharb and Tasnim Mir advanced to the main draw after winning their respective qualification matches. Anmol defeated Azerbaijan's Keisha

Fatimah Azzahra 21-11, 21-13, while Tasnim overcame Thailand's Tidapron Kleebyeesun 21-14, 13-21, 21-17. Tasnim will face top seed Chen Yu Fei of

China in the opening round of the main draw, while Anmol is set to take on second seed Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand. The top seeded women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand suffered

a first-round exit after going down fighting 21-16, 20-22, 15-21 in an hour against Lin Xiao Min and Peng Yu Wei of Chinese Taipei Apoorva Gahlawat and Sakshi Gahlawat

fell to Malaysia's Go Pei Kee and Teoh Mei Xing in the women's doubles Round of 32, while men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi also exited in the opening

In men's doubles, Dingku Singh Konthoujam and Amaan Mohammad progressed to the main draw after beating Hong Kong's Law Cheuk Him and Yeung Shing Choi 21-18, 21-17. They will face compatriots Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K in the next round.

The mixed doubles pair of Thandrangini Hema Nagendra Babu and Priya Konjengbam also made it to the main draw, where they will take on Thailand's Phuwanat Horbanluekit and Fungfa Korpthammakit.

# At £150 million price tag, why Isak is the hot striker available in transfer window

SANDIPG JULY 29

ONE EVENING, a teenaged striker for the Swedish club AIK received a video call from an unknown number. He casually picked it up, only for his eyes to leap out of the orbit. At the other end was Ronaldo Nazario, one of his idols. The Brazilian requested him to join Real Madrid. He stumbled for words and just kept nodding his head. But a month after the call, he ignored Madrid and signed for Borussia Dortmund, the lapidarist club

Madrid, his parents reasoned, was a step too soon. His parents, migrants from Eritrea who fled the war and settled in the Bagartorp just outside Stockholm in the late 80s believed in steady rather than spectacular promise. Eight years later, tracing unconventional paths with stops at Dutch Club Willem II (loan spell), Real Sociedad and Newcastle United, and suffering occasional setbacks, he could become the third most expensive transfer in the world after PSG recruits Kylian Mbappe and Neymar. His services would come at an eye-popping 150 millions pounds. Add agent fees, add-ons and transfer levy, he

could cost around 200 million pounds. Yet, Alexander Isak is not a name that rolls off the tongues of football audiences with as much marvel as those of Mbappe or Neymar. Eyebrows are twitched, chins are stroked, and sometimes heads are banged. It could be that he turns up for Newcastle, a club that has more cult than mainstream adulation, or that he is not a face that screams from advertisement hoarding, or that he keeps an obscenely low profile off the pitch.

The first question that swims in the head is whether his price is inflated? Is he or the club living a delusional neverland? Naysayer would pour his supreme but inferior numbers (26 goals and six assists in 42 games) as compared to some of the inflows in this season of gluttonous spending spree. Arsenal, after protracted negotiations, have landed Viktor Gyokeres, for half the sum (73 millions pounds) and twice the number of goals (54 goals and 13 assists) last season. Liverpool's latest fetch Hugo Ekitiké struck 22 times and assisted 12 goals and cost 79 million pounds. Pure economics suggests Isak's price-tag is a rip-off. But footballing intelligence suggests that Newcastle are not bound by greed. Rather, it's a peep into how the transfers work.

Foremost, he is among the best in the business, just behind Erling Haaland and Mbappe in finishing but more hardworking than them off the ball. Last season, he skinned the Premier League's most trustworthy centre-back pairing of William Saliba and Gabriel of Arsenal in both legs of the League Cup semi-final with his pace, intelligent pressing and precision. By the end of the sec-



Alexander Isak's transfer could become the third-most expensive in the world. Reuters

In Newcastle, he is deservingly hailed as the best player they had on the rolls since Alan Shearer, the highest goal-scorer in the league.

ond leg, Arsenal supporters were pleading with Arteta to buy him the next season. That could yet be a reality, as the Gunners, if they squeeze the account book could orchestrate the wish of the fans. But at this stage, Isak remains a glint-eyed temptation and not a concrete plan.

## Best player

In Newcastle, he is deservingly hailed as the best player they had on the rolls since Alan Shearer, the highest goal-scorer in the league. Like Shearer, he has the immaculate sense of the goal, to process the patterns of the game and anticipate the ball's passing sequence. The craft of poaching is oversimplified to just being at the right place at the right time. Ignored are their vision and intelligence to be at that place, to weave past his markers, to wander invisibly like a phantom. Last season, Isak was exceptional inside the box. He possessed a conversion rate of 30.26, nearly double as much as Ekitiké.

Rewatching both legs of the Arsenal game would offer an affirmation of his poise when hounded by defenders or the onrushing goalkeeper growing big on him, his knack of throwing defenders (Saliba, no less) off-balance is exemplary. He is not averse to scoring from long range either. A 25-yard screamer

# Portugal forward Felix joins Al-Nassr

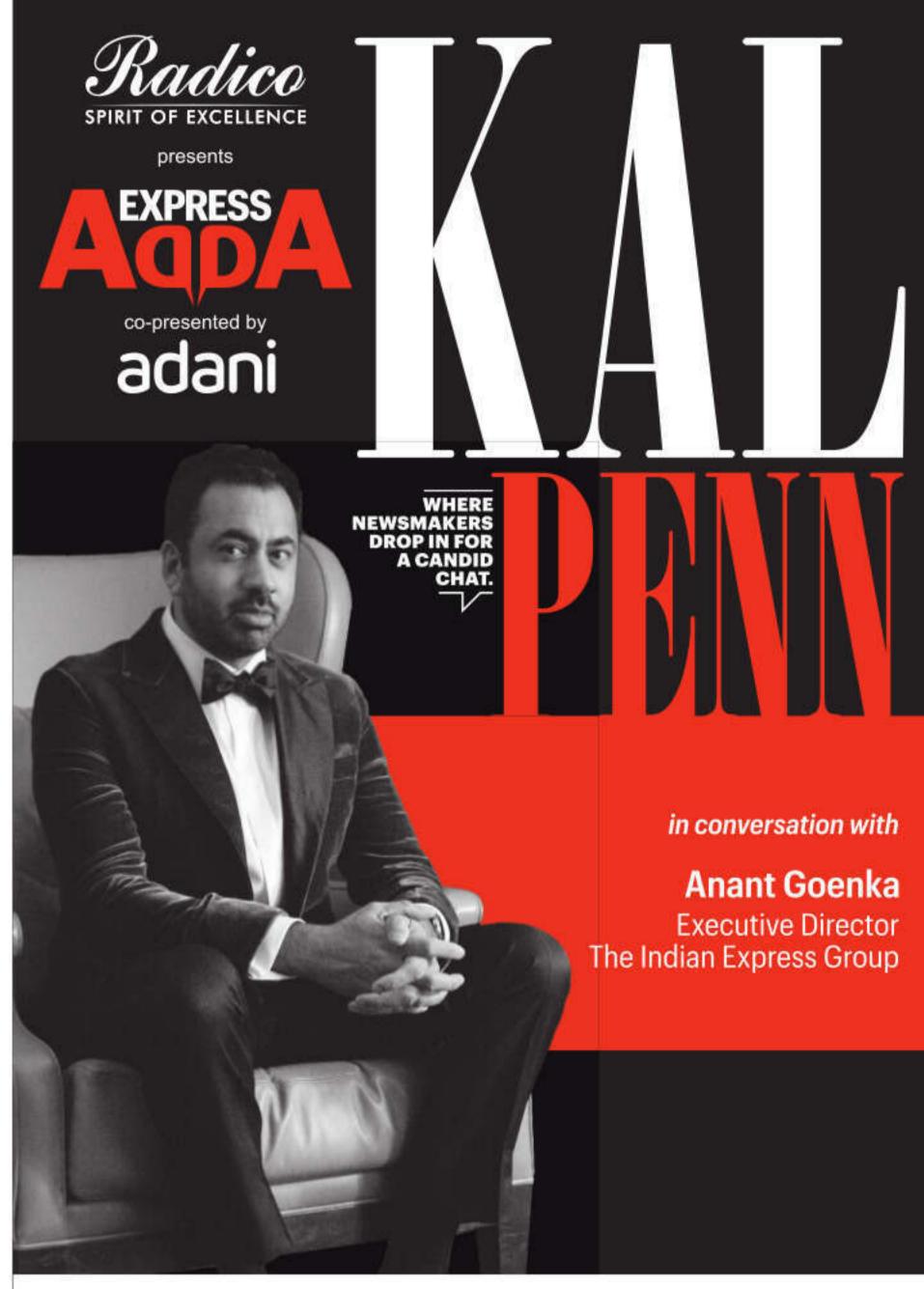
New Delhi: Portugal forward Joao Felix has joined Saudi Pro League side Al-Nassr from Club World Cup winners Chelsea on a two-year contract, the two teams said on Tuesday. "Let's win together ... Joao Felix is a Nasraoui," Al-Nassr wrote on X, along with a short video of the striker. "I'm here to have fun and win together," the 25-yearold said. Neither club disclosed any financial details of the deal, but Sky Sports said the transfer could cost up to 43.7 million pounds (\$58.17 million), consisting of an initial 26.2 million fee plus 17.5 million in potential add-ons. Felix moved from Benfica to Atletico Madrid in 2019 when he was only 19 and then joined Chelsea on loan for the 2022-2023 campaign before being loaned to Barcelona the following season. **REUTERS** 

against Liverpool was vintage EPL stuff. He is not a see-ball-hit-ball type either. The movements are balletic, he dribbles but with minimalistic precision, he drifts out and slithers in with a casual swivel that throws the frantic marker off-kilter. He was first compared to Thierry Henry because they wore the same jersey No (14); two years in the league, it doesn't seem like a silly hyperbole. Like ex-Liverpool centre forward Roberto Firmino, he drops deeper into the pockets, between the lines of defence and midfield.

An acute shortage of centre forwards adds a few millions. Premier League experience adds a few more. He is Premier League proven, Ekitiké is not, Brighton did not consider Gyokeres rounded enough to feature in the league and loaned him out to Bundesliga and Championship sides. Whereas he has improved in recent years and excelled against English teams in Champions League, there are still lingering doubts of him setting the goalscoring charts on fire. Besides, he is 25, just about hitting the peak.

Other factors too are at play. Like the desperation of a club to sell a player. Newcastle is not a club that grooms and sells players, it's ambitious and desperately tried to keep Isak at St James' Park. It's utterly reasonable that the club has stuck a tag that limits his acquisition to only a handful of Europe's elites. Only that his timing of his transfer request came a trifle too late.

The big spenders had already exhausted a bulk of their budget. A heated bidding war is unlikely; it could be just one ambitious club making a decisive swoop. Or a legend making an impromptu video call.







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