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Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 8

TAKING NOTE of law and order issues created by “private individuals” over the transportation of legally allowed animals, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and NCP chief Ajit Pawar has asked the police top brass to direct district police heads to prevent such persons from inspecting vehicles transporting livestock.

Pawar’s instruction followed a meeting between him and a delegation of the Qureshi community Wednesday, where state DGP Rashmi Shukla and Mumbai Police Commissioner Deven Bharti, among other officials, were present.

“The Qureshi community is traditionally associated with the meat trade and is a part of Maharashtra’s agriculture-based economy. Therefore, no injustice will be allowed to be done to the traders of this community and

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LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING PUTIN LATER THIS YEAR: PM

Modi and Putin discuss deepening ties amid row over Trump tariff on Russia oil

Xi and Putin too hold talks, China welcomes Modi’s likely visit to SCO summit in Tianjin

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

AMID THE tension in ties with the US after President Donald Trump doubled the tariff on India over its purchase of Russian oil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin held a phone conversation Friday during which they discussed “the latest developments on Ukraine” and “reaffirmed our commitment to further deepen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership”.

Modi said he looked forward to hosting Putin in India later this year. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who travelled to Moscow this week and met Putin, had also said that the President would be visiting India.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, issued a statement indicating a likely meeting between Putin and Trump next week over the war in Ukraine.

The Modi-Putin conversation took place three days after Russia criticised Trump’s tariff action and backed India’s right to choose its trading partners.

“Sovereign countries have the right to choose their own trading partners,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting of the Security Council, Friday. The Kremlin indicated a likely meeting between Putin and US President Donald Trump next week. PTI

Trade talks hit pause, arrival in India of US negotiators uncertain

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN India and the US for a trade agreement have hit a pause, a government official told *The Indian Express* Friday. This comes two days after US President Donald Trump escalated trade tensions between the two countries by doubling tariffs on India to 50 per cent, the highest globally.

“Formal talks for a trade agreement have paused, pend-

ing a political resolution. The discussion is no longer in the realm of commercial negotiations. The arrival of the US trade team is uncertain, as no formal communication has been received from the US side,” the official said.

The pause in talks, after months of discussion, comes after New Delhi decided to dig in its heels over market access in the agricultural sector. Allowing genetically modified (GM) products is against India’s principle, a government official said last month.

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Delhi and Beijing’s firm stand

INDIA AND China have taken firm positions on their purchase of Russian oil, saying it is in the national interest of each. This has angered the West, especially the US which has added another 25% tariff on India, raising it to a total of 50%.

No govt directive on Russian oil, free to scout for alternatives if not feasible: HPCL

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

PUBLIC SECTOR refiner Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has cut down on processing Russian oil as it has lost much of its price advantage over competing crude grades, and not because of geopolitical considerations or any signal from the government, according to the company’s chairman and managing director Vikas Kaushal.

In a post-earnings analyst call, Kaushal said while HPCL has not received any directive so far from the government on import of Russian crude, the refiner is free to look at alternatives if it were to completely stop buying Russian crude in the future due to any sanctions-related reason.

Russian crude’s share in crude oil processed by HPCL contracted significantly to 13.2 per cent in the quarter ended June 30, primarily due to lower discounts hitting the competitiveness of Moscow’s barrels, according to the HPCL chairman.

According to a recent report by brokerage firm Nomura, the implied discount on Russian crude oil for Indian refiners was estimated to have declined to around \$2.2 per barrel in 2024-25 from over \$12 per barrel in 2022-23.

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Happy Maska Bandhan!



Apex court deletes its remarks against Allahabad HC judge after CJI intervenes

Didn’t intend to embarrass, wanted to ensure dignity of judiciary: Bench

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE SUPREME COURT Friday recalled parts of its August 4 order directing that a judge of the Allahabad High Court should not be assigned any criminal case for hearing until his retirement, saying “our intention was not to cause embarrassment or cast aspersions” on the judge.

The August 4 order criticised the judge for permitting criminal prosecution in what the top court said was essentially a civil dispute.

The bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said after the August 4 order, it had “received an undated letter from... the Chief Justice of India

(B R Gavai) requesting us to reconsider the directions issued by us in paras 25 and 26 respectively of our order” and in view of this, asked the Registry to re-notify the primary matter to consider the request.

The bench said it was deleting the paragraphs concerned in deference to the request of the CJI.

Recalling the paragraphs of its order, the bench said, “We would not even think of doing so. However, when matters cross a threshold and the dignity of the institution is imperilled, it becomes the constitutional responsibility of this court to intervene even when acting under its appellate jurisdiction under Article 136 of the Constitution.”

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Actor Huma Qureshi’s cousin killed over parking dispute, two arrested

PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

A BUSINESSMAN and cousin of Bollywood actor Huma Qureshi was stabbed to death during an altercation with neighbours over a two-wheeler parked outside his home in southeast Delhi, the police said.

According to police, Asif Qureshi (42) was stabbed with a “punch needle”, a tool used in embroidery, allegedly by Gautam during the altercation



Asif Qureshi was stabbed to death

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that also involved the main accused’s brother Ujjwal around 10 pm on Thursday at Bazaar Lane in Bhogal.

DCP (Southeast) Hemant Tiwari said, “Asif requested Ujjwal to move his scooter, but

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‘I have to find out’: Her husband missing, she searches Uttarkashi

AISWARYA RAJ
DEHRADUN, AUGUST 8

OVER THE last two days, Komal Panwar has been on a pursuit to find her hotelier husband, who was in Dharali when the floods struck on Tuesday. She went to the emergency control room and skimmed through the list of those evacuated. In the list of over 350 people, the 28-year-old woman could not find Shubham Negi’s name. With trepidation, she sought the names of those who are feared trapped, but the administration could not furnish them.



Komal Panwar with her husband Shubham Negi

She then went to the district hospital, but he had not been brought there. “I am going to Dharali. I need to know if he is dead or alive,” she said, while waiting for a helicopter at Matli

ITBP camp.

The flash flood, which hit Dharali village in Uttarakhand’s Uttarkashi district, is feared to have killed several people, with authorities estimating that over 60 are missing. Two bodies have been retrieved so far, and rescue operations entered their fourth day on Friday. The flood swept away over 30 hotels and shops after it struck the market area, which is a stopover for most tourists going to Gangotri.

The flood struck at a time when eight adjacent villages, including Dharali and Mukhba,

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Govt withdraws I-T Bill, revised version to be tabled Monday



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Lok Sabha, Friday. PTI

EXPRESS INVESTIGATION: TELANGANA SNOOPING - PART 3

Day after BRS lost power, ‘CCTVs switched off for 1 hr, snooping hard disks destroyed’

NIKHILA HENRY
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 8

ON THE night of December 4, 2023, for the one hour between 8.34 pm and 9.34 pm, CCTV cameras at Telangana’s premier intelligence organisation, the Special Intelligence Branch (SIB), were allegedly turned off, a probe by Hyderabad police has revealed. During this time, 62 hard disks were allegedly destroyed — cut,

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ground to bits and thrown into a river — in an anteroom at the Hyderabad office, investigators probing the Telangana illegal surveillance case have told *The Indian Express*.

As reported by *The Indian Express*, the state police is currently probing allegations that five top police and intelligence officers and a TV channel operator indulged in illegal surveillance of 600 individuals — using the state’s anti-Naxal surveillance

mechanisms — to benefit the BRS. Those allegedly snooped on included politicians, party workers, bureaucrats, businessmen, a sitting High Court judge, as well as their spouses, drivers and even childhood friends, it is learnt.

On Friday, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who is allegedly among those surveilled, deposed before Hyderabad police in connection

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Because he loves to bowl



Mohammad Siraj, whose scrambled bowling led India to a famous series-leaving win in England

Year after R G Kar, protest leaders mired in legal, professional troubles

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KOLKATA, AUGUST 8

A YEAR on from the rape and murder of their colleague inside R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, the junior doctors who led the agitation for justice and reform have faced legal, professional and financial troubles — with the latest police

summons delivered to them earlier this week.

The protests following the August 9, 2024, incident had led to a wave of support for the doctors from across West Bengal and the country. However, prominent leaders of the protest, such as doctors Aniket Mahato, Ashfaqulla Naiya, Kinjal Nanda, and Debashis Halder, have had to deal with FIRs, court battles, and transfers.

Following their initial hospital allocations, Mahato, Naiya, and Halder were transferred to new facilities.

Mahato was transferred to Raigunj Government Medical College and Hospital in Uttar Dinajpur, Naiya to Deben Mahato Government Medical College, and Hospital in Purulia, and Halder to Gazole Rural Hospital in Malda.

The three doctors challenged these transfers in court, claiming they were punitive and retaliatory and that they were being punished for their roles in the protests. They said the transfers occurred just three months after their original postings in February, which had placed



Aniket Mahato and Ashfaqulla Naiya, prominent figures in the junior doctors’ protests, now face FIRs and transfers. File

Halder in Howrah, Mahato in Hooghly, and Naiya in Kolkata.

The case against the transfers are pending at the Calcutta High Court. The government has denied the claim that the transfers were related to the R G Kar protests and said they were routine moves.

Aniket Mahato said that he has not joined his posting, which is in a remote part of North Dinajpur, and with the case pending in court, he has not received a salary for months.

The doctors have also had FIRs filed against them in connection with the protests, including

those under charges of unlawful assembly and “causing grievous hurt to police personnel”.

Earlier this year, Ashfaqulla Naiya’s residence was searched by police following a complaint regarding his degree. A few days after that, the West Bengal Medical Council wrote to the R G Kar principal asking if Kinjal Nanda had taken permission before he acted in films. The body also sought details about Nanda’s service record, including his allowance, working hours, among other details.

Mahato said, “Legally, we are

fighting the notices. Over the last year, we have faced many difficulties. I haven’t been able to practise medicine. I am sitting idle, not drawing a salary. Since April, I have been off duty... This has also affected me mentally.”

“We had no intention to jump into politics. But I am firm that I will continue my fight against injustice. My family has never pressured me, but they have been concerned,” Mahato said.

The agitation demanding justice for the junior doctor, who was raped and murdered, and

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● ‘I have to find out’: Her husband missing, she searches Uttarkashi

were holding a religious festival. Several visitors — friends and family of village residents — had gone to the region just to attend it.

While over 400 people have been airlifted to safety, most of them tourists stuck at Gangotri, a few villagers of Dharali and Mukhba have left for safer areas. With no electricity or cellular network, many villagers in Dharali have since attempted to contact their relatives through the satellite phones of the rescuers to assure their families that they are safe.

Panwar has not received a call yet.

She was in Uttarkashi when she saw the video from Dharali. One of the hotels being washed away with the debris was her husband's. After she couldn't get through to him, she called her in-laws, who live in the village. They were safe, but they told her that Shubham and his four friends, one of whose bodies had been retrieved, were at the hotel when the flood came.

"His friends, Gaurav Panwar, Sumit Negi, and Akash Panwar, were with him. I do not know what has happened to him, but I have to find out," Komal Panwar, who married Negi in January 2024, said.

Khushpal Singh Rawat, whose brother-in-law Mukesh Panwar, wife Vijaita, and three-year-old son Meetu are missing, said he has lost all hope. The

family lives in Uttarkashi, and Mukesh would go there only during peak tourist season. However, on August 3, they left for Dharali to attend the festival. Their elder son, five-year-old Adhiksh, stayed behind with his grandmother. "When I spoke with them before the tragedy, they said they were staying at the hotel because it had all the arrangements, though they had a house in the village. When I got to know of the incident, I checked the video to assure my wife that they were safe, but their hotel had been swept away," he said.

Rawat later contacted one of the staffers at the hotel. "He was heading uphill to take a nap and had seen the family on the second floor of the hotel while leaving. As the tides of debris hit the hotel, he saw them sink with it," Rawat said. On Thursday, another acquaintance, who escaped by a whisker, attested that the family was inside the hotel when the flood crashed into the village.

On Thursday, Rawat leapt on a helicopter to assess the situation. However, the damage in Dharali stole the little hope he had of finding his family alive. "If we find them, it would be their bodies. We are waiting for the government to publish the list of those trapped. My wife has not spoken since Tuesday, and Adhiksh keeps asking where his baby brother is," Rawat said.

FROM PAGE ONE Modi and Putin discuss deepening ties

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On Thursday, the Prime Minister, in his first remarks after the doubling of tariffs on India ahead of more negotiations for a trade deal that has run into Indian redlines in sensitive areas such as agriculture and dairy, said the country "will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, livestock rearers and fisherfolk". He said he knew that he "personally will have to pay a very heavy price", but he was "ready for it".

After his talk with Putin, Modi, in a post on X, said, "Had a very good and detailed conversation with my friend President Putin. I thanked him for sharing the latest developments on Ukraine. We also reviewed the progress in our bilateral agenda, and reaffirmed our commitment to further deepen the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. I look forward to hosting President Putin in India later this year."

The Prime Minister's Office, in a statement, said Putin briefed the PM on the latest developments concerning Ukraine. "While thanking President Putin for his detailed assessment, the Prime Minister reiterated India's consistent position for peaceful resolution of the conflict." "The two leaders also reviewed progress in the bilateral agenda, and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia. Prime Minister invited President Putin to India later this year for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit," the PMO statement said.

The Russian government, in its statement, said, "In view of the two countries' special and privileged strategic partnership, Vladimir Putin shared the key outcomes of his meeting with US Presidential Special Envoy Steven Witkoff, held in Moscow on August 6."

Witkoff, one of Trump's trusted advisors, has been conducting shuttle diplomacy between Russia and Ukraine among other conflicts. His meeting with Putin this week is said to have paved the way for a possible Trump-Putin meeting. Incidentally, Doval met Putin after the Witkoff-Putin meeting.

The sense in New Delhi is that if there is progress in the talks between the American and Russian Presidents on resolving the war, it will hold the key to the US backing off on the additional 25 per cent penalty on India for buying Russian oil.

The Russian statement also said, "Narendra Modi thanked Russia's President for the information and reaffirmed India's unwavering stance in favour of settling the situation around Ukraine by political and diplomatic means." This has been

Delhi's position since the early days of the war when Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. In fact, this has been conveyed to the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine on a number of occasions, including last year when Modi made back-to-back visits to Moscow, Kyiv and Kazan.

"The leaders also exchanged views on topical issues of the bilateral agenda, including trade, economic, and investment cooperation," the Russian statement said, alluding to stronger cooperation in trade and economic ties.

Earlier in the day, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Putin spoke over the phone. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV quoted Xi as telling Putin that Beijing will maintain its stance on the need for peace talks and a diplomatic solution to the Ukraine conflict.

Meanwhile, China welcomed Modi's planned visit to the Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Tianjin later this month, expressing hope that the event would be a "gathering of solidarity, friendship and fruitful results". New Delhi is still to announce the visit — it will be Modi's first visit to China after 2018.

According to a PTI report from Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jakun, responding to a question on reports about Modi's visit to China for the Tianjin summit

from August 31 to September 1, said, "China welcomes Prime Minister Modi to China for the SCO Tianjin Summit."

"We believe that with the concerted effort of all parties, the Tianjin summit will be a gathering of solidarity, friendship and fruitful results, and the SCO will enter a new stage of high-quality development featuring greater solidarity, coordination, dynamism and productiveness," Guo said.

Russia is also part of the SCO grouping, along with India, China, Pakistan and Iran.

Responding to Trump's remarks suggesting secondary tariffs on China over its purchase of Russian oil, Guo said, "China's position on this issue is consistent and clear: It is legitimate and lawful for China to engage in economic, trade and energy cooperation with other countries, including Russia. We will continue to take energy supply measures that are right for China based on our national interests."

India made a similar statement Wednesday when Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs said, "We have already made clear our position on these issues, including the fact that our imports are based on market factors and done with the overall objective of ensuring the energy security of 1.4 billion people of India."

● Actor Huma Qureshi's cousin killed over parking dispute, two arrested

the accused did not pay any heed. When Asif asked again, Ujjwal got aggressive, and started hurling abuses and threatening the victim. Seconds later, he started beating Asif while calling out to his younger brother, Gautam, to come downstairs and kill him (Asif)."

Both the accused have been arrested, the DCP said.

Asif was a meat supplier for local restaurants. His father is the brother of Huma's father Saleem Qureshi who is the founder of Saleem's restaurant. Asif's brother Javed runs the Al Quresh eatery, founded by their father, in Nizamuddin.

Huma's father demanded "strict punishment for those responsible". "I was told Asif was standing outside his house when he saw the two men parking their two-wheeler in front of his gate. He asked the two to park elsewhere as they were blocking the entrance to his house. Following this, an altercation took place after which the duo attacked my nephew, resulting in his death," Saleem said.

According to police, it was not for the first time that the brothers had an altercation with Asif. About three months ago, they said, the brothers entered Asif's house and got into a scuffle with him. Neighbours claimed that it was because they heard Asif arguing with his wife.

"The duo had attacked Asif

three months ago. But neighbours immediately intervened and rescued Asif. However, the brothers had threatened him with dire consequences then," DCP Tiwari said.

CCTV footage of Thursday's incident purportedly shows Asif and Ujjwal shoving each other, and falling to the ground, holding each other's collars. It shows Gautam joining in, almost launching himself on top of the duo from the left side of the road, and punching Asif.

The footage also purportedly shows Gautam later stabbing Asif twice on the chest with an unidentified object before putting it in his back pocket. The images show Suresh, a shopkeeper in whose store Asif was standing, intervening and pushing Gautam to the ground.

According to police, Suresh rushed Asif to a hospital where he was declared dead by doctors.

Asif, neighbours said, had been living in the house with his wife Shaheen for the past two years. He is also survived by his first wife, Gulshifa, and their two children.

Ujjwal and Gautam live with their father, uncle and cousin sister on the second floor of another building in Bazar Lane. Ujjwal sings at events and prayer meetings, while also teaching musical instruments. Gautam is unemployed, police said.

● Revised version of I-T Bill to be tabled Monday

without transaction of major business with the Opposition seeking discussion on the controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar — a demand the Government has rejected citing precedent and rules.

Specifying reasons for withdrawal of the I-T Bill in a statement, Sitharaman said the Government has accepted almost all of the recommendations of the Select Committee, adding there were also suggestions from "other sources" that need to be incorporated.

"Suggestions have also been received from other sources which are required to be incorporated to convey the correct legislative meaning. There are corrections in the nature of drafting, alignment of phrases, consequential changes and cross-referencing. Therefore, a decision has been taken by the Government to withdraw the Income-tax Bill, 2025 as reported by the Select Committee. A fresh Bill would be introduced in the Lok Sabha in due course which would replace the Income-tax Act, 1961," she said.

The Government seeks to replace the existing Income-Tax Act, 1961 through the new I-T Bill, 2025, which was first introduced in Parliament on February 13,

2025, to simplify the six-decade-old structure of direct taxation by streamlining provisions, removing obsolete references, and creating a crisper and simpler legal framework.

The new I-T Bill, which is likely to come into effect from April 1, 2026, was shorter — all provisos (about 1,200) and explanations (about 900) were removed, the word count was halved to 2.60 lakh, and redundant provisions, including those for capital gains, deductions and dispute resolution that had seen amendments over the years, were omitted.

While it introduced the concept of "tax year", which was defined as the 12-month period beginning April 1, it had also incorporated the definition of "virtual digital space" — the powers to call for information by income tax authorities during surveys, searches and seizures including e-mail servers, social media accounts, online investment, trading and banking accounts, remote or cloud servers and digital application platforms.

The Bill was then referred to a Select Committee of Parliament, which proposed 32 recommendations in its report submitted last month. The committee had recommended some drafting corrections in its 4,575-

page report tabled in Lok Sabha in July, but had retained the clause on search and seizure powers as "adequate" and "in line with the corresponding section of the 1961 Act".

It had also recommended relief for non-profit organisations by seeking re-introduction of tax exemption on anonymous donations made to religious-cum-charitable trusts, as present in the existing Income-Tax Act.

"The Select Committee had 34 sittings and held discussions with more than 50 stakeholders during the committee's visit to cities including Mumbai and Bangalore," said a member who was part of the panel.

Sources said the withdrawal of the new I-T Bill will help avoid any confusion arising from multiple versions. "To avoid confusion by multiple versions of the Bill and to provide a clear and updated version with all changes incorporated, the new version of the Income Tax Bill will be introduced for the consideration of the House on Monday," a source said.

"The Government has already accepted most of the suggestions made by the Select Committee. There may be some minor changes to provide more clarity and transparency," sources said.

● Ajit Pawar

the farmers who transport animals," Pawar said at the meeting as per an official statement from the Deputy CM's office.

In a memorandum of demands submitted to Pawar, the Qureshi community delegation demanded a ban on illegal gau rakshaks (cow vigilantes), protection for transporting legally allowed animals, withdrawal of false cases, and a reduction in restrictions on transport licences.

The delegation, while raising the issue of "harassment" of animal traders by illegal gau rakshaks, in a letter to Pawar, said, "The violent acts against the traders from Qureshi community and farmers who transport legally allowed animals has led to many losing their lives. The community is forced to call for a strike... This will affect the farmers as well due to unavailability of buyers. Following the 2015 ban on cow slaughter, the transport is already limited. Now, the ongoing actions will affect the legal transport of animals such as buffaloes as well."

The delegation's demand was to "not allow private individuals to check vehicles", said NCP MLA Sana Shaikh, who was present at the meeting. NCP MLC Sanjay Khodke said a number of "anti-social elements" have started harassing genuine animal transporters. "As per the law, only police should inspect the vehicles. Despite this clarity, the menace is growing and it needs to be tackled," Khodke said.

According to sources present in Wednesday's meeting, Pawar directed DGP Shukla to issue a circular across all districts. "The circular will ask police authorities to ensure that no private individual will have any right to check the vehicles transporting animals," said an official.

with the case. After the deposition, he claimed that the phones of 6,500 people were tapped. "Along with me, phones of Revanth Reddy and BRS MLAs were also tapped," he said. *The Indian Express* had reported on Friday how an entire module was allegedly dedicated to surveil Revanth and his circle.

According to investigators, the order to destroy the hard disks was allegedly given by the then SIB chief T Prabhakar Rao, who resigned from his post on December 4, 2023, a day after the Congress came to power in the state, replacing the BRS. His plea in the Supreme Court, however, states that the decision was ratified by a review committee of the state's Chief Secretary, the Secretary of the General Administration Department, and the Law Secretary on December 2, 2023. The then Chief Secretary and Home Secretary did not respond to queries about the case.

While the majority of the disks

that were destroyed allegedly contained "political intelligence" or profiles, telephone conversations and online chats of several political leaders, some also contained legitimate surveillance data on the CPI (Maoist), which the SIB was supposed to collect, investigators said. They explained that the SIB, which was founded in 1990 to gather intelligence to thwart the Naxal menace, veered from its stated objective and allegedly started collecting intelligence to benefit the BRS.

According to investigators, apart from the disks with the illegally collected data, the accused allegedly destroyed "invaluable data built by SIB over decades", which "put the internal security of the nation at risk".

A clandestine team

Thirty-six of the disks were in the possession of a Special Operations Team (SOT), which op-

erated under the SIB, investigators said. Constituted in 2020, it was this team that allegedly gathered political intelligence, investigators say.

According to investigators, the SOT's lead officer was D Praneeth Kumar alias Praneeth Rao, a DSP of SIB, who was arrested in connection with the case and is now out on bail. Kumar allegedly had three rooms in the SIB office to himself and 11 personnel under him. They had access to 17 desktop computers, two laptops, two phone numbers and a dedicated leased line with internet connection.

According to investigators, the SOT would allegedly write to various telecom service providers to allow them to intercept calls. This activity, called legal interception, was allegedly signed off by Prabhakar Rao, investigators familiar with the chargesheet said.

A policeman formerly posted with the SIB, who is now a witness in the case, is learnt to have told the

● SC deletes its remarks against Allahabad HC judge

"Whenever we come across legally unimpeachable orders and orders that have ensured complete justice to the litigants, we have always taken the opportunity to record our appreciation for the judges of the High Court."

Pointing out that High Courts are "not separate islands that can be disassociated from this institution," the bench said, "Whatever we said in our order was to ensure that the dignity and authority of the judiciary as a whole is maintained high in the minds of the people of this country, as that will go a long way in reinforcing the faith that is reposed in us."

The August 4 order led to disquiet in the legal community, with many of the view that the Supreme Court should not have gone to the extent of withdrawing work from a High Court judge for having a different legal point of view. Several judges of the Allahabad High Court also sought a full court reference to discuss the Supreme Court's observations and directions against their colleague.

The top court's order was also seen as encroaching upon the powers of the High Court Chief Justice, who is the master of the

roster, and is vested with powers to decide which judge hears what.

Clarifying the position, the bench said Friday, "We fully acknowledge that the Chief Justice of the High Court is the master of the roster. But as observed above, our directions are absolutely not interfering with the administrative power of the Chief Justice of the High Court."

Explaining the setting aside of the Allahabad HC judgement by its August 4 order, the bench said, "It is not just a matter of error or mistake committed by the judge concerned in appreciating the legal points or facts. We were concerned about the appropriate direction to be issued in the interest of justice, and with a view to protecting the honour and dignity of the institution."

"The litigants in this country approach different courts of law to seek justice. For 90 per cent of the litigants in this country, the High Court is the final court of justice. Only the remaining 10 per cent can afford to approach the Supreme Court. The litigants who come to court expect the justice delivery system to function in accordance with law and not to obtain absurd or irrational

● Trade talks with US hit pause

Queries emailed Friday by *The Indian Express* to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry did not elicit a response.

A day earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the country "will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, livestock rearers and fisherfolk". He said he knew that he "personally will have to pay a very heavy price", but he was "ready for it".

There was, however, no reference to the deadlocked negotiations or to Trump's unilateral action Wednesday of doubling the tariff on India from 25 per cent to 50 per cent. Trump did provide a 21-day window before the additional 25 per cent levy kicks in.

On Friday, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, speaking at the Business Today Summit, said India has signed trade deals with the UAE, Mauritius, EFTA, Australia and the UK, and is in "dialogue

with many countries such as Oman, the EU, the US, Peru and New Zealand."

"The world keeps evolving. International trade keeps finding new pathways, and what we are seeing today is bound to happen every few years. Over time, new countries rise and some decline. This is part of the history of nations. And this is India's time. The Prime Minister yesterday raised the confidence of the nation by saying that India is not going to bow down to anybody and that Indian farmers need not worry. India has a place in the new world order," he said.

On how India would tackle de-globalisation and the penal US tariffs, Goyal said: "I don't see any de-globalisation. I see countries restructuring their trade routes and trade partners, and I am confident that India will do more exports than we did last year."

orders," it said.

Directing that the August 4 order be corrected accordingly, the bench said, "We leave it to the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court to now look into the matter. When matters raise institutional concerns affecting the rule of law, this court may be compelled to step in, and take corrective steps."

It pointed out that in another matter some time ago, another bench had imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on the UP government for invoking criminal charges in a civil case.

"We hope that in future we may not have to come across such perverse and unjust orders from any High Court. The endeavour of the High Court should always be to uphold the rule of law and maintain institutional credibility. If the rule of law is not maintained or protected within the court itself then that would be the end of the entire justice delivery system in the country,"

"Judges at any level are expected to work efficiently, command, discharge their duties diligently and always try and endeavour to fulfil their constitutional purpose," it said.

● R G Kar protest leaders mired in legal troubles

reforms to ensure that such incidents are not repeated, began on August 9 last year and became a nationwide movement.

The protests continued to escalate in Kolkata even after the nationwide fervour died down.

At one point, CM Mamata Banerjee made a surprise visit to the protest site and invited protesters for a dialogue. However, their first meeting failed, with the doctors demanding that it be broadcast live. Subsequent meetings led to partial breakthroughs, but the protest reignited after an incident of harassment at Sagar Dutta Hospital in Kamarhati in September. After this, the protesters went on a "fast to death". The hunger strike was called off on October 21 after a meeting with the CM, who promised to work with them on implementing their demands. Protesters have continued to push their demands, say-

ing that many of them have not been implemented.

Mahato said the movement still focuses on two main points — justice for their murdered colleague and the implementation of changes to prevent a similar incident. He said he believed that more than one person was involved in the crime, citing the post-mortem report that stated the cause of death was "throttling and smothering". He questioned how one person could perform both actions and raised concerns about the sequence of events.

Police have arrested civic volunteer Sanjoy Roy for the rape and murder, saying he alone committed the crime. A Sealadh court convicted him on January 18.

The junior doctors believe that many questions, especially those related to allegations of evidence tampering, remain unanswered a year after their protest began.

The junior doctors said there has been some visible progress with the implementation of their demands, such as the transfer of several top officials and the installation of CCTV cameras in hospitals. However, other crucial demands, like creation of a central referral system and the recruitment of staff to fill vacancies, are stalled, they said.

The government, however, has said the implementation of the demands was a work in progress and pointed to the promises that have been kept. The large-scale, public protests have now dwindled to smaller, more contained movements at the college level, with doctors submitting deputations and continuing their fight in a quieter way. At R G Kar, the centre of protests last year, a few banners, a guardrail, and some pieces of art are all that remain of the protest site.

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Pvt school fee regulation Bill cleared after 4-hour debate

SOPHIYA MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE BJP-LED Delhi government's first Bill, regulating fee hikes by recognised private unaided schools, was passed by the Delhi Assembly after a heated four-hour debate on Friday.

All eight amendments proposed by AAP to the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Bill, 2025, were rejected during voting. The legislation will now be sent to Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena for approval.

During division of votes, 41 ruling BJP MLAs and 17 AAP legislators were present in the House.

Tabled by Education Minister Ashish Sood, the Bill mandates a three-tier committee at the school, district and state levels – comprising parents and teachers – to approve the hike in fees.

Sood assured the House that audits would be mandatory when the Bill is implemented. "If even one parent member in the committee disagrees, the proposal will

not be approved. They will have veto power. Management cannot impose its will," he added.

Leader of Opposition, AAP's Atishi, however, accused the government of siding with school managements. "This Bill is only and only in the interest of private school owners," she said.

Recalling protests earlier this year when parents faced steep hike in fees, she added, "In 40-degree heat, parents stood outside schools... Children were stopped from entering schools... Now, the increased fees of April 2025 have been made the basis of this Bill."

She also warned that requiring 15% of the parents in a school to file a complaint against fee hike would make the redressal mechanism harder.

To this, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, "If we had made the requirement 25% (percentage of parents needed to file a complaint), they would say why not less... This Bill will bring transparency, strict penalties for violations, and ensure education is seen as a temple of learning, not a shop for profit."

BILL AT A GLANCE

■ School Level Fee Regulation Committee to be set up, including five parents as members

■ District Fee Appellate Committee, also including representatives of parents, will decide on fee if school panel fails to decide on fees

■ District committee to decide fee within 30 days, maximum within 45 days

■ Parents can approach Revision committee within 30 days

■ Revision committee's decision final for 3 years; it has to decide in 45 days

■ In case of violation, first penalty on school is Rs 1 lakh, can extend to Rs 5 lakh

■ Second or subsequent violation can attract penalty of up to Rs 10 lakh

DAY 5 OF DELHI ASSEMBLY'S MONSOON SESSION

‘Schools should have right to improve education... not to buy Mercedes with money from parents’

EARLIER THIS week, AAP MLAs led by Leader of Opposition Atishi staged a walkout in the Delhi Assembly opposing the Delhi School Education (Transparency in Fixation and Regulation of Fees) Bill, 2025. **Atishi tells Sophiya Mathew** why she believes the Bill fails parents.

What are your concerns?

The biggest issue is that there is no provision for auditing school accounts. Without an audit, how can we know if a fee hike is justified? Expenses alone don't tell the full story... a school could already have huge reserves. This Bill never even mentions the word 'audit'.

But the Bill provides for a fee panel with parents on board?

Yes, but it's weak. Only five parents are on the committee, chosen by a draw of lots, which can be manipulated. These parents can only serve for two years. We believe there should be at least 10 elected parent members.

It also allows parents to object to fee hikes. Doesn't that protect them?

Not really. They have set a 15% objection threshold. So, for example, in a school with 3,000 students, that means 450 parents must formally object. That's almost impossible to organise.

The government says the Bill is about transparency.

This is the most non-transparent process I've seen. The Bill was drafted in secrecy. Parents and even MLAs saw the Bill only six days before it was tabled. There was no public consultation, no call for comments, no stakeholder inputs. As an MLA, I've asked for all related documents and not received them.

Can you explain the timing of the Bill?

Many schools went to court during our tenure because we didn't let them charge arbitrary fees. Massive fee hikes happened this April at the start of the aca-



Atishi at the House on Friday. Amit Mehra

ademic year. By the time the Bill would be passed, parents had already paid the higher fees. So in effect, it did nothing to help them. They even set the base fee date to April 1, 2025, which has enabled schools to charge the increased fees.

The BJP claims there's no robust mechanism to regulate fees. Do you agree?

Yes, there isn't one. But that's because they (BJP) didn't create one. In 2015, our government passed a Bill for this, but the Centre blocked it...

What is your party's alternative model?

Our model is direct. Every school must undergo a full financial audit annually. First, the audit report should be shared with all parents for feedback before any fee hike is considered. Second, fee hike committees should have at least 10 elected parent representatives. Third, parents should be allowed to challenge hikes in court without facing an unrealistic 15% objection threshold.

Schools say they need to hike fees to pay teacher salaries.

Teachers must be paid well, but schools should first disclose their reserves and past spending. One audit we did revealed a school buying a farmhouse for Rs 35 crore. This shows why audits are essential...

What impact do you think the Bill will have?

It gives schools an easy mechanism to hike fees without proper checks... Without independent oversight, the process can be misused for commercialisation of education.

Why have you called for sending the Bill to a select committee?

Because there has been no public consultation. A select committee would allow inputs from all stakeholders, including the BJP and AAP MLAs. Until then, fees should be frozen at 2024-25 levels.

Could a fixed fee cap work as an alternative?

Not really. Whether a hike is needed depends on a school's reserves, not just its expenses. Schools should have autonomy to invest in quality education, but not to buy luxuries like Mercedes cars with parents' money.

Two convicts found dead in stormwater drain at Tihar Jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

TWO MURDER convicts, lodged in Tihar Jail, died on Friday morning after they allegedly slipped and drowned in a stormwater drain inside the prison complex, officials said. A judicial inquiry and a police investigation have been launched in the matter.

According to sources, the incident took place around 8.30 am in jail 8 when the inmates, identified as Amit and Vinay Kumar, were in the court *mauka* area — a patrolling area between the outer and inner boundary walls of the jail complex.

"The court *mauka* area is generally used for patrolling. The watchtowers are also placed there. Over time, we have developed a patch in that area, where prisoners grow vegetables," said a source.

"This morning, a guard posted at a watchtower reported that a convict had slipped and fallen into a drain... the drain is at least 15-foot-deep... it was probably filled with rainwater. The other inmates raised an alarm and everyone rushed to the man's aid. The other convict might have gone to rescue the one who fell," said the officer.

Both were subsequently rescued and rushed to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, where the doctors declared them dead.

The Tihar Jail administration has launched a departmental inquiry to find out if there was any negligence or procedural lapses on the part of jail staff.

Pending the outcome of the inquiry, three prison officials — a deputy superintendent, an assistant superintendent, and the warden-in-charge — have been placed under suspension.

Officials also said that it is unlikely that the inmates were cleaning the drain. "The drain is maintained by the PWD (Public Works Department). Besides, it is too deep to be manually cleaned without super sucker machines," said the source.

BJP and AAP spar over GST amendment Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

CHIEF MINISTER Rekha Gupta and Leader of Opposition Atishi exchanged heated words over Delhi Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025, in the Assembly on Friday. Tabled on Thursday, the Bill was passed by the House later in the day.

While AAP's Atishi demanded a discussion on the amendments, Speaker Vijender Gupta countered, saying that when her party was in power, it never allowed a discussion on it.

Former AAP finance minister and now BJP MLA, Kailash Gahlot, said, "I have been a finance minister in the previous (AAP) government and no such discussion was held. This is just a formality... When Atishi was the finance

minister or the CM, no discussion was held on such bills either."

Atishi said that calling the Bill a mere formality is an "insult to the House". Maintaining that traders are worried about GST, she said, "Traders are saying that while they are being burdened with arbitrary compliance, the government is providing tax exemptions to SEZs."

In response, the CM highlighted that the amendments were passed during the GST council meeting held last year. "She (Atishi) is now questioning reforms that she neither debated nor helped shape. It is unfortunate that someone entrusted with Delhi's finances remained absent during key deliberations."

Gupta also blamed the AAP for not implementing any Union government schemes when it was in power in Delhi.

CM says workers deprived of welfare schemes by AAP, cites CAG reports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

CHIEF MINISTER Rekha Gupta on Friday accused the previous AAP-led government of neglecting construction workers by depriving them of welfare schemes, alleging that Rs 5,200 crore remained unused in the labour welfare fund even as thousands of workers continued to wait for essential support and benefits.

The CM had tabled four CAG reports on Monday, the first day of the ongoing Monsoon Session, and referred to those while speaking in the Assembly on Friday.

Claiming that the AAP government had an anti-worker mindset and anti-labour approach, Gupta said that while the Central government provides

registration and renewal services to workers for free, the AAP-led Delhi government imposed a fee Rs 25 for registration and Rs 20 for renewal.

She also said that while only 7 per cent of workers' data was renewed annually in Delhi, there was a 100 per cent renewal at the national level.

"It is deeply unfortunate that despite having rightful access to these schemes, lakhs of workers in Delhi were deprived of their entitlements. The Rs 5,200 crore (fund) remained idle while the working class waited for relief. The Supreme Court eventually had to instruct the government to credit Rs 8,000 into the bank accounts of 90,000 eligible workers," she said.

Quoting one of the CAG reports, Gupta detailed how funds allocated for various schemes related to maternity benefits, dis-

ability support, tool purchase, housing assistance, family pensions, accident compensation, and skill development remained either unutilised or grossly underutilised over several years.

Intensifying her attack on AAP further, she called the situation a reflection of the party's "elitist mentality" and said that the CAG reports should be referred to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for investigation.

She also demanded stringent action against all officials and ministers who failed in their duty to uphold the rights of the workers.

Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta referred the report on construction workers as well as two other CAG reports on Delhi government's finance accounts and appropriation accounts for 2023-24, presented in the House on August 4 by the CM, to the PAC.

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Reviewed Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2025

Amount in ₹ Crores

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone		Corresponding 3 Months ended in the previous year	Consolidated		Corresponding 3 Months ended in the previous year
		Quarter ended (Three Months)	Year to date Figures (Three Months)		Quarter ended (Three Months)	Year to date Figures (Three Months)	
		(30/06/2025)	(30/06/2025)	(30/06/2024)	(30/06/2025)	(30/06/2025)	(30/06/2024)
		Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed
1	Total income from operations\$	12,388.01	12,388.01	12,405.68	12,417.16	12,417.16	12,589.42
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items#)	2,243.54	2,243.54	1,393.16	2,663.67	2,663.67	1,490.13
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	2,243.54	2,243.54	1,393.16	2,663.67	2,663.67	1,490.13
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	1,752.23	1,752.23	1,036.36	2,530.59	2,530.59	1,400.66
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,752.23	1,752.23	1,036.36	2,530.59	2,530.59	1,400.66
6	Equity Share Capital	877.20	877.20	877.20	877.20	877.20	877.20
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	46,239.75	46,239.75	38,858.08	51,010.10	51,010.10	42,387.45
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 5/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	1. Basic:	9.99	9.99	5.91	14.42	14.42	7.98
	2. Diluted	9.99	9.99	5.91	14.42	14.42	7.98

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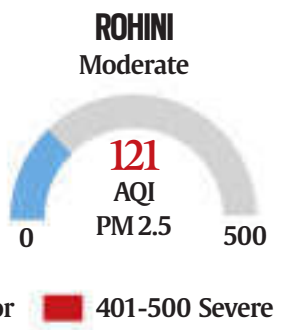
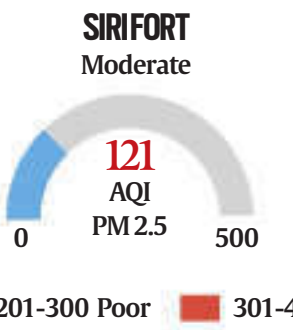
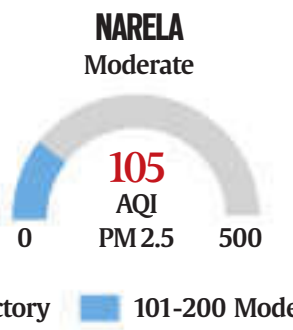
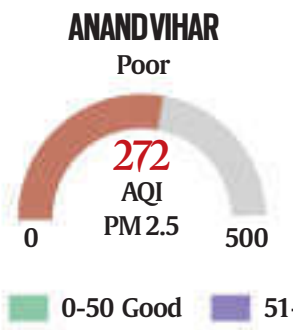
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ACTOR HUMA QURESHI'S COUSIN STABBED TO DEATH

He just asked him to move a scooter and they murdered him, says wife

PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

“ALL HE did was ask them to move their scooter so I could get into our home — and they murdered him,” said 35-year-old Shaheen, who witnessed her husband Asif Qureshi (42) being stabbed to death, allegedly by two neighbours, at Bhogal in Southeast Delhi over a parking dispute late Thursday.

The attackers, brothers Ujjwal and Gautam, have been arrested. Police said Gautam used a “punch needle”, a tool used in embroidery, to stab the victim.

Asif, a businessman, was a meat supplier for local restaurants. His father is the brother of Saleem Qureshi, Huma's father and the founder of Saleem's restaurant. Asif's brother, Javed, runs the well-known Al Quresh eatery in Nizamuddin, which was established by their father.

Shaheen and Asif had moved into their ground-floor home on the cramped Bazaar Lane in Bhogal two years ago.

Shaheen said Asif had simply asked the two accused to move their two-wheeler, which was parked at the entrance to their house. “He was trying to reason with them, calling them ‘bhai, bhai’. But they abused him and punched him. I don't know where



(Above) The crime scene; house (left) of the deceased in Bhogal. Praveen Khanna



I will go now. Whom will I live with?” she added.

According to CCTV camera footage, an altercation initially broke out between Asif and

Ujjwal, with both shoving each other. Soon, Gautam joined the scuffle, and the brothers pushed Asif to the ground while throwing punches at him. Suresh, a neighbour who runs a grocery store across from Asif's house, can be seen rushing in and trying to pull the brothers off him.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Suresh said Shaheen and Asif were at his store at the time. “We were talking. Asif noticed the scooter in front of his house and saw Ujjwal standing there. He asked him to move it politely, but Ujjwal began hurling abuses at

him. He picked a fight... His brother soon joined in.”

Suresh said he dragged Gautam off Asif's back, but Ujjwal continued to beat him. Gautam then rushed inside his house — about 100m away — and returned with a sharp weapon. “Gautam stabbed Asif in the chest, and he collapsed. I rushed him to the hospital in an autorickshaw. The doctors declared him brought dead,” said Suresh.

Preeti, a resident of the same building where Asif lived, said he rarely fought with anyone. “He was very happy-go-lucky.”

At the accused's home, the atmosphere was grim. The family lives in a three-storey building, with the brothers residing on the second floor along with their father, their uncle, and a cousin.

Their aunt, Archana (41), who lives on the ground floor, said the siblings have always been troubled. Gautam, she said, is unemployed, while Ujjwal is pursuing a BA and works part-time. “Ujjwal goes to college and plays the dholak at local functions... They used to have frequent fights with other neighbours,” Archana claimed.

Nishant, a cousin, said even family members avoided interacting with the brothers because of their short temper. “I live on the first floor, but we hardly spoke...”

Meanwhile, at Al Quresh — nestled in a narrow, sloping lane in Hazrat Nizamuddin, 2km away — a somber silence hung in the air. Asif's uncle, Mursaleen (52), and other family members were inside, while policemen and neighbours gathered at the gate.

“I was out on a business trip when I learned about the incident. I rushed back around 2 am today,” Mursaleen said.

“Asif and his wife started living separately about two years ago. His two children — a boy and a girl — live here above the eatery with his brothers and his first wife. We used to meet now and then,” he added.

COURT PULLS UP POLICE FOR SEPARATING INTERFAITH COUPLE

If couple wants marriage, will protect them: HC judge

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE DELHI High Court on Friday came to the rescue of an interfaith couple, ordering for their continued protection and stay at a government safe house, while pulling up the police for allegedly separating the couple instead of providing them protection.

The court also sought that the police identify the personnel responsible for the same.

A 26-year old Muslim man, in a relationship with a 25-year old Hindu woman since 2018, had moved HC last month seeking its urgent directions to the Delhi Police to provide the couple necessary protection and a safe house.

The request was made after the couple expressed their intent to marry, which was met with familial opposition and threats.

According to advocate Utkarsh Singh, representing the man, instead of being provided with the safety, the couple was “forcibly separated”, with the woman “medically examined, and later detained at a woman's shelter July 24, despite her repeated pleas to be with her partner.

The police, in a status report filed before HC on August 6, as-

serted “there was no element of coercion, unlawful separation, or procedural irregularity at any stage”, with all actions “taken purely from a welfare and constitutional standpoint,” with due regard to the woman's “safety and autonomy”.

The police's submission, however, did not convince the court.

The woman, who virtually interacted with Justice Sanjeev Narula on Friday, said that she was taken away forcibly by the police and separated from her partner. She asserted that when the couple had initially sought protection, the police had said “there is no such thing as a safe cell”, and coerced her into undergoing a medical examination.

“I went for a medical examination and without telling me or without my consent, I was taken to a shelter home,” she told Justice Narula, adding that all her personal belongings were taken away, including her phone.

Orally remarking that “police has to sensitise its officers” and that they are “forcibly separating” consenting adult partners, Justice Narula expressed disapproval with the police's status report. “Has he (the police personnel who filed the status report) even interacted with the (woman) to understand what has happened? I'm not going to

allow this at all.”

The HC also refused to allow the woman's father — who is opposed to the relationship — to interfere, noting that he has “no role” given that his daughter is an adult and has consented to the relationship.

The father's counsel impressed before the court that “social reality has to be taken into consideration”, with “in Indian society, parents have to be consulted” for marriage.

To this, the court orally responded, “What law requires an adult to ask father for marrying someone of different faith?... You are insisting on something that I cannot appreciate... Constitutional right guarantees she can marry of her choice and I am going to honour that... If the couple wants to get married, I am going to protect them.”

After sustained interaction with the woman, Justice Narula went on to assure her orally, “If you are firm about your decision, we will support you. I am supporting your choice, I will support your decision.”

“As far as the police are concerned, they will support you,” the HC said, while recording in its order that the woman's “intention to marry is informed and consistent based on her relationship with him (her partner) over the past seven years”.

Situation getting worse for interfaith couples, says woman in safe house

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

ON JULY 22, a 25-year old woman ran away from her home in Pragraj with a bag containing only her degrees, important documents, and a pair of clothes. She was on her way to Delhi to meet her partner, a 26-year-old man belonging to a different religion, after her family — opposed to their relationship — attempted to get her marriage fixed in April.

A day after she arrived in Delhi, the couple approached the office of the DCP (Southeast) seeking police protection, only to be separated by the police on July 24. While the police made the woman undergo a medical examination and shifted her to a shelter home, the man moved HC. The court, coming to the rescue of the couple on July 25, ordered DCP (Southeast) to provide them police protection and shift them to a government safe house.

The woman, who has been staying at the safe house with her partner since July 26, now awaits the completion of a 30-

day notice period to get married — the couple had submitted a notice of intended marriage under the Special Marriage Act on August 4.

“We have been wanting to get married since 2019. We kept thinking that the situation would get better for interfaith couples, but it keeps getting worse... I am anticipating my parents may come to the wedding and voice their opposition, but I am prepared,” said the woman, who had met her partner at a coaching centre in 2018.

“While he told his family last December about our relationship, I could not because I always knew it's a strict no-no. My aunt, in 2019, had found me chatting with him, called the women's helpline, and forced me to tell the police that I was being harassed. I was very scared then and had relented,” she added.

The woman, a BEd graduate, said while her family has mostly seen arranged marriages, her mother's brother was the first to rebel by marrying outside their caste. “The family did not speak to him for a few years, but it's different for men. The family even-

tually came around, and established relations with him. It is not the same for me.”

“My parents always wanted me to remain in Pragraj and follow the family's norms and traditions, including them deciding who I will marry. I was made to feel that it is a favour they're extending by educating me...,” said the woman, who is looking for a job. Her partner works at a Delhi-based private company.

Her disappointment with the Delhi Police's conduct is apparent. “When we approached the DCP office seeking protection, they said there is no such thing as a safe house... The DCP, too, told us that there is no such concept of a safe house. Then they said I had to undergo a medical test. We thought it was perhaps an order from senior officers, and I gave my consent. We were then separated. I was taken to a women's shelter home against my will... they took away my phone, neither allowed me to meet or contact my partner. It was only after the court intervened that we were taken to a safe house,” she said.

In Bhogal, a multi-level parking lot unused for 15 yrs

Parking dispute ended in a murder on a stretch facing this ghostly construction

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

IN THE heart of Bhogal in Jangpura, an imposing but crumbling structure looms over one of the neighbourhood's busiest roads — a half-built, and permanently unfunctional multi-level parking, which has stood frozen in time for over a decade and a half now.

It was right here, on the stretch facing this ghostly construction, that a dispute between neighbours spiralled into violence — ending in the murder of Bollywood actor Huma Qureshi's cousin. The fight, like countless others in the congested colony, was over a parking space.

Residents, however, say the



The structure, meant to ease the area's chronic parking shortage, remains a shell with missing windows, stolen pipes, and rainwater pooling inside every monsoon. Chitral Khambhati

irony is bitter. “We have had a giant parking space in front of us for the last 15 years, but can't park a single car in it,” said Anil Goswami, a senior member of the Bhogal Resident Welfare Association (RWA).

The shed's once-white pillars are now streaked with grime and cracks snake on its creases. A marble block plague, installed by the

mayor of the then-unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), stands outside like a forgotten gravestone — lettering eroded beyond recognition.

No car has ever entered the parking lot, which was “inaugurated” twice by area councillors and ceremonially opened once later. The structure, meant to ease the locality's chronic shortage of

parking, remains a shell with missing windows, stolen pipes, and rainwater pooling inside every monsoon.

“Last year's flood turned it into a swimming pool... It has become a haven for anti-social elements. Even the fittings have been looted,” said Monu Chaddha, the president of the Bhogal RWA.

This parking project had begun in 2010 alongside two others — one in Kalkaji and another in New Friends Colony. All three were allotted to a single contractor, with an original cost based on preliminary drawings. Later, the contractor modified the designs, increasing the built-up area by 21 per cent and pushing up the estimated cost by an additional Rs 20 crore. A total of Rs 105 crore has already been sunk into these three projects.

The MCD and the contractor locked horns over the escalation — the work stopped, numerous deadlines lapsed, and the project eventually slipped into a bureaucratic limbo. The contractor has since been blacklisted for five years. “It has been 10 years since the project crossed its completion

deadline but nothing has moved since 2018. The (Delhi) High Court had even passed an order, instructing its completion in six months — that was years ago,” Goswami said.

“When (then) AAP mayor had visited the parking lot for an inspection, it was told that another Rs 10 crore would be needed to make the projects functional,” Goswami said.

The former mayor, during one such visit, had reportedly offered to provide Rs 5 crore in two instalments, given the non-formation of the MCD's standing committee had put all financial decisions on hold for over two years — but nothing happened. Every time the matter of this parking lot was tabled, it was postponed. Similar was the fate met by the other two parking projects.

In Jangpura, where narrow lanes choke with vehicles and people's tempers flare daily over parking slots, residents say the murder outside the half-built lot was a tragic reminder of what's at stake. “The MCD has been in deep slumber while people are paying the price,” Chaddha said.



Manohar Lal Khattar

No major civic issue in Gurgaon except waterlogging, LS told

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GURGAON, AUGUST 8

DESPITE RECURRING complaints by residents over the state of Gurgaon's civic amenities — sanitation woes, lack of proper drainage systems — the Lok Sabha was told there are no “major civic infrastructure-related issues” in the Millennium City, except for waterlogging during episodes of heavy rain.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister and former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said this while referring to information provided by the Haryana government.

It was a written response to a question by Congress leader and Rohtak MP Deepender Singh Hooda on whether Gurgaon continues to suffer from infrastructural problems, specifically waterlogging, despite being a ‘key corporate hub’.

He sought specifics on steps taken by the government to address these challenges and the amount of funds allocated and utilised toward civic improvements.

The Union Ministry stated that water and sanitation fall under the State's jurisdiction.

Khattar, citing the government's information, pointed to the city's unique topography: Gurgaon sits between the

Aravalli hills to the east and the Najafgarh Drain to the north-west, creating an elevation difference of nearly 78 metres.

This created a natural gradient for water flow that was controlled by historical drainage systems which relied on 19th-century bunds and pond networks.

These, the minister said, have now been rendered ineffective by

rapid urbanisation, leading to frequent flooding during monsoons.

“The rapid urbanisation has rendered many bunds obsolete and reduced pond networks, impacting traditional drainage systems. Around 90 critical waterlogging points were identified in 2019, which were reduced to 30 in 2024,” Khattar said.

He said major civil works to tackle waterlogging, as mentioned in the reply, include: construction of master stormwater drains at critical bottlenecks such as Narsinghpur along NH-48, Khandsa Chowk, Tau Devi Lal Stadium, and near Sector 17/18, among others.

“Emergency water-pumping

infrastructure has also been scaled up. The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) reported deployment of 141 heavy-duty pumps and 77 suction tankers to alleviate crisis points during seasonal flooding. Further, to address systemic drainage issues, a comprehensive drainage plan is reportedly in the works.”

The State government's assertion comes at a time when the MCG, in a July 29 office order allowing residents, corporators and contractors to deploy their vehicles for garbage collection, admitted to the sanitation issues in the city.

At 135, Delhi logs highest malaria cases in 5 years

DRISHTI JAIN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

DELHI HAS reported a spike in cases of malaria, with 135 recorded from January until August 2 this year, the highest in the last five years during the same period, according to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) data.

MCD West Zone had the highest number of registered cases at 30, as per the civic body's data, which includes numbers from the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Delhi Cantt and Indian Railways data as well.

An additional 16 cases have been recorded with incomplete or wrong addresses.

Delhi reported 115 malaria cases in 2024, 51 in 2023, 25 in 2022, and 16 in 2021 until August 2. The cases have risen sharply in the last five years, with 792 recorded last year.

Meanwhile, 20 cases of chikungunya have also been reported. The West and Central Zones of the MCD, at five cases each, have the highest numbers. Until last year, 23 chikungunya cases were reported during this period, but in the last five years, this vector-borne disease has seen a sharp rise.

Besides, as many as 291 people have been diagnosed with dengue in the national capital, as per official data.

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

STANDING FIRMLY with his court staff, a judge at a Delhi court Friday pulled up a lawyer for being “over-assertive” with them. “My court staff is an extension of me. They're government servants. They need to be respected as much as the Judge,” Special Judge Dr Vishal Gogne of Rouse Avenue Court told the lawyer.

The exchange happened during the hearing in the land-for-jobs corruption case lodged by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against former

Bihar CM Lalu Yadav and his family. The judge noted that the lawyer for one of the accused was insisting that the court decide on an application filed by his client.

“... sometimes we get over-excited and want an order in our favour. You can't enter into a jostling situation with the court,” Judge Gogne said.

“Your Honour, that was not my intention at all,” said Advocate Vikas Walia.

He was representing a school principal, among the 103 accused in the case.

Judge Gogne said, “You can be talking about these things as a matter of right, but not with so

much assertion, as if the court is duty-bound to grant you all your wishes.”

Earlier, the principal had appealed in court that a letter from him dated June 27, 2022, to the Investigating Officer (IO) of the case be treated as a confessional statement and, therefore, be disregarded by the court.

“The court finds the insistence of the Ld. Counsel for A-20 upon the application being decided before he may lead other arguments to be a conscious ploy to seek a truncated and piecemeal as well as premature finding from the court on issues relating to charge,” the court said in its order reject-

ing the prayer.

“More so, when the document in question is a letter from the accused to the IO and is not cited as a confession or a disclosure statement by the CBI. The heightened insistence of the Ld. Counsel is perceived by the court as a disguise for delay,” it added.

Judge Gogne repeated that the issue at hand was a matter of trial. “When charge itself is not contemplated as a mini-trial, no such exercise can be conducted for appreciating the tenor or admissibility of a document even prior to an order on charge,” he said.

The CBI's case against Lalu

pertains to the alleged transfer of land at cheap rates to him and his family in return for appointments made in Group-D substitute jobs in the Central Railways between 2004 and 2009, when he was the Railways minister under the Congress-led UPA-1 government.

Through its multiple chargesheets, the central probe agency claimed that there were several discrepancies in the documents furnished by those who were given jobs in exchange for land, such as candidates having sequential roll numbers on their caste and residence certificates.

Anti-defacement norms issued for DUSU elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

LESS THAN a year after the Delhi High Court rapped the varsity for defacement during students' polls, the university has issued a detailed set of anti-defacement guidelines as it gears up for the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections, scheduled for next month.

Under the new guidelines, no banner, poster or notice is allowed to be posted on the walls of the college. DU has banned the use of vehicles in colleges, for canvassing. It stressed that handmade posters, pamphlets and notices may be used by candidates, at designated places.

The anti-defacement measures extend to spaces beyond the campus gates. The notification further states that failing to abide by the guidelines “will be treated as an act of indiscipline and will invite strict disciplinary action”.

The university also links the new guidelines to the larger goal of preserving order during the polls. It specifies that the instructions aim to ensure “the process of elections is conducted in a free, fair and peaceful manner without causing any inconvenience to the academic environment”.

DU will also form a committee in each college to monitor the enforcement of the anti-defacement measures.

HAR GHAR Tiranga

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6 GOVT & POLITICS

Rahul doubles down on 'vote theft' charge, seeks Karnataka govt probe; EC hits back

AKRAM M
BENGALURU, AUGUST 8

KEEPING HIS guns trained on the Election Commission (EC) and the BJP over his allegations of “vote theft”, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday urged the Congress-led Karnataka government to investigate alleged irregularities in the Bangalore Central constituency during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and initiate action against the culprits behind it.

Addressing the Congress's ‘Vote Adhikar Rally’ at Freedom Park in Bengaluru, Gandhi asked the EC to share the digital voter list of constituencies across India compiled in the last 10 years along with CCTV footage recorded at polling booths in elections during this period.

“Here (in Karnataka), one Lok Sabha seat was stolen. This is a criminal act against the people of the state. The Karnataka government should investigate this and take action,” Gandhi said.

He accused the EC of including “thousands of fake voters in the list” and said the issue should be investigated to bring out details of the irregularities in Mahadevapura Assembly segment, which falls within the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha seat. Gandhi claimed that “if the EC doesn't share the electronic voter lists and CCTV footage, they are hiding a crime and are helping the BJP steal elections”.

After claiming that he had an “atom bomb” of evidence showing the EC had allegedly “stolen votes” for the BJP, Gandhi on Thursday released the findings of a Congress investigation in the Mahadevapura Assembly seg-



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Dy CM D K Shivakumar at Vote Adhikar Rally in Bengaluru, Friday. PTI



SCAN TO WATCH RAHUL GANDHI'S SPEECH

ment's voting in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. In a presentation to the media at the AICC headquarters in Delhi then, he claimed the Congress won other Assembly segments in Bangalore Central Lok Sabha seat “except Mahadevapura” and lost the election by 1,14,046 votes.

“It is a huge imbalance. So we started looking at Mahadevapura, the details. And we found that 1,00,250 votes were stolen,” the LoP then alleged. He said the Congress's analysis found “11,965 duplicate voters, 40,009 fake and invalid addresses, 10,452 bulk voters with the same address, 4,132 invalid photos, and 33,692 instances of Form 6 misuse”.

Reiterating at the Bengaluru rally that the EC should share voter data with the Opposition parties in a digital format along with video records, Gandhi said this would prove the Congress's charge that such “vote irregulari-

ties” did not result in just one seat being “stolen”. “Not only in Karnataka, seats were stolen across the country. The EC is not of the BJP. The EC works for the Constitution. In Karnataka, we have investigated one seat. But we are sure that more seats were stolen,” he alleged.

Gandhi said PM Narendra Modi became the PM for the third time with the NDA's 293 Lok Sabha seats after the BJP's tally of 240 seats fell short of the 272-seat majority mark. “We have shown that one seat was stolen. In 25 (Lok Sabha) seats, they have won by a margin of fewer than 35,000 votes. If we get electronic data, we will show that he became PM because of theft,” he alleged.

“The data we collected is evidence of crime. It took six months to analyse it. Entire election data is evidence. And if anyone destroys it, then they are destroying the evidence and continuing the

crime,” he said.

If the EC refuses to share the data, the Congress will carry out the same exercise in 15 to 20 other seats to expose such “malpractices”, Gandhi said.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the BJP-led NDA government was formed due to “vote theft”. “It has no moral ground or right to continue in power,” he said.

Referring to his first election loss in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Kharge alleged his defeat to the BJP in Gulbarga was due to “vote fraud”. “But we did not realise it then. In five constituencies, bogus voting was done,” he alleged.

Rejecting Gandhi's allegations, state BJP president B V Vijayendra said that the Mahadevapura Assembly segment has always been a bastion of the BJP. Alleging discrepancies in the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha seat and the Shivajinagar Assembly

STATE CEO ORDERED PROBE: SHIVAKUMAR

Bengaluru: Karnataka Dy CM D K Shivakumar Friday said the state Chief Electoral Officer V Anbukumar has ordered an investigation into Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of election fraud. CEO Anbukumar asked Shivakumar to submit documents to support his claims with a declaration or oath, as per the rule. Shivakumar said he was informed that they (CEO's office) have started their probe. Shivakumar, said he will visit the CEO's office again to obtain the documents. **PTI**

seat, where minorities are in large numbers, he demanded that the Congress leader “inspect” what happened in these constituencies.

Sign declaration: EC

Referring to Gandhi's demand for machine readable voter lists, the EC said on X that the Congress's plea for it had been rejected by the Supreme Court in 2019. It added that Gandhi had never “personally sent a self-signed letter” to the EC and reiterated its position that he should submit claims and objections against specific voters and sign the declaration as per rules. “Either sign the declaration on issues you have raised in the press conference which you believe is true or else apologise to the nation,” the EC stated.

The poll body also rejected the allegation that electoral rolls were not available, sharing a link for downloading them.

-INPUTS FROM DAMINI NATH

Tejashwi asked to surrender ‘fake’ voter ID by August 16



RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav

HIMANSHU HARSH
PATNA, AUGUST 8

THE ELECTORAL Registration Officer (ERO) for Digha Assembly constituency has issued a fresh notice to Bihar LoP and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, asking him to surrender an allegedly fake Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) that he displayed during a press conference on August 2. The deadline for submission has been set for 5 pm, August 16.

During the press meet, Yadav presented an EPIC bearing the number RAB2916120, which he said he could not find on EC portal. After verification, the ERO stated that the EPIC number in question was never issued by the EC. The ERO further pointed out that Yadav's valid entry in the voter list appears under “EPIC number RAB0456228”.

In its letter, the ERO wrote, “It appears that the EPIC card displayed during the press conference is fake. Creating and using forged government documents is a legal offence.” The notice concluded with a renewed request. “You are once again requested to deposit your apparently fake EPIC card at the Office of ERO by 5 pm on August 16, 2025.”

Existing laws enough to prevent non-citizens from registering as electors, EC told House panel in '24

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

WHEN THE Election Commission announced its decision to conduct a SIR of the electoral rolls of the country - starting with Bihar on June 24 - it listed the “inclusion of the names of foreign illegal immigrants” as one of the reasons behind the move.

But, in 2024, the commission told a Parliamentary standing committee that the existing legal provisions were enough to keep non-citizens from enrolling as electors.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice had in its report on August 4, 2023, recommended that the EC come up with a legal mechanism to ensure that non-citizens with Aadhaar do not end up linking their Aadhaar and Voter IDs.

After an amendment to the election laws in 2021, EC began collecting Aadhaar numbers of electors in order to link with the ERO's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) in 2022, on voluntary basis.

In the 2023 report, the committee had expressed concerns over “linking of Aadhaar with EPIC of non-citizens”, leading it to “suggest that the EC should establish a legal provision or an alternative mechanism to ensure that non-citizens with Aadhaar

are not included in the voter list.”

On Friday, the committee, chaired by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Brij Lal, presented its report on the actions taken by the Law Ministry and ECI on its 2023 report. The report recorded the EC's reply to the 2023 recommendation.

Replying to the committee on January 17, 2024, the EC said: “As per Section 16 of RP Act, 1950 a non-citizen is disqualified for registration in an electoral roll... Aadhaar is not a citizenship document. Further, under Section 31 of the RP Act, 1950 making false declaration in connection with the preparation, revision or correction of an electoral roll or the inclusion or exclusion of any entry in or from an electoral roll is a punishable offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine or both...”

Satisfied with the response, the committee did not reiterate the recommendation.

Meanwhile, the committee reiterated some of its other recommendations that were not accepted by the government so far, including lowering the age limit for contesting elections to 21 years. “...the feasibility of a phased or limited reduction in the minimum age... may be explored through a structured impact study to assess potential implications and benefits,” the committee recommended.

‘Lalu, Rahul want to protect infiltrators for vote-bank politics’: Shah defends SIR

HIMANSHU HARSH
PATNA, AUGUST 8

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday accused the Congress and the RJD of “defending infiltrators” for vote-bank politics by criticising the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

Shah was speaking in Bihar's Sitamarhi district after laying the foundation of a ₹900-crore redevelopment project for the Mata Janaki temple at Punaura Dham, considered the birthplace of Goddess Sita.

“Rahul Gandhi should stop this vote-bank politics,” Shah said. He claimed: “This voter list purification is not happening for the first time, your great-grandfather (former PM Jawaharlal) Nehru had initiated it. Since you are losing election after election, you are giving excuses in advance for the Bihar polls.”

Shah said: “The Election Commission released the draft list and neither the Congress nor the RJD submitted a single objection. So who exactly are you defending? Those who come from Bangladesh and take away jobs meant for Bihar's youth?”

Targeting RJD chief Lalu Prasad, he said: “If Lalu and his company want votes of infiltrators, the people of Bihar will not accept them.” Shah vowed that “infiltrators” would be removed from the voter list.

He also accused the Congress of ignoring national security during its tenure. “Under Congress rule, bomb blasts would happen and terrorists would escape to Pakistan, no one dared to question them. But when Modi ji came to power, we carried out a surgical strike after Uri, an airstrike after Pulwama, and in response to the Pahalgam attack, we launched ‘Operation Sindoor’ and eliminated terrorists inside Pakistan's territory.”

He took aim at the RJD's long



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Sitamarhi on Friday. PTI

rule in Bihar. “Tejashwi Yadav ji, your father and mother ruled Bihar for years. Apart from promoting goondism, kidnapping, and running mafias, what did they do for the development of Mithilanchal? You are demanding accountability from me, I've come with the full accounting on behalf of Modi ji.”

“Main to baniye ka beta hoon, aana paayi ka hisaab lekar aaya hoon (I'm a baniya's son, I've come with every penny accounted for),” Shah added.

Listing out multiple infrastructure and development projects including roads, bridges, rail, irrigation, flood management, Shah said the NDA government has given over ₹83,000 crore to Bihar in the last six visits of Modi.

“But above all, the most important work done today is laying the foundation for the grand Janaki temple,” he said, calling the temple foundation-laying a turning point in religious tourism for the state.

He also hailed CM Nitish Kumar for committing hundreds of crores towards the redevelopment of the temple, located around 5 km from Sitamarhi town near the India-Nepal border.

The initiative, which aims to emulate the scale of Ayodhya's Ram temple, will see the establishment of a grand temple complex over a 67-acre area, with the project targeted for completion in 11 months. Nitish and several cabinet colleagues joined Shah for the foundation ceremony.

The temple project is part of the Ramayana circuit, a broader initiative linking Ayodhya, Sitamarhi and Janakpur in Nepal, to facilitate religious tourism and pilgrimage routes.

On July 1, the Bihar cabinet sanctioned ₹882.87 crore for the integrated development of the temple premises. Out of this, ₹137 crore is for the renovation of the existing temple and its surroundings, ₹728 crore for tourism-related infrastructure and ₹16 crore for a decade of comprehensive maintenance.

At another cabinet meeting on July 29, a revised estimate of ₹165.57 crore was also cleared for the acquisition of an additional 50 acres, beyond the 17 acres currently available at Punaura Dham temple premises. The new land will be used for developing tourism infrastructure and related facilities.

Systematic belittling of institutions: Bhupender Yadav takes on LoP



Union minister Bhupender Yadav

alleged that a “lie had been told with complete preparation” by the Raebareli MP.

“His first sentence was ‘there was an increase of 1 crore votes in Maharashtra... the website of the Election Commission of India states that in 2024 in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, the number of voters was 9,71,41,289... in Lok Sabha, the number of voters was 9,30,61,760; so 40 lakh votes increased between the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections,” Yadav said.

“But Rahul Gandhi is saying 1 crore votes increases... so there is a 60 per cent margin. Does this mean that whenever he says anything now, a margin of 60 per cent should be deducted from it? Because he is lying with a 60 per cent margin in his first sentence itself... they won most seats where there was an increase in the number of voters,” he added.

Saying that an Opposition party, after losing polls, was peddling lies, Yadav also sought to accuse Gandhi of “shoot and scoot tactics”. “Has any evidence been given under oath in the EC? That is not the case... if there is any (evidence), this is a matter between them (Rahul Gandhi) and the EC. But, in the country, lies should not be peddled,” he said.

of the army in this country, it is Rahul Gandhi - and the SC's remarks are in front of one and all. After these, Congress leaders did not refrain from making remarks against the SC itself. In this country, the Army, the EC, Parliament - these are such constitutional institutions which work autonomously and independently, and we are all governed by them,” Yadav added. Everyone who followed the Constitution in letter and spirit, Yadav said, should abide by this process because the EC and the judiciary are institutions with constitutional status. Those who abide by the Constitution, he added, also have a duty to “not use such arrogant and threatening language against them”.

Gandhi had alleged irregularities in the voter lists for the Mahadevapura Assembly segment in the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha seat, claiming that over 1 lakh votes could be fraudulent. Citing data crunched by the BJP on “50 seats” similar to those analysed by the Congress, Yadav

As Rahul, Tejashwi get set for Bihar Yatra, INDIA bloc closes ranks: SIR, ‘vote chori’ row

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

WITH THE Opposition displaying rare unity in Parliament over the Election Commission (EC)'s special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar and applauding him for his presentation on alleged “vote chori (theft)” in Karnataka, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi now seems to be keen to capitalise on this new-found bonhomie in the INDIA bloc, which has for long been in a state of limbo.

At a dinner for top INDIA alliance leaders in Delhi on Thursday evening, Rahul and LoP in the Bihar Assembly

Tejashwi Yadav invited all of them to attend a rally to be held by the Congress and the RJD in Patna on September 1.

If they all turn up for the rally, it would mark a rare event when the Opposition bloc leaders would be sharing a dais. Even during the 2024 Lok Sabha poll campaign, the parties had been unable to come together on one stage.

The previous instances when the Opposition alliance leaders came together were during rallies in Delhi and Ranchi to protest the arrests of ex-Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren.

If the top brass of the bloc comes together once again on a stage, it would mark a new chap-

ter in coordination among the Opposition parties outside Parliament. It would also be interesting since two states where the INDIA bloc's constituents are rivals - Kerala and West Bengal - are headed to the Assembly polls in about eight months.

In Kerala, the Congress will take on the CPI(M)-led Left, while in West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) will be up against the Congress and the Left parties.

But that electoral compulsion apart, there seems to be an agreement in the alliance as of now that the “electoral malpractice” issue that Rahul has been raising as well as the SIR in Bihar were critical for the parties necessitating their unity.

Sources said there was much bonhomie between Rahul and TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee at the dinner meet the former hosted at his residence. The two were engaged in a long conversation and the TMC too is said to be happy with the hospitality shown by the Gandhis.

The TMC always stresses on a distinction between itself and the other INDIA parties, stating that while others are electoral allies of the Congress, the TMC is not. Sources said Rahul extended an invitation to Abhishek and West Bengal CM and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee for the September 1 Patna rally. It is in many ways a rapprochement of sorts between the Congress and TMC.

The Congress, which has been on the receiving end of taunts and attacks by its allies for failing to take the initiative to keep the INDIA bloc alive, has finally decided to take charge. Before the start of Parliament's Monsoon Session last month, the Congress convened an on-line meeting of the Opposition's floor leaders, which it had not done in the previous sessions after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

And in the last fortnight, both Rahul and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge have chaired multiple meetings of INDIA parties to ensure smooth floor coordination. The SIR is, of course, the new-found glue.

For many Opposition parties,

it is the prospect of a nationwide electoral roll revision that is of key concern. And that is what is uniting them. Even the Kejriwal-led AAP, which had walked out of the INDIA bloc, is with the other Opposition parties in raising the issue and paralysing Parliament with protests.

The Patna rally would mark the conclusion of a fortnight-long yatra planned by the Congress and RJD. Rahul and Tejashwi are expected to launch the hybrid yatra - called the “Matdata Adhikar Yatra” - from Sasaram on August 17.

Said to be an idea floated by the Congress, the yatra will cover around 100 Assembly constituencies in Bihar's

Seemanchal and Mithilanchal regions, and would serve to launch the Mahagathbandhan alliance's campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections due in barely three months.

The Mahagathbandhan believes the SIR has huge resonance on the ground in Bihar and hopes to carry forward its narrative against it till the Assembly elections.


The yatra was originally scheduled to start from August 10, but was postponed by a week following JMM patriarch and ex-Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren's demise. On August 11, the INDIA bloc MPs will also take out a march to the EC's office from Parliament.

Meanwhile, the CPI(M)

Politburo has issued a statement urging the EC to take “remedial measures to restore public confidence in the electoral process”.

“In recent times, serious questions have been raised about the fairness of elections - ranging from irregularities in the preparation of electoral rolls, particularly the SIR process in Bihar, to malpractices witnessed in the state elections of Maharashtra and Karnataka - which appear to favour the ruling party,” the CPI(M) stated.

“It is the duty of the EC to conduct thorough inquiries into the issues raised by the Opposition... and to demonstrate to the people that it is a transparent and impartial constitutional body.”



NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301
(CIN-L74899DL1974GOI007417)
Phone – 0120 2412294, Extn. 3411

Ref. No. 06-2025-26-WSF-02EW

Date : 09.08.2025

NOTICE INVITING GLOBAL E-TENDER

Bids are invited for Supply of Water Soluble Fertilizers (WSFs) of different grades at different ports in each coast (E-tender ID: 2025_NFL_244363_1). Last date for bid submission is 18th August, 2025 (1400 hrs IST).

For details, visit websites: www.nationalfertilizers.com or <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be published only on above websites.

DGM-l/c (II&IP)

कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत
अल्पकालिक निविदा

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत के महाप्रबंधक द्वारा बस स्टैंड सोनीपत के रंग-रोशन के लिए नीलबंद कोटेशन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए, नीलबंद कोटेशन को दिनांक 14/08/2025 सार्थ 3:00 बजे तक बस स्टैंड सोनीपत के कार्यालय में जमा कराया जा सकते हैं। इस प्रकार जमा कराए गए टेंडर निधि 19/08/2025 को सार्थ 2:00 बजे महाप्रबंधक राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत के कार्यालय में सभी इच्छुक पक्षों को उपस्थिति में खोले जाएंगे। नियम और शर्तें नीचे पर कार्यालय द्वारा उपलब्ध करा दी जाएंगी। अल्पकालिक निविदा को रद्द करने का महाप्रबंधक को पूर्ण अधिकार होगा।

हस्ता/-

महाप्रबंधक

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन

सोनीपत

No. 37464/HR



New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B Nagar, (U.P.)
Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE
Request for Proposal (RFP) to
Engage coaches/ Sports Academies for various
disciplines at Noida Stadium Sports Complex
New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) Invites RFP to engage coaches/sports academies for the following disciplines in Noida Stadium Sports Complex, Sector 21A, Noida:

- Badminton - (Job Number-01/Sports/2025-26)
- Table Tennis - (Job Number-02/Sports/2025-26)
- Skating - (Job Number-03/Sports/2025-26)
- Archery - (Job Number-04/Sports/2025-26)
- Football - (Job Number-05/Sports/2025-26)
- Gym - (Job Number-06/Sports/2025-26)

Uploading of Bid	09.08.2025
Pre-bid Meeting	18.08.2025 (12:00 PM)
Bid end Date & Time	28.08.2025 (05:00 PM)
Opening of Technical Bid	29.08.2025 (11:00 AM)

Interested eligible bidders can submit the RFP along with the mentioned documents. RFP can be downloaded from the website www.noidaauthority.com www.etender.up.nic.in. Amendment/ Modification in documents, if any, shall be uploaded only on website.

Noida Sports Trust's official

Sports Secretary

NOIDA Stadium

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CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH AT NEW DELHI
CP (CAA)/83/PB/2025
CONNECTED WITH
TRANSFER PETITION (COMPANIES ACT) 10/PB/2025
AND
CA (CAA)/28/ND/2025
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND IN THE MATTER OF:
SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH THE COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATIONS) RULES, 2016.
AND IN THE MATTER OF:
SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION AMONGST MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LIMITED AND SUZUKI MOTOR GUJARAT PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS.
AND IN THE MATTER OF:
MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LIMITED, (CIN L34103DL1981PLC011375), (PAN AAACM0829Q), A PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT PLOT NO. 1, NELSON MANDELA ROAD, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI-110070, INDIA.
..... PETITIONER / TRANSFEREE COMPANY
SUZUKI MOTOR GUJARAT PRIVATE LIMITED, (CIN U34200GJ2014FTC079460), (PAN AAUCS57970), A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT BLOCK NO. 334 AND 335, HANSALPUR, NEAR VILLAGE BECHARAJI, MANDAL, AHMEDABAD, HANSALPUR, GUJARAT - 382130, INDIA.
..... PETITIONER / TRANSFEROR COMPANY

NOTICE OF PETITION
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, for obtaining sanction of the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench at New Delhi ("Hon'ble Tribunal") to a Scheme of Amalgamation amongst Maruti Suzuki India Limited ("Petitioner / Transferee Company") and Suzuki Motor Gujarat Private Limited ("Petitioner / Transferor Company") (collectively referred to as the "Petitioner Companies") and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme"), was presented by the Petitioners Companies to the Hon'ble Tribunal and was listed for hearing on 31st July, 2025 before the Hon'ble Tribunal. The said Petition is now fixed for hearing on 11th September, 2025 before the Hon'ble Tribunal.
Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition, should send to the Petitioner / Transferee Company's advocate, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her of his/her advocate, with his/her name and address so as to reach the Petitioner / Transferee Company's advocate not later than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition.
Where he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.
A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charge for the same.
Dated this 8th day of August, 2025.

Sd/-

ANIRUDH DAS

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

Advocate for the Petitioner / Transferee Company

Amarchand Towers, 216, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-II, New Delhi - 110020

Email: anirudh.das@ams Shardul.com



नारकोटिक्स कंट्रोल ब्यूरो,
भोपाल जोनल यूनिट
एनसीबी भोपाल केकेस नंबर 01/2020 में वांछित आरोपी रवींद्र सिंह, पिता- नरेश पाल ब्लॉक -ए, गली न. 5, मकान न. 110, साईं धर्मकांठा के पास, रोशन विहार, चावला रोड, नई दिल्ली नकद पुरस्कार : 10,000/- (दस हजार रुपये)



उपर्युक्त फरार अभियुक्त की गिरफ्तारी के लिए कोई भी जानकारी एनसीबी कंट्रोल रूम नंबर/ईमेल आईडी पर दी जा सकती है। मुखबिर को 10,000 (दस हजार) रुपये से पुरस्कृत किया जाएगा और उसकी पहचान गुप्त रखी जाएगी।
कंट्रोल रूम संपर्क नंबर: 0755-2993368
ई-मेल आईडी: zdbzu-ncb@nic.in
स्थापक नियंत्रण ब्यूरो,
भोपाल आंचलिक ईकाई, भोपाल (म.प्र.)
CBC - 19126/11/0069/2526



NEPA LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
CIN : U21012MP1947GOI000636
Regd. Office: Nepanagar, Dist. Burhanpur (MP)-450221
Website : www.nepamills.nic.in, Contact No. 07325-222167



NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the 78th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members of the Company will be held on **Saturday, 30th August, 2025 at 05:00 p.m.** at registered office of the Company, Nepanagar, Distt. Burhanpur (M.P.) 450221 through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) Pursuant to Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 and in continuation to General Circular No. 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 & No. 09/2024, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars"), Companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC, without the physical presence of members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC. The Annual Report of the company for the year 2024-2025 along with AGM Notice and explanatory statement will be sent only by e-mail to all those members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the company or with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, **Purva Sharegistry (India) Pvt. Ltd.** in accordance with the MCA Circulars. Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses and mobile numbers, are requested to furnish the same to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, **Purva Sharegistry (India) Pvt. Ltd.** at support@purvashare.com. The Annual Report of the Company for the year 2024-2025 along with AGM Notice and explanatory statement will also be available on the website of the company.
The facility of e-voting will also be made available at the AGM and Members attending the AGM through VC / OVAM who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the AGM. The Company has availed the services of **Purva Sharegistry (India) Pvt. Ltd.** to provide the facility of remote e-voting / e-voting at the AGM.
Further the Company will be providing remote e-voting facility to its member to casts their vote on the resolutions as set out in the notice of AGM. Remote e-voting period will commence at **9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 27th August, 2025 and will end at 5:00 P.M. Friday, 29th August, 2025.** Member of the company, whose names appears in the Registers of members list of beneficial owners as on the cut-off date i.e. **Saturday, 23rd August, 2025** will be eligible to cast their vote through remote e-voting facility. Member participating through the VC / OVAM facility shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
The Register of members and share transfer books of the company will remains closed from **24th August, 2025 to 30th August, 2025** (both days inclusive).
Details regarding record dates, e-voting procedure along with opening and closing date and detailed instructions for joining the AGM are indicated in notice of AGM which will be available on <https://evoting.purvashare.com> & Company's website www.nepamills.nic.in.
For Nepa Limited
Sd/-
Nidhi Mishra
Company Secretary
M.No. A53762
Date : **08.08.2025**
Place : **Nepanagar**

S.12012/01/2022-Proc.-I(EPW)

Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawa, New Delhi

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON DEPUTATION BASIS
Applications are invited for the post of Director General & Chief Executive Officer, Central Medical Services Society (CMSS), New Delhi (an Autonomous Body under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) on deputation basis in Level 14 (Pay Band -4; Rs. 37400-67000 plus Grade Pay of Rs.10000). The Society is engaged in procurement of medicines and medical equipment.
2. Interested candidates may kindly visit Ministry's website www.mohfw.gov.in, Department of Personnel & Training's website www.dopt.gov.in and CMSS' website www.cmss.gov.in for the details of vacancy, educational qualifications, terms and conditions for appointment to the post and the application form. The candidates may apply in the given proforma together with self-attested copies of supporting documents through proper channel so as to reach **“The Section Officer (EPW), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Room No. 515-A, 5th Floor, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi -110011”** within 45 days from the date of publication in the **Employment News**.
Director
Phone No. 011 23063483
(Email: mk.sinha26@nic.in)
CBC- 17102/11/0003/2526

झारखण्ड सरकार
स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग
सूचना

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग के विज्ञापन संख्या 02/2020, 07/2021 एवं 19/2023 के आलोक में चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी (मूल कोटि) के पद पर नियुक्त चिकित्सक तथा झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग के विज्ञापन संख्या 03/2023 के आलोक में मेर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक के पद पर नियुक्ता निम्नांकित चिकित्सकों को दिनांक-30.08.2025 तक पदस्थापित स्थान पर योगदान कर प्रभार ग्रहण करने का निर्देश दिया जाता है :-

क्र०	विज्ञापन संख्या	अभि्युक्तना सं० एवं तिथि	नाम	पदस्थापन स्थान
1	2	3	4	5
1	02/2020	453(3) दिनांक- 29.12.2020	RITWICK ROHIN	MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, MAHUATAND, BOKARO
2	02/2020	654(3) दिनांक- 29.12.2020	KUMAR ABHISHEK	MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, CHATROCHATTI, BOKARO
3	19/2023	1895(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	PRATIBHA JHA	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC, CHATROCHATTI, BOKARO
4	19/2023	392(3) दिनांक- 06.06.2024	KESHAV BANSAL	MEDICAL OFFICER, CHC, KASMAR, BOKARO
5	19/2023	394(3) दिनांक- 06.06.2024	MITALI DAS	MEDICAL OFFICER, SUB-DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL, Bermo, BOKARO
6	07/2021	492(3) दिनांक- 03.04.2023	RANJEET KUMAR RAJAK	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC, KUNDA, CHATRA
7	07/2021	404(3) दिनांक- 03.04.2023	BINIT KUMAR	PHC RAMKUNDA, DHANBAD
8	02/2020	681(3) दिनांक- 29.12.2020	ABDUL ZAFAR	MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, KATHURIA, DUMKA
9	02/2020	506(3) दिनांक- 29.12.2020	SHASHI KANT KUMAR	MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, KHAMBHARA BANPURA, GRIDIH
10	19/2023	1891(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	NAINYA TIGGA	MEDICAL OFFICER, CHC, BHARNO, GUMLA
11	19/2023	396(3) दिनांक- 06.06.2024	PIYUSH ANAND	MEDICAL OFFICER, CHC, SADAR, JAMTARA
12	19/2023	1861(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	SHREYANSH SHUBHAM	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC, BETAR, LATEHAR
13	19/2023	1903(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	RAVI ANAND	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC, GENTHA, PALAMU
14	02/2020	639(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2020	RATNESHWAR BODRA	MEDICAL OFFICER, PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, MIRZACHOWKI, SAHEBGANJ
15	02/2020	492(3) दिनांक- 29.12.2020	SHREYASI CHAITALI EKKKA	MEDICAL OFFICER, MEDICAL OFFICER, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE, BOLBA, SIMDEGA
16	07/2021	346(3) दिनांक- 03.04.2023	RACHAYITA VIJAY SUNDARAM	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC BARKAKANA, RAMGARH
17	07/2021	456(3) दिनांक- 03.04.2023	ABHIJEET ANAND	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC, SRINGDA, WEST SINGBHHUM
18	07/2021	403(3) दिनांक- 03.04.2023	ROHIT KUMAR MAHATO	MEDICAL OFFICER, PHC CHITRESHWAR, EAST SINGBHHUM
19	03/2023	1739(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	HIRALAL RAM	SPECIALIST (PEDIATRICIAN), SADAR HOSPITAL, CHATRA
20	03/2023	1714(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	MD NAYEEMUDDIN	SPECIALIST (ENT), SADAR HOSPITAL, PAKUR
21	03/2023	1732(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	RAM KRISHNA JHA	SPECIALIST (PEDIATRICIAN), SADAR HOSPITAL, PAKUR
22	03/2023	1781(3) दिनांक- 28.12.2023	ANSHUMALI	SPECIALIST (ANAESTHESIA) SUB DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL, BUNDU, RANCHI

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सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव


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APPOINTMENTS
1. Application are invited for regular post of **Librarian- 01.**
2. Eligible candidates will apply online within 14 days on Punjabi University Patiala Portal, collegejobs.punjabiuniversity.ac.in.
For details refer to Institute Website: www.ail.ac.in **Principal**



PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION OF THE AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL PLOTTED COLONY UNDER DDJAY PROJECT NAMEDLY “NAMA”
LOCATED AT SECTOR II, SOHNA, GURUGRAM BEING DEVELOPED BY M/S NBSAM CONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD.
It is for the information of the general public that an application dated 19.05.2025 for registration of the project namely “Naman” situated in Sector – 11, Sohna, Gurugram under section 4 of the Act of 2016 is submitted in the Authority By M/s NBSAM Construction Pvt. Ltd.
The Director of Town and Country Planning, Haryana, granted license no. 28 of 2023 dated 09.02.2023 measuring 7.3875 acres (after migration from license no. 19 of 2014 dated 11.06.2014 granted for Residential Plotted Colony over an area measuring 45.802 acres) to Standard Farms Pvt. Ltd. in collaboration with M/s Raheja Developers Ltd. for setting up of Affordable Plotted Colony under DDJAY in sector 11, Sohna, Gurugram. Thereafter, approval for change of developer from M/s Raheja Developers Ltd. to M/s NBSAM Construction Pvt. Ltd. has been done by Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana vide memo no LC-4470-JE(SK)/2024/39246 dated 11.12.2024. After that promoter i.e., M/s NBSAM Construction Pvt. Ltd. has obtained the zoning plan approval vide dng no. DTCP 11095 & 11096 dated 09.05.2025.
The license no. 19 of 2014 dated 11.06.2014 was duly registered with the interim RERA Authority, Panchkula vide RC no. 93 of 2017 dated 20.08.2017. Further, the land parcel on which the present application for registration has been applied by the applicant promoter was shown as High School(5 Acres) and EWS plots (68 no) in the earlier approved layout plan dated 11.06.2014. The promoter is stating that no layout plan has been revised after the layout plan dated 29.08.2017 and no third-party rights of any kind has been created on this parcel of land by the license holder i.e., Standard Farms Pvt. Ltd. and also by the applicant promoter i.e., M/s NBSAM Construction Pvt. Ltd. The promoter has also submitted an affidavit in this regard.
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/aggrieved on any working day during office hours i.e., 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. up to 22.08.2025. Also, if anyone wishes to appear, may appear before the authority on 25.08.2025 at 11:00 am during the hearing.
Given under the approval of the Authority and its seal.
Sd/-
Dated: **09.08.2025**
Secretary,
Haryana Real Estate Regulatory
Authority, Gurugram.

S. E. RAILWAY – E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM
Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/ CORRIGENDUM/2025/05, Dated: 08.08.2025. Corrigendum against Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/ 2025/24, Dated: 01.07.2025 published earlier by Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043. **Tender Opening date should be read as 18.08.2025 instead of 08.08.2025 against Tender No. 52253001A. (PR-499/C)**



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APPOINTMENTS
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For details refer to Institute Website: www.ail.ac.in **Principal**



महाराणा प्रताप कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय, उदयपुर
MAHARANA PRATAP UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, UDAIPUR
Advertisement No. MPUAT/2025/01
Dated: 8th August, 2025
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR, MPUAT, UDAIPUR
Applications in the prescribed format are invited by the Chairman, Search Committee (constituted under Section 24 of the MPUAT Act, 2000), for the post of **Vice-Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur.** The duly filled application must be submitted both in **hard copy** by post, addressed to the **Chairman, Vice-Chancellor Search Committee, c/o the Registrar, MPUAT, Udaipur (Rajasthan) - 313001, P.O. Box No. 171, and in soft copy** by email to **<vcsearch2025@mpuat.ac.in>**. The last date and time for receipt of both versions (hard and soft copy) of the application is **15th September, 2025 (Monday) up till 5:00 PM.** The detailed advertisement and application format can be downloaded from the website **<www.rajbhawan.rajasthan.gov.in>** and **<www.mpuat.ac.in>**
CHAIRMAN (SEARCH COMMITTEE)



COEP Technological University Pune
(Formerly College of Engineering Pune)
Shivajinagar, Pune-411005.
Ph.(020)25507000/9, FAX: (020) 25507299
Web: www.coeptech.ac.in

Admission Notification for COEP Technological University level ACAP (SPOT) Round
It is notified to all aspiring candidates that COEP Technological University level ACAP (SPOT) Round for Admission to First Year B.Tech. Programmes, Direct Second Year B.Tech., Direct Second Year B.Tech. Programmes for Working Professionals, First Year of B. Planning Programme will be conducted for seat(s) remaining vacant after the last date of reporting of last CAP round and till the cut-off date as notified by the State CET-CELL Mumbai for the current Academic Year 2025-26. Applications are invited for ACAP (SPOT) Round at COEP Technological University, Pune, for AY 2025-26. Detailed notification and link for application form is available on COEP Tech. **website : <https://www.coeptech.ac.in/admissions/>**
Registrar,
Date: 09/08/2025 **COEP Technological University Pune**



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TN govt unveils education policy, commits to 2-language formula in departure from NEP

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 8

IN A departure from the National Education Policy (NEP), Tamil Nadu on Friday launched its own State Education Policy, with Chief Minister M K Stalin describing it as “a vision document for the future” tailored to the state’s “unique character”.

Stalin, who unveiled the policy at the Anna Centenary Library in Chennai, reiterated Tamil Nadu’s commitment to its two-language formula — Tamil and English — rejecting the three-language policy prescribed by the NEP.

“We will not allow pirookku (reactionary thinking) in our education. Our State Education Policy aims to create samathuva kalvi (education for equality) and pagutharivu kalvi (education with

rational thought),” Stalin said. Tamil Nadu has become the first state to formally adopt its own comprehensive school education policy in direct contrast to the Centre’s NEP — an act seen as both pedagogical and political.

The 230-page policy document was developed by a 14-member committee headed by retired Delhi High Court Chief Justice D Murugesan. “Designed through extensive consultation and contextual analysis, the policy outlines a comprehensive, child-centric vision that is at once inclusive, forward-looking, and deeply anchored in Tamil Nadu’s unique cultural, linguistic, and social heritage,” the document read.

The policy scraps board examinations for class 11 with immediate effect — a move that reverses a 2017 decision by the then-AIADMK government. “Conducting public examina-



Chief Minister M K Stalin

tions for Classes 10, 11, and 12 consecutively would have an adverse impact on the mental health of students,” Stalin said, recalling his earlier criticism of the earlier exam structure.

The policy sets a target to ensure that all students complete school and move into higher education. Stalin noted that 72% of students who passed class 12 this year had already enrolled in higher education. “We hope the number will soon reach 100%,” he said. During the launch, he also felicitated 901 students from state-run schools who had secured admission to premier in-

stitutions, including IITs and NITs.

According to the document, at the heart of the new policy lies a commitment to social equity, academic excellence, and holistic development. The vision — “To build an inclusive, equitable, resilient, and future-ready school education system in Tamil Nadu that nurtures every child’s potential, ensures holistic development, upholds social justice, and empowers learners with 21st-century skills and values rooted in Tamil Nadu’s rich cultural heritage — enabling them to thrive as compassionate, confident, and responsible citizens in a rapidly evolving world.”

The policy is structured across key thematic areas — foundational literacy and numeracy, curriculum reform, teacher training, safe and inclusive schools, digital learning, and sustainable infrastructure. The government’s flag-

ship Ennum Ezhuthum Mission remains central to its literacy goals. “The State will operationalise a mission-mode programme to ensure that every child in classes 1–3 acquires age-appropriate reading, writing, and numeracy skills,” it said.

It also asserted Tamil Nadu’s intention to maintain educational autonomy. Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin used the occasion to reiterate the state’s demand to bring education back to the State List, a long-standing call of federalist voices in India. School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi said, “The NEP is *vidhi* (fate), but our SEP is *madhi* (intellect).”

In a chapter on Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, the document read, “Rooted in Tamil Nadu’s legacy of social justice, this chapter outlines a powerful agenda to ensure educational eq-

uity across caste, gender, geography, and ability.” Under the policy, special attention is given to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minorities, first-generation learners, and children with special needs, with measures ranging from inclusive curriculum and barrier-free infrastructure, scholarships and targeted mentoring.

The Centre’s push to implement the NEP has faced resistance from several quarters. Tamil Nadu has fiercely resisted it, citing its emphasis on Hindi and the three-language formula. In May, the state moved the Supreme Court, alleging that the Union government had withheld ₹2,291.30 crore in central education funds, including Samagra Shiksha grants, as punishment for Tamil Nadu’s refusal to adopt the NEP. The plea called the move “unconstitutional” and sought 6% annual interest on the withheld amount.



A demolition drive in Assam’s Golaghat district on Friday. PTI

Assam vigilantes giving minorities ultimatums to leave towns: Opp

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 8

OPPOSITION PARTIES in the state have alleged a breakdown of the law-and-order machinery in Upper Assam, citing a government policy that encourages “indigenous” people to possess arms in areas where they are in a “minority”, and vigilante activity by Assamese nationalist groups in Sivasagar and other towns.

Both Congress leader Ripun Bora and Sivasagar MLA from regional party Rajbor Dol called for President’s Rule, alleging that the state government is unable to provide security to its citizens.

Various Assamese nationalist groups, including the All Tai Ahom Students Union, Jatiya Sangrami Sena and Bir Lachit Sena, have allegedly been running a campaign in different towns in Upper Assam against Bengali-Muslims living and working there, referring to them as “suspected Bangladeshis.”

This has been particularly prevalent in Sivasagar, from where videos purportedly show vigilantes going to the rented accommodations and ordering occupants to “leave Upper Assam”.

The outfits call this a “*miya kheda andolan*” (movement to chase away miyas, a pejorative term used to refer to Bengali-origin Muslims). This follows widespread evictions in different parts of Assam, most recently in Golaghat district, and comes against the backdrop of Chief

Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasising the need to “stem demographic invasion” of Upper Assam by “people of one religion.”

On Friday, forest authorities and the Golaghat administration undertook a demolition drive in which 146 families were evicted.

Opposition leaders zeroed in on Sarma’s response to a question by a reporter this week on allegations that the “campaign” in Sivasagar is happening with his patronage. “It has to happen with my patronage. I am only saying people need to stay in whichever area they should stay,” he said.

Accusing Sarma of “instigating mob violence” in Sivasagar, Congress’s Bora said, “Our Constitution gives citizens rights of which one is that citizens can go to other parts of the country and work. So, some Muslim people from Lower Assam are in Upper Assam to do different kinds of work. Those people are being called miya by some organisations and given ultimatums of 48 hours to leave Upper Assam.”

He also pointed to the government planning to roll out an on-line portal where “indigenous people, who perceive a threat to their lives and reside in sensitive areas” can apply for arms licences.

Sivasagar MLA Akhil Gogoi said there “is no guarantee” of when things could go “out of control.”

The AIUDF has also written to the Assam DGP asking for his intervention “to identify and take strict legal action against the individuals and groups responsible for these unlawful activities”.

PATAUDI FAMILY PROPERTY DISPUTE: SC STAYS HC ORDER

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday granted an interim stay on a Madhya Pradesh High Court order remanding a decades-old property dispute involving the royal estate of Bhopal’s last Nawab, Hamidullah Khan, to the trial court for fresh adjudication.

The HC set aside a 2000 trial court ruling that upheld the exclusive rights of Nawab’s daughter Sajida Sultan, her son Mansoor Ali Khan, and their legal heirs, actor Saif Ali Khan, Soha Ali Khan, Saba Sultan, and actor Sharmila Tagore, over the estate. PTI

MP HC lauds woman for not leaving kin of husband who deserted her: ‘Rooted in dharma’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, AUGUST 8

REFUSING TO grant relief in a divorce case, the Madhya Pradesh High Court lauded the wife, saying that despite “being deserted by her husband”, she did not leave her matrimonial home and “remains rooted in her dharma as a wife”.

A Bench of Justices Vivek Rusia and Binod Kumar Dwivedi was hearing an appeal by the husband challenging an order of a lower court that had refused to grant him a divorce.

The court observed that “as per Hindu concept, marriage is a sacred, eternal and indissoluble union. An ideal Indian wife, even when deserted by her husband, continues to embody strength, dignity and virtue.”

The conduct of the wife in this case was “rooted in dharma, cultural values and sanctity of marital bond”, the court observed.

“Despite the pain of abandonment, she remains rooted in her dharma as a wife. She does not allow bitterness or despair to erode her sense of responsibility towards the marriage and the family she has become a part of. Therefore, the wife in the instant case has not left her matrimonial home, living with her in-laws,

she upholds her self-respect and dignity,” the court observed.

The court said the woman “neither begs for her husband’s return nor maligns him, but lets her quiet endurance and noble conduct speak up for her strength”.

She has ensured that her family members and in-laws are “never tarnished by her deeds, words or actions”, the court observed. “She is serving them with care and affection as she would have if her husband was present, thereby reinforcing her moral stature. She does not use her sufferings for gain of sympathy, instead she channelled it inward, reflecting the Hindu ideal of the woman as Shakti...,” it said.

The court observed that “even when she left alone, she does not forsake the mangalsutra, the sindoor, or the symbols of her marriage status as her marriage to her is not a contract, but a Sanskara — an indelible sacrament”.

The “wife has revealed her strong determination and character, which a typical Indian woman/wife has”, the court said, adding that it is the husband, “who by deserting the wife, has meted out cruelty of false degree against her”. “It is a case depicting the loyalty of the wife as a typical Indian woman, who puts all her efforts to save her family life,” the court observed.

Uttarkashi: Advanced equipment, dog squad deployed as officials step up ops



WHAT REMAINS OF DHARALI: Satellite images by Maxar show Dharali and its surroundings in April; and (right) after the flash flood and landslide that left a massive deposit of soil where the village once stood. Over 60 people are still missing. AP



AISWARYA RAJ
DEHRADUN, AUGUST 8

AS RESCUE operations following the flash flood enter the fifth day on Saturday in Uttarakhnad’s Dharali village, only two bodies have been retrieved so far, with over 60 feared trapped.

On Friday, the Army, the State Disaster Response Force, the National Disaster Response Force, and the Indo Tibetan Border Police were joined by canines from the Indian Army and the SDRF. A total of 1,056 personnel are involved in rescue, repair, and evacuation operations in and around Dharali, in Uttarkashi district.

While four life detectors

were deployed to locate living people trapped in debris, rubble and in the collapsed buildings, a victim locator camera, along with an exothermic cutting device, was also deployed.

As of 6 pm Friday, 154 people had been evacuated from Harsil to Matli, and 121 people were moved from Harsil to Chinyalisaur, bringing the total number of evacuees to 729.

P S Pokhriyal, the chief medical superintendent of the District Hospital in Uttarkashi, where nine people are undergoing treatment, said seven Army men have been admitted along with two civilians. “One of the patients is in the ICU. We have referred a few to AIIMS Rishikesh and hos-

pitals in Dehradun,” he said.

An Army man rescued from Harsil, Sonu Singh, said he had no hope that he would survive as soil, water, and uprooted trees cascaded down the path where he stood. “I was flushed into the river and flowed with it until I clung on to a tree in my path. Many of my colleagues went down the river,” said Singh, who hails from Uttar Pradesh. Eight of his colleagues remain missing, including a JCO.

His colleague, Harshvardhan, another Agniveer, was also pushed into the stream as flood hit the camp. “We were leaving for the rescue operations at Dharali when the flood hit us. I climbed onto a rock on the bank of the river, and my fellow Army men helped us

out of the water,” Harshvardhan, who hails from Sikar, said.

Meanwhile, Head and Member Secretary of the NDMA, Rajendra Singh, said Doppler Radars will soon be installed in Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, and Auli to improve weather forecasting.

Singh said that essential equipment like dozers, ground-penetrating radars, and others are being made available. These will be airlifted. The SDRF dog squad is also engaged in the search for any survivors.

On Friday, the SDRF teams got hold of advanced equipment such as victim locating cameras and thermal imaging cameras to conduct intensive searches.

HC upholds charges against profs in 2014 Beas drowning case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SHIMLA, AUGUST 8

THE HIMACHAL Pradesh High Court has dismissed a revision petition filed by three faculty members of an engineering institute, who are facing charges of negligence leading to death in connection with 2014 Beas river tragedy that claimed the lives of 25 students and a tour manager near Thalout in Mandi district. The court noted that faculty members of VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad, were

fully aware that the students were likely to die, yet they did not stop the students from entering the riverbed.

Dismissing the revision plea filed by professors A. Aditya, C. Kiran, and Sumabala, a single bench of Justice Viender Singh upheld the trial court’s February 8, 2024, order, which had denied their discharge under Section 258 of the CrPC. The bench also noted that charges under Section 304-A, read with Section 34 IPC, for causing death by negligence and a common intention was made out against them.

The court had reserved the

order on May 5. The court issued the verdict on August 4, but the copy was made available Friday.

The tragedy had occurred on June 8, 2014 when 48 engineering students from Hyderabad, including 35 boys and 13 girls, accompanied by two faculty members, a woman staff member and her son and two tour operators were travelling from Shimla to Manali in two private buses. They stopped near the Beas river at Shala-Nala and many students moved onto the dry riverbed for a photo session. Twenty five students and a tour guide were swept away when

the Larji project authorities abruptly released water from a reservoir without sounding hooter or issuing any warning. The bodies were recovered over several weeks.

The faculty members had filed a criminal revision petition before the high court, contending that there was no danger near the river, and the incident was a manmade glitch of water. They had also contended that the dam and electricity board authorities did not take necessary precautions, due to which the tragedy took place.

The court noted that the pro-

fessors, who were acting as tour guardians, had stopped the bus and allowed students to venture down to the riverbed, despite being aware of the dangerous nature of mountain rivers and the possibility of sudden water surges from dam release.

The court noted that each of the faculty members knew that the students going to the riverbed were likely to die, “which is also clear from the fact that (a) faculty member had not taken (her) own child to the riverbed”. This, the court said, makes a prima facie case against the faculty members.

In death, a 50-year prescription of care by Kannur’s ‘two-rupee doctor’

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 8

IN MAY 2024, a handwritten note in Malayalam was hung on the iron gates of a house in Kannur’s Thana locality: “I am not well enough to do my job today... So, (I am) stopping examining patients and giving them medicine.”

Till the note was widely shared on social media in 2024, Dr Rairu Gopal remained Kannur’s best-kept secret for 50 years. Since he started his career in 1974, this Kannur-based general physician continued to charge his patients

just ₹2 for a consultation — an act that earned him the moniker of the “two-rupee doctor”. Though consultation fees across the country rose to three and even four digits over the years, Dr Gopal never hiked his fee.

On August 2, Kannur’s “two-rupee doctor” breathed his last. As tributes poured in for the city’s unsung doctor, who had looked after its health for five decades, so did his life’s story.

His son Balagopal, also a doctor, said his grandfather, A Gopalan Nambiar, who hailed from Kannur’s Mavilayi, was a doctor with the Colonial-era Madras Medical Service.

Dr Balagopal says, “My father was guided by his father’s (Dr Nambiar) advice that the medical profession should not be used to make money. He was told that if he wanted to make money, he should choose another profession.”

Having studied in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Dr Gopal graduated from the Government Medical College in Kozhikode in the early 1970s. “He got admission to an engineering course, but opted for the MBBS programme because it was his dream,” says his son.

After completing his MBBS, Dr Gopal worked at a local co-operative hospital in Kannur. He also



Dr Rairu Gopal, a general physician, died on August 2

attended patients at the West Coast Nursing Home, which was

established by his father in the city’s Burnassery locality. A few years later, Dr Gopal started his own clinic — the beginning of his journey as the “two-rupee doctor” in the north Kerala town.

Inside his house, then in the city’s Talap locality, Dr Gopal opened a two-room pharmacy-cum-clinic. His wife, Dr Shakunthala, joined the clinic but had a separate consultation facility.

“The consultation fee back then was usually ₹2, a good amount back then. With a decade into the profession, my father had a settled life with a house in the city. He never wanted to hike his fee due to his concern for the un-

derprivileged. He felt the consultation fee of ₹2 and a meagre profit from the sale of medicines was enough to run the family.

That may be why he never felt the need to hike his consultation charges,” says Dr Balagopal. Unlike many doctors, Dr Gopal kept rather unusual hours. “He would wake up quite early, and open the clinic between 3 am and 4 am. He would see patients till 2 pm and prescribe only generic medicines,” adds Dr Balagopal.

Dr Gopal’s patients often came from distant places like Vadakara, nearly 45 km from Kannur, and Kasaragod, over 90 km away. His clinic’s timings

were a hit with the daily-wage labourers, who could consult a doctor without losing a day’s pay.

Despite a footfall of nearly 300 patients daily, Dr Gopal never dreamed of working at a hospital. “Since he loved working independently, he never accepted any offers from hospitals or corporate health centres. Nor did he have any plans to expand his clinic. He loved his two-room clinic at the Talap house. Other than a facility for performing minor procedures, he did not have a laboratory at home,” says Dr Balagopal, adding that his father ran that clinic for 35 years with two staff members. At Talap, he said his father

kept two cows to meet the family’s dairy needs. Till age caught up with him, Dr Gopal continued to rear cows and distribute milk in the neighbourhood.

Though his wife Shakunthala retired 15 years ago, Dr Gopal continued to see patients. A decade ago, he moved to a house in the city’s Thana locality. He downsized to a single-room clinic that he ran without a pharmacist.

On keeping his father’s legacy alive, Dr Balagopal, who works with a hospital, apart from running his own clinic in Kannur, says, “I ensure that I prescribe my patients only the medicines and lab investigations they require.”

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A YEAR AFTER A JUNIOR DOCTOR WAS RAPED AND MURDERED AT R G KAR MEDICAL COLLEGE IN KOLKATA

‘No call comes at 9.30 pm anymore... life has changed’

TANUSREE BOSE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 8

A YEAR has passed since everything changed overnight for the parents of a junior doctor who was raped and murdered at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata while on duty.

In an interview with *The Indian Express*, the woman's parents spoke about how their lives have been impacted over this one year and emphasised that justice is all that they seek.

Excerpts:

How has your life changed over this one year?

Mother: Every morning, I used to wake up at 4 am and that is when she would go to sleep. I would get busy preparing breakfast and lunch and by 8:30 am, my cooking would be done. After she had bought the car, everyday it was my duty to do puja after taking a shower. Then I would wake her up and she would get ready to go to the hospital.

The mother added (her voice choking), “She would not eat unless I fed her, even on the last day (August 8) before she left, I fed her with my own hands, combed her hair and bid her goodbye. How was I to know she would never come back? Now I do not wake up early in the morning, what will I do... I let that time pass, then I get up.”

25-year-old PhD scholar in Bengal alleges ragging, dies by suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 8

A 25-YEAR-old PhD scholar at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), in Kalyani, Nadia, died during treatment at a hospital hours after he allegedly attempted suicide on the college premises on Thursday evening after levelling allegations of ragging and apathy by the institute administration in a social media post.

“I was never made for this world... But I can’t do this anymore. I give up. May I find the peace in death that I never found in life,” read a note posted by the student – Anamitra Roy – online.

Police said Roy, a resident of Shyamnagar in North 24 Parganas and a PhD student of biology, was found unconscious in a lab at IISER Thursday evening. He was taken to AIIMS, Kalyani, where he died Friday morning. As per sources in the police, he apparently consumed a poisonous substance.

“We got information about a social media post in which a student declared that he was going to die by suicide. Our team rushed to IISER. But we were told the student has been admitted to AIIMS Kalyani. Initially, he was stable but he died on Friday. We have registered an unnatural death case. The post-mortem report is awaited,” SP of Ranaghat Police District, Ashish Maurya, told *The Indian Express*. “A formal complaint is yet to be received,” said Maurya.

IISER in a statement on Friday said: “In Anamitra Roy, we lost a dynamic student. His loss is an invaluable loss to the entire scientific community.”

A search launched in MP forest after dead tiger’s image leads officials to a cover-up

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, AUGUST 8

WHEN THE photo of a tiger carcass was posted on a WhatsApp group made up of Indian Forest Service officers, it set off alarm bells and sent Madhya Pradesh wildlife officials scouring through the dense forests of Balaghat in an effort to find it.

They eventually located the tiger’s remains at Lalbarra range. But they were in for another shock – the discovery that it had previously been found by a forest range assistant and beat guard, who hid this information from their seniors and proceeded to secretly burn the carcass, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Now, state wildlife officials have asked the Balaghat Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) to explain how and why the tiger’s death was kept a secret.

On August 2, officials came to



During a protest rally in Kolkata a year after R G rape-murder, on Friday. Partha Paul

Father: The phone does not ring anymore at 9:30 pm, it was a ritual. She used to call me, ask whether we had dinner, speak a little about her work and when she would be able to leave for home. Before that dreadful day, my life used to revolve around my daughter... but now our lives are all about fighting to get my daughter justice, she will never come back but she deserves justice at least. We were to lead a beautiful life... now she would have completed her exams. She

was also supposed to get married, everything was finalised.

Do you feel there has been any change in the security arrangements at hospitals since?

Mother: The situation at RG Kar might have improved as central force is deployed but at other colleges, it is still the same.

Father: My daughter was in her comfort zone, the workplace was her second home and there she did not have security... She

was raped and murdered there. The hospital did not take any responsibility for anything, nothing has changed only big speeches are made by the Chief Minister but there is no law and order nor does anyone follow any orders.

Your daughter used to organise Durga Puja celebrations at your home...

Father: No more Durga puja, no more celebrations: Only a fight for justice. Two years in a

row, our family had performed Durga Puja at our residence. But the third year, we lit a lamp at the same spot and sat for those four days, seeking justice.

Mother: We had nothing when she had come into our lives. We stayed in a small house. From a young age, she aspired to be a doctor and she achieved that. When she got admission at R G Kar, she was happy and decided to perform Durga puja at home, but our Durga has left us forever.

The sole convict, Sanjoy Roy, has moved the Calcutta High Court claiming that he is innocent?

Mother: The former civic volunteer Sanjoy Roy... We do not believe is the sole person responsible for the rape and murder... Others are likely involved.

Father: Will any criminal say that they have committed the crime? I feel there is some sort of conspiracy going on to save those who behind the crime.

As parents, what do you feel about the handling of the case and the investigation?

Mother: We made a mistake by believing the CBI. We had no knowledge about what to do, so those whom we trusted initially... they let us down in some sense... the administration and others.

Father: Our biggest mistake

was believing the CBI... what they had written in the chargesheet. We believed that.

Would you want to join politics to improve the system?

Father: Entering politics is never a possibility. To get justice for my daughter, I’ll always want each and every political party to support us in our fight but we will never join politics or let any political party take advantage of our situation for their own benefit.

Mother: Never... We just want justice. Till our last breath, we will seek only that.

Your daughter was the sole bread-earner in the family. How are you coping with all the expenses now?

Father: There are difficulties in making ends meet, but we have carried on. The entire country is beside us. What more do we want?

Do you feel that people may be slowly forgetting the matter?

Mother: No one will ever forget this case, no one will forget my child.

Father: Even after so many protests, things have not changed much in this state. But we also know that no one will forget our child or our fight, each and every person will stand with us.

PNB ‘FRAUD’ CBI seeks to record statement of Nirav Modi’s brother-in-law

Mumbai: Over a month after the CBI filed a supplementary chargesheet against Maiank Mehta, brother-in-law of fugitive jeweller Nirav Modi, the agency sought permission from the special court to record his statement, in a bid towards deciding his application to become an approver in the PNB fraud case.

Mehta and his wife Purvi—Modi’s sister—have become prosecution witnesses in the case filed by ED and will be expected to depose against the accused, including Modi. They had claimed in 2020 that they wanted to distance themselves from Modi, and could provide “substantial and important evidence” relevant to him and his dealings. They also sought to become witnesses in CBI’s case but their pleas are yet to be decided as the agency is yet to give its go-ahead. **ENS**

Uproar in Kerala over ‘attack’ on priests, nuns in Odisha; they were not harmed, say police

SUJIT BISOIYI & SHAJU PHILIP
BHUBANESWAR, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG 8

Tension prevailed in a village in Odisha’s Balasore district after workers of a right-wing group stopped vehicles carrying Christian nuns and priests on suspicion that they were engaging in forced religious conversion, police sources said.

Citing allegations that some of the nuns and priests, who were from Kerala, were assaulted, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and Opposition leader V D Satheesan condemned the incident. The local police, however, said the nuns and priests were not harmed and that no complaint had been filed.

The incident occurred Wednesday evening at Gangadhar village under Basta police station in Balasore district, where the nuns and others came

to attend a memorial service.

According to Basta police inspector-in-charge Ranjit Sahu, they got a call about the incident. A police team reached the village.

“There was tension when the police team reached the spot. But we managed to disperse the crowd and convinced the crowd that they came to attend the memorial service. The nuns and priests were not harmed,” Sahu told *The Indian Express*.

“We have done a station diary entry of the incident for the sake of record,” Sahu said.

Police also said they had no information about allegations that phones of the priests and others were forcibly taken by the mob.

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI) on Friday strongly condemned the incident and expressed “deep anguish” calling it a “blatant violation” of constitutional rights and dignity of minorities.

The Bishops’ body urged the

Odisha government to take “swift and decisive action” to prosecute the perpetrators, and to ensure the protection of minority communities.

“We further urge the authorities to safeguard the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution, so that every citizen may live and practice their faith without fear,” said a statement issued by CBCI.

The CBCI added that it would continue to monitor the situation and stand firm in its commitment to defend the rights, dignity, and safety of all citizens, especially the Christian community.

On social media, Vijayan said the incident was part of a “witch hunt”. “Reports of an assault on Keralite Catholic priests and nuns by Sangh Parivar goons in Jaleswar, Odisha, on false charges of religious conversion, reflect the ongoing communal witch-hunt against Christians in the country, exemplified by the ar-

rest of nuns in Chhattisgarh weeks ago. Such Hindutva vigilantism, enabled by the regime’s impunity, must be unitedly resisted by secular & democratic forces,” Vijayan wrote on X.

Also condemning the incident, Satheesan alleged that over the last year, Christians in BJP-ruled states had faced 835 attacks.

Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference (KCBC) also expressed concern. “The Indian Constitution gives freedom of religion for all people! However, the present situation shows that this right is not protected. The government should take stern action to protect the religious rights of the people and their right to live without fear,” said Father Micheal Pulikkal of the KCBC.

The incident comes just weeks after two nuns from Kerala were arrested in Chhattisgarh on charges of forcible conversion and later released on bail. That incident had also led to uproar in Kerala.

party high command to make a decision. There has been an open discussion with the top leadership regarding the formation of the organisation (HPCC),” she said.

The statements by Sukhu and Pratibha betray deep fissures within state Congress, which is now playing out in the selection of the new party chief.

On Thursday, Pratibha told *The Indian Express*, “I conveyed my concerns pertaining to the delay in the appointment of the state party chief and the formation of dissolved block and district-level committees in the meeting

chaired by Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. I told them that party workers don’t listen to me because they know that a new party chief is to be appointed – but it is not known when? The party unit has been suffering in the absence of an organisational structure. I urged them that whoever be appointed as the new Congress chief, he or she should be a mass leader.”

Congress sources said during the meetings with AICC leadership, some ministers expressed “dissatisfaction” with the functioning of Sukhu government.

AI 171 crash: 65 families hire US law firm; AAIB report creates confusion, says lawyer

RITU SHARMA & LEENA MISRA
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 8

BEASLEY ALLEN, a prominent US-based law firm, will represent at least 65 families of the victims of the Air India 171 crash on June 12 that killed 260 people, Mike Andrews, Principal Attorney from the firm, told *The Indian Express*.

Andrews, who is already in Gujarat was heading to Surat when *The Indian Express* spoke to him. He said the preliminary report of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on the crash did not share the full cockpit voice recorder data, which “creates confusion and unfairly blames the pilots”. He said systems in “such automated aircraft” are complex and “could be activated by computer commands”.

In the past, Andrews had represented families of aviation dis-



Mike Andrews, Principal Attorney of Beasley Allen

aster victims, including victims of the 2019 crash of the Ethiopian Airlines-run Boeing 737 MAX flight 302 that killed all 149 passengers and eight crew members.

Andrews, who has been to the crash site at Meghaninagar during an earlier visit to Ahmedabad, told *The Indian Express* that the priority would be to call for transparency “and release of the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) and the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR)”.

Andrews said, “We are also calling for the documents and are currently researching the

Go on leave, pending verdicts, SC asks judges of Jharkhand HC

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MAKING EVIDENT its displeasure yet again over the Jharkhand HC not pronouncing judgments in matters where the hearing had closed long ago, the Supreme Court on Friday said that the judges concerned should rather avail leave for penning them.

“There are 61 cases pending. Ask Jharkhand HC judges to take their sanctioned leaves for 10-12 weeks and write the judgments... Just get rid of these cases. People need judgments, they are not concerned about jurisprudence or something else. Give a reasoned order on whether relief is denied or allowed,” a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi told Senior Advocate Ajit Sinha, who represented the high court.

Justice Kant asked the counsel to convey the bench’s suggestion to the HC Chief Justice.

The bench was hearing a clutch of petitions by students from the state’s tribal areas contending that the judgments in the matter of appointment of home guards were yet to be pronounced though the hearing was over in 2023. The candidates whose names figured in the ranklist had moved HC after the Jharkhand government cancelled the recruitment for over 1,000 posts. The HC, after hearing, reserved its verdict in the matter in April 2023.

Sinha, however, said the HC had pronounced orders in the

matter of students.

Friday’s developments are only the latest in what happened in a series of petitions filed before the top court since April this year complaining about the HC sitting over verdicts reserved years ago.

Hearing a similar plea by four convicts who submitted that the judgment in their appeals were not pronounced though reserved couple of years back, a bench presided by Justice Kant had on April 23 “directed” the “Registrar General of the High Court of Jharkhand... to file a status report in sealed cover in respect of all the reserved judgments, which are more than two months ago” including “Bench-wise details.”

Following this, the Jharkhand HC Registrar General filed a report mentioning that 56 such cases were pending where judgments were reserved but not pronounced. Perusing the report, the SC had then noted that the list did not contain the appeal by the four convicts, setting off doubts that the number may be higher.

The SC said that the report “reveals that there are 56 matters, including some Criminal Appeals, where a learned Division Bench of the High Court has finally heard the matters on different dates ranging from 04.01.2022 till 16.12.2024 but the final pronouncements are still awaited. There are 11 Single Bench matters also before another Hon’ble Judge where the judgments are reserved on different dates between 25.07.2024 to 27.09.2024”.

Will keep Banke Bihari ordinance in abeyance until HC takes call: SC

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE SUPREME Court Friday said it will keep in abeyance the Uttar Pradesh Ordinance vesting the administration of the Banke Bihari Temple in Vrindavan, with a trust, till the Allahabad High Court decides the Ordinance’s constitutional validity.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi told petitioners who have challenged the Uttar Pradesh Shri Bankey Bihari Ji Temple Trust Ordinance, 2025, that it will allow them to approach the HC and that in the meanwhile, the administration will be under an ex-Allahabad HC judge headed committee, which it proposes to set up. Disposing of the petitions, the bench said it will pass a detailed order.

“We will grant you liberty to challenge the Ordinance before the High Court. The constitution of the Committee as per the Ordinance will be kept in abeyance so that the Ordinance is not given effect till the matter is decided by the High Court... in the interreg-

num, we will constitute a Committee headed by a former judge of the HC,” Justice Kant, presiding over a two-judge bench, said.

The bench said the committee will include some government officials as well as representatives of the shrine’s traditional caretakers, and will oversee improving the facilities.

“We will infuse some officials in the Committee. Some of you also. We are broadly telling you. We will authorise the Chairman of the Committee to have some Goswamis also... the Committee will see to developmental activities in the area,” Justice Kant said.

The bench also said it will set aside the directions in May 25 order allowing the UP Government to use the Banke Bihari Temple funds for buying land around it for a proposed corridor project.

Appearing for the UP government, Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj pointed out that some parallel proceedings are ongoing before the HC in a PIL, and the HC had appointed amicus curiae in the matter and also passed an order with some “unwarranted observations”.

gins to lose thrust, power and altitude almost immediately after takeoff. So the question becomes – why did that occur?” The RAT deploys in a Boeing 787 automatically when there is a major system failure and is designed to provide power in emergencies.

On precedents where such FDR and CDR data have been released that he has handled, Andrews said, “Typically, any data released under those circumstances occurs during the litigation, and it’s generally not made available to the public. But, in certain instances, it can be released to the attorneys and experts who are handling those cases.”

Ahmedabad-based entrepreneur Trupti Soni, who is among those who has signed on Beasley Allen to represent their case, said, “As discussed with the law firm, first we would file a case against Boeing in the US courts, which will be followed by a case against Air India.”

11 BIG PICTURE

ON THE eve of the final Test against England, Mohammed Siraj was given a choice: he didn't have to play if he didn't want to. The team management was worried about his body; he had bowled a whopping 145 overs by then and even though Jasprit Bumrah wasn't available for the final game, they did not wish to push Siraj. Siraj, however, was clear that he would play. He would eventually bowl with his entire being to take India to a famous series-levelling win, picking up nine wickets in the Test and finishing the series with 23 wickets — the highest by a bowler from either side.

He has made far more difficult choices in his career than he had in that final game. During the 2020-21 series in Australia, played during the pandemic, he had received word that his *abba* — his father who meant everything to him, who had supported his love for cricket by driving autos through Hyderabad's nights — was dead. He had a word with his mother, who reminded him that all his father wished for in his life was for him to play and make the nation proud — and so he should play on.

Bharat Arun, India's bowling coach then and the man Siraj has publicly called '*farishta* (angel)' for the mentorship role he has played in the cricketer's life, recalls how Siraj was grappling with this emotional upheaval on his own in his hotel room.

"It was Covid time and protocols were in place. Here was this 25-26-year-old boy, on his own. None of us were allowed to visit him. Only the manager could do so — that was the protocol. I spoke to him on a WhatsApp video call. He was in tears but when I asked him if he wished to go back home, he said 'no sir, *mein khelega*'. I couldn't even go hug him, offer some real emotional support... The team gently suggested to him that if he wishes, he doesn't have to come to practice the next day, but in my mind I was hoping he would come. Not for the training per se, but just that he would be with us, with his friends in the team. He is such a popular figure, loved by all... and here he was, struggling on his own."

Siraj turned up the following day, tried his best to hold himself together, and hurled that little round red ball with emotional fury at the nets.

It was in another nets, years ago in 2017, that Siraj's career would change. He wasn't yet the *Miyan* that the cricketing world knows now; he was a nobody. He had played just one Ranji game before being dropped in the previous season, but by chance, he was there on that fateful day to bowl in the nets in Hyderabad for the visiting IPL team, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).

"I remember bowling bouncers at K L Rahul, who asked me, 'do you bowl only bouncers'." Siraj had laughingly recalled in an RCB video much later. Bharat picks up the story. "Not just Rahul, he bounced at Virat Kohli also, apart from troubling all the batsmen with his regular stuff. I was impressed with this young boy's personality and skill. So I enquired from VVS Laxman about him."

Laxman didn't know himself, and that could still have been the end of the road.

Luckily for Siraj, Bharat would soon come to Hyderabad as the state team's Ranji Trophy coach. "I saw the 20 players selected for my first camp and didn't see him. I didn't even remember his name. So I asked the local association to send me the net bowlers who featured in the RCB nets. And when they came, I recognised Siraj. I immediately said he has to be in my team — that's how our association began. During that year, when he became the highest wicket-taker for Hyderabad that season, I got to know him, his background, his struggles."

At the end of that 2020-21 Australian series, Siraj went straight to his father's grave to pay his respects.

'Anything for the country'

Siraj stares down England's premier batsman Joe Root after yet another LBW appeal has died in his throat. All through the series, he has been hustling and harassing the batsmen with his skill, his indefatigable energy, and his willingness for the fight.

Ben Stokes, England's captain, would hail him as a "warrior". Root would say he is "someone you want on your team". Root would also observe that Siraj's stares and verbals are part of a "fake anger". "He has got this fake anger about him sometimes, which I can see straight through. You can tell he is actually a really nice lad. But he tries incredibly hard. He is a very skilful player," he says.

That "fake anger" is how Siraj motivates himself. In Australia, during a Test series that lasted from November 2024 to January this year, he was booed relentlessly by the Australian crowd after he was involved in a heated exchange with home hero Travis Head. From that point on, he was the target of the crowd's ire across cities. "He wasn't bothered, was he?" Bharat says. "That's his temperament. Very strong-minded, he will push himself to do anything for the team and for the country."

At times, with others, the "do-it-for-the-country" vibe can come across as a bit forced, a cliché. Not with Siraj. "It's naturally ingrained in him. Perhaps, it came from his father," says Bharat. Siraj has often spoken about how his father would always support his cricket and keep saying to everyone that one day, his son will shine and with that, "*desh ka naam roshan karega*".

Siraj's mother was the pragmatic one. She worked as a cook and cleaned others' homes and wanted Siraj to follow her elder son's route out of poverty and their small, rented house. But that was not to be — her elder son became an engineer, while Siraj, a "back-bencher" by his own admission, was

Siraj's stares are part of his "fake anger" — as England's Joe Root termed it — by someone who is a "very nice lad"

Mohammed Siraj is all emotion — when he bowls, when he brags to his mother; when he stares down batsmen, when he breaks into a Ronaldo-style celebration; when playing at the dust-bowl of a ground in Old Hyderabad or at The Oval. SRIRAM VEERA on the man whose scrambled-seam bowling led India to a famous series-levelling win in England

BECAUSE HE LOVES TO BOWL

In the third Test, with just 23 runs needed for India to win, he fell in an agonising manner

more interested in cricket. Scoldings and occasional beatings followed, but she couldn't wean Siraj away from cricket. There is a story that Siraj narrates in the RCB video, about how he once told her, "*Ek din aisa aayenga paise rakhne jagah nahi rahenga aapke paas* (a day will come when so much money would pour in that you won't have a place to store it)". Sure enough, the IPL sign-up happened and Siraj requested his father to stop plying his auto. In the years to come, he built a multi-storeyed home for his parents.

As a teenager, Siraj played his cricket on a dust-bowl of a ground in a neighbourhood of Old Hyderabad. Dust would swirl around the entrance of the Eidgah Maidan where a tomb of a 19th-century saint, a miracle-healer, stands. Residents believe the saint's ghost roams around at night, snatching goats and chickens in the neighbourhood, though the debris around the tomb these days is-n't bones, but cigarette butts.

It's here, on a cricket pitch cobbled-together with loose black soil, seemingly designed to kill the bounce of tennis balls, that Siraj bowled end-lessly. "He somehow managed

things that others did not," Siraj's close friend Mohammed Shafi once told *The Indian Express*. "He used to bowl all the time, and when a variation caught his imagination, he would practise it until he mastered it."

It's a sentiment that Bharat agrees with wholeheartedly. "I don't know how much of it was because of the relationship we shared, but you introduce him to a trick and he devotes himself to trying it without any question. He would be at it for hours for days together till he mastered it."

Like that scrambled-seam ball he weaponised against England in this series.

The scrambled-seam ball

On flat, batting-friendly pitches designed for England's aggressive batting approach, Siraj had realised he needed something other than conventional deliveries. It was a ball that Bharat had introduced to him on an earlier tour of England, inspired by what he saw of England's then premier bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad.

"The close-ups revealed that they would have their fingers on the leather of the ball, as opposed to the conventional way of gripping behind the seam of the ball. With that grip, if you release the ball, it would go all scrambled across in the air, and if it lands on the seam, it could move around. Siraj was besotted with it."

In this series in England, he hit a perfect balance. Time and again, he set up batsmen with scrambled-seam balls that would nip back sharply into them. But he would also slip in the conventional fingers-behind-the-seam curve balls that would either move away or hold their line. Or take the conventional route first before punctuating it with the scrambled-seam stuff. In the end, the mix-match of this deadly combo proved too much for England's batsmen.

Everything that precedes the moment when he hurls the ball across is quite a sight for the batsmen. He bounds in, energy dripping off his run, his visage, and then, as he gathers himself near the stumps, his face grimaces into this intense expression, his arms flail about, and he hurls himself into an open-chested release. The bowling arm can get all crooked above the elbow, twisted at an angle. It hangs in there almost, bio-mechanically loose, pliant to release the ball from weird angles. There is no apparent template that a batsman, used to bowlers with more conventional actions, can crack.

Even if nothing dramatic happens with the ball post-release, his manic energy, from the run-up to the follow-through, suggests something is happening. And he is relentless. Ball after ball, spell after spell, he is at the batsmen's soul almost. He bowled one of his fastest ball of the series, a 90 miles per hour screamer, right near the end, on that fateful morning at The Oval on the final day of the Test series. His final ball, the yorker that sealed England's fate, was his fifth-fastest ball of the series.

"His energy is quite something. It comes from a deep place in his soul," says Bharat. "Yes, he is blessed with a good strong body, and has a nice action that doesn't put undue stress, but he is a man who is immensely inspired by playing Test cricket for India. There is a very deep love for the game. It's all he knows."

One final story then, one for the road, to understand Siraj. Just before an Under-23 state tournament in Hyderabad, he had been hit by dengue and was feeling totally enervated. The coach thought the youngster was making excuses not to be present for practice and gave him an ultimatum that he won't be selected if he didn't turn up.

Siraj yanked off the remnants of a glucose drip taken that morning, left the hospital, and somehow found the energy to bowl that day — and was selected. He returned to the hospital. Now, he has performed in front of adoring crowds in England and returned to a rousing reception in his city. "He won't get carried away at all, he is a grounded person and knows how these things work," says Bharat.

Siraj does understand. On the RCB podcast, he had recalled MS Dhoni's advice to him: "When I was selected for India, Mahi *bhai* told me, 'When you are performing, the entire world will be with you, and when you don't, they will abuse you.' Siraj then cued up the abuses he received after a bad patch in the IPL. "Kitne comments... *tu cricket chhod de*, *jaake apne baap ke saath auto chala* (Quit cricket, go drive an auto with your father). And today, those same people say, 'you are the best bowler, *yeh-woh... mereko chahiye nahi bhai tum logon ka* (I don't need your praises)."

Siraj bowls because he loves to bowl, the rest is mere detail.

In the 5th Test, as the final wicket fell, he sprang into his Ronaldo-inspired celebratory jump. Utter bliss

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The number of wickets Mohammed Siraj took during India's tour of England, at an average of 32.43

1,113

Total deliveries Siraj bowled during the series

18

Siraj bowled on 18 of the 25 days of the series. He was one of only two bowlers (with Chris Woakes of England, who got injured in the final Test) to play every match of the series



Global free market is a myth



PULAPRE BALAKRISHNAN

As Washington plays bully, New Delhi must assert sovereignty, secure oil supply, build competitiveness

THE RIGHT TO READ

Book ban is a blunt instrument wielded by an insecure establishment, belies its claims of distance covered in the Valley

LESS THAN FIVE months after Union Home Minister Amit Shah posted on X that “under the Modi government, separatism is breathing its last, and the triumph of unity is echoing across Kashmir”, the Union Territory’s Home Department has issued a notification, by order of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, banning 25 books. It claims that they propagate a “false narrative and secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir”. And a day later, the police launched a drive across Kashmir to seize copies of the banned books. These include the works of A G Noorani, Arundhati Roy, Victoria Schofield and Ather Zia. What changed between March and August that an establishment which was congratulating itself for the progress made in Kashmir should display such heightened insecurity five months later that it should seek to banish books? Even in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack — for which the Centre has held Pakistan responsible — the message of unity was underlined and emphasised by the politicians and people of the Valley. They stood with the rest of the country in a difficult moment, and shared the grief of the families who lost their loved ones in the terror strike. Kashmir has come far since the abrogation of Article 370 six years ago, and it now also has an elected government in place. That the Centre and its appointee, the L-G, still believe that banning books and curbing freedoms is an effective strategy against alienation and disaffection in the Valley, belies their claims of the distance covered. The ban on books is both disturbing and disheartening.

The banned books engage with the region’s complicated, and often tragic, history of conflict. That history cannot be wished away. Indeed, for peace to endure, it must be engaged with, and different perspectives must converse and even collide in an open space. Across the world, in societies moving towards a resolution of tangled histories, repressive acts like book bans have rarely contributed to lasting accommodation, or assimilation. By all accounts, the most effective tool to bring stability and combat disenchantment remains a deepening of democracy and institutionalisation of people’s participation in decision-making. The only way to combat a “narrative” the government disagrees with is to build its own in a manner that is inclusive and persuasive. Since the abrogation of Article 370, the Union government has highlighted the region’s economic development, underlining that Kashmiris have a stake in the larger India growth story. That promise must be bolstered by a renewed commitment to strengthening federal democracy and guaranteeing individual freedoms in the Valley.

Now that the UT of J&K has a chief minister and legislature, it is looking ahead to the return of statehood, a promise made by the Centre. Wednesday’s draconian order, however, takes several steps backward. The J&K administration also seems to have forgotten the most basic principle of freedom of expression, articulated by then Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, S K Kaul, while quashing the criminal case against writer Perumal Murugan: “There is no compulsion to read a book. Literary tastes may vary — what is right and acceptable to one may not be so to others. Yet, the right to write is unhindered.” So, too, is the right to read.

CLIMATE DENIALISM

Trump administration’s decision to rewrite global warming data is a chance for other countries to step up, fill knowledge vacuum

FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS, the US government’s National Climate Assessment (NCA) Reports have been seen as among the most comprehensive analyses of global warming and its impact on human health and economy. In a country where wildfires and storms have increased with alarming frequency in recent years, these reports are widely used by planners to devise mitigating strategies. The NCA’s insights also inform global policymaking. But in April, the Trump administration dismissed hundreds of scientists working on the latest edition of the NCA. And last month, the US government deleted the website that hosted these reports — some of them are still available elsewhere. On Wednesday, US Energy Secretary Chris Wright announced that the Trump administration would “update” these studies. The Department of Energy has said that “Wright was not suggesting he would personally be altering past reports”. But this clarification does not appear convincing in light of the US Energy Secretary’s well-known climate scepticism. In the past, Wright, one of the most ardent proponents of the Trump administration credo of “Drill, Baby, Drill”, has criticised the NCA studies for “not being fair” in their “broad assessment of climate change”.

In his first term, Trump withdrew his country from the Paris Pact and regularly suppressed or downplayed scientific research, which underlined the need for regulation to protect public health and the environment. In his second tenure so far, his administration has taken an even more disquieting approach — weaponising budget cuts to erode the autonomy of scientific agencies and making climate denialism part of their mandate. Hours after withdrawing from the Paris Pact for the second time, Trump asked the US Environmental Agency to reconsider its 2009 statement, which linked greenhouse gases (GHG) with adverse public health effects. Less than a week before Wright’s announcement on revising the NCAs, the Department of Energy produced a report which claimed that “concern over the climate crisis was overblown”. Criticised by several scientists for cherry-picking data, the study emphasised the positive effect of carbon dioxide — it said that the GHG promotes “global greening” — without acknowledging its role in extreme weather events. Some experts cited in the study have reportedly criticised it for taking their research out of context.

The cancellation of NCA data could make the world’s largest economy and second-largest GHG emitter less informed about one of the most pressing crises facing the world — and less prepared to confront it. America’s retreat from the climate fight also comes at a time when the global resolve is nowhere close to what is required to confront the challenge. It’s now up to institutions in other parts of the world to step up.

EATING MINI

Willpower wilts in the face of restaurant serving sizes.
Now, portion control may be kicking in

IF GLUTTONY is the foundation on which the edifice of the modern restaurant industry was built, could the GLP-1 class of drugs be the wrecking ball that brings it all crashing down? From London to Dubai to New York City, eateries are faced with the newly shrunk appetites of customers, thanks to the “miracle” wrought by drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy. This has led to a scramble to design special “mini meal” menus, of smaller servings with appropriate pricing; after all, customers who push food around on their plates after just a few bites cannot be expected to stomach the prices for regular portion sizes.

That these so-called “mini” portions are closer to the actual recommended servings is, of course, what lends a tinge of irony to the restaurant industry’s predicament. The finding of a 2016 study, published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, that most restaurants’ individual main courses alone exceed the recommended calories for a single meal, underscored the extent to which the culture of eating out has contributed to obesity and related illnesses. Other studies have highlighted the phenomenon of “portion distortion”, showing how even restaurant plates have grown in size over the decades, contributing to the problem of overeating.

It appears that the hunger-curbing power of GLP-1 drugs may succeed where mere willpower has repeatedly failed (the cephalic phase of digestion in humans kicks in at the very sight and smell of food). Yet, even as restaurants recalibrate their business models for a future where burgers and fries are no longer “super-sized” and fewer and fewer customers order enough food for there to be a doggy bag, weight-watchers themselves might consider revisiting a hoary piece of advice: Eat more at home. It is both healthier and cheaper.

IF ANYTHING TESTIFIES to the truth that might is right in today’s world, it is the ostensible reason underlying Donald Trump’s imposition of a 50 per cent tariff on Indian exports to his country. The level of tariff is matched only by the rate slapped on Brazil. This, even though Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wooed Trump assiduously ever since his first term in office. The hugs and the hand-holding have meant nothing when it came to the United States pursuing its interests, no matter the malevolence of denying over a billion people access to oil, on which their livelihood depends. The US has been complicit in the devastation unleashed on Gaza by Israel. If India is “fueling Russia’s war machine” by buying its oil, the United States is Israel’s war machine itself. Almost all the weapons of mass destruction used by Israel are sourced from the United States. Historically, the US has not only bankrolled Israel with aid but also rescued it from censure in international fora for the genocide in Palestine. Given that the world knows this record, it hardly needs to be pointed out that in the case of Russian oil, it singles out India when its NATO partners have purchased more of that oil than India has since 2022.

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SUGATA BOSE

IN 1975, WE were third-year students at Presidency College, Calcutta, when a breath of fresh air entered seminar room 17 on the first floor of the old building in the form of Professor Rajat Kanta Ray. A freshly minted PhD from the University of Cambridge, he integrated the most recent, cutting-edge historical research in his lectures to undergraduates. He believed in the inextricable link between scholarship and teaching. The more mischievous among us parodied the extravagant hand gestures that accompanied his erudite lectures, but we loved him because he treated us as equals.

In February 1977, he was the professor-in-charge who took us on a historical excursion to Khajuraho and other sites in Madhya Pradesh. We were mesmerised by his deep knowledge of architectural history. The doors of his home in Jodhpur Park were always open to his students.

Rajat Kanta Ray had done his doctoral research in the environment of the so-called Cambridge school of nationalism, but he expressed his reasoned dissent from some of its supercilious attitudes in a path-breaking article on “Political change in British India”. His first work focused on the political history of Bengal during the 50-year timespan from 1875 to 1925. He also wrote authoritatively with Ratnalekha Ray on agrarian history in the colonial period. Having been taught by him to think criti-

MY TEACHER RAJAT KANTA RAY

He challenged orthodoxies, upheld finest traditions of intellectual scholarship

cally and challenge orthodoxies, I offered an alternative analysis of agrarian social structure in my own doctoral work at Cambridge. I was always struck by his generosity and open-mindedness in accepting criticism from even his most devoted students.

Equally adept at political and economic history, Rajat Ray did path-breaking research on the history of industrialisation and industrial policy. One of his finest long-form articles was on the bazaar and the long-distance flows of credit and finance that connected South Asia to Southeast Asia, West Asia and East Africa across the Indian Ocean. I urged him to write a book on the subject, but he was quite happy to hand over the baton to the next generation of Indian Ocean historians.

Later in his long and distinguished academic career, he turned to exploring cultural and intellectual history. He wrote with grace and imagination about emotional history and what he called “the felt community”. During a visit to Harvard early in the 21st century, those were the topics he wanted to discuss with me.

In conventional terms, being appointed vice-chancellor of Visva Bharati from 2006 to 2011 was his crowning glory. I was not particularly excited about seeing my revered teacher take on the burdens of administration. On one occasion, he pros-

sults only if you have products to export that are competitive, in that they offer the same value at a lower price. There is very little in economic theory or global experience which assures us that competitiveness will simply follow the rescinding of trade barriers. It would require infrastructure, enabling laws, a skilled workforce and marketing. As may be gathered by anyone schooled in economic history, the role of a strong and nimble government in coordinating such a transition would be indispensable. Markets left to their own devices cannot deliver competitiveness to a country’s products.

Prime Minister Modi has had his American Dream punctured by Trump, who has led him up the garden path, only to pull the rug from under his feet. Given America’s record of involvement in Asia, from Hiroshima in the last century to Iran in this one, his advisers should have cautioned him against reposing full trust in Trump. Now, he has some hard work to do. He must steel himself to fulfil the first two of the three imperatives I have outlined. For the third, he will need more than just *atmanirbharta*; he needs to craft a far more imaginative economic policy than he has produced thus far.

Despite the naivete he has displayed in his dealings with Trump, Prime Minister Modi is not responsible for his perfidy. In dealing with the national emergency that we now face, he needs to be supported politically. Every section of India depends on oil, almost all of which is imported. It is indisputably in India’s interest to assure its supply even as we reduce our dependence on it.

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JULY 8, 1985, FORTY YEARS AGO

DHRUVA, N-REACTOR

DHRUVA, THE BIGGEST among Indian research reactors and the sixth at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), went critical. Announcing this, P K Iyengar, director, BARC, said the 100 MW natural uranium-based metal reactor, cooled and moderated by heavy water, was an entirely indigenous effort. Iyengar said Dhruva, one of the largest research reactors in the world, had generated considerable excitement among BARC scientists because of the special advantages it offered.

FAROOQ-RAJIV TALKS

FAROOQ ABDULLAH, FORMER chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, met the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, and apprised him of the political situation in the state. The meeting is part of the current exercise to find ways to end the present political instability in the state in the context of the growing disillusionment of the Congress-I with the 14-month-

old G M Shah ministry. The PM has, during the past few weeks, held detailed discussions on the situation in the state with the state Congress (I) president, Mufti Syed, party legislators as well as with Chief Minister Shah.

ASSAM MOVEMENT

ASSAM AGITATION LEADERS made it clear that they were not going to accept 1971 as the cut-off year for the detection of foreign nationals. The AASU president, Prafulla Mahanta, and the general secretary, Bhriгу Phukan, said they had agreed to the present revised rolls, taking the 1971 rolls as one of the basic documents, for elections. They, however, made it clear that the voters’ list being prepared at the moment was “full of mistakes and not to their satisfaction”.

MAKEN CASE

THERE ARE SEVERAL chinks in the police claim that Lal Singh, the alleged international terrorist, was involved in the murder

of Congress-IMP Lalit Maken, his wife and an onlooker. The police reportedly arrived at the conclusion by showing Lal Singh’s photograph to several eyewitnesses of the killing and others who had seen the assailants. But at least one of them denied that the killer bore any resemblance to the photograph.

AF-PAK TALKS

THE AFGHANISTAN FOREIGN Minister, Shah Mohammed Dost, said his country favoured direct talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan on August 27 when the next round of UN-sponsored discussions is to open in Geneva. There cannot be much progress without direct talks between the two countries, he said, in an interview at the end of his talks in Delhi. So far, four rounds of “proximity talks” have been held in Geneva. The Karmal government’s insistence on direct talks is mainly due to its desire to achieve Pakistan’s recognition of its existence.

The faultlines of consent

A blanket reduction of the age of consent, without a nuanced approach, risks pushing millions of vulnerable girls further into invisibility and harm



AUDREY DMELLO AND FLAVIA AGNES

THE “AGE OF consent” debate has re-emerged, this time in the *Nipun Saxena and Anr vs Union of India* PIL pending in the Supreme Court before a Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sanjay Karol, and Sandeep Mehta. The Court will examine whether the age of “consensual” sexual relationships, which is currently pegged at 18, needs to be reduced, under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

As per the POCSO Act, any sexual activity with a minor is a crime. Cases referred to as “consensual” under POCSO rarely involve sexual exploration among teens but on the contrary, reflect a darker and more complex social reality.

Most victims are from marginalised communities and trying to escape violent homes, sexual abuse by family members, discrimination, and/or threats of forced marriage. The age of the victim in some of these cases is as low as 12 years; the man is much older. The man promises her love and a better life. Having had sex with him, she believes the man and agrees to elope. Usually, a “missing person” complaint is lodged by the parents. The police trace the couple, often already married and/or expecting a child. A case under the POCSO Act is registered, the man is arrested, and the girl is institutionalised. Once a case is filed, all hell breaks loose and the pressure from the accused’s family to withdraw the complaint mounts. For the girls, it is a Hobson’s choice — continue the pregnancy while confined in a shelter home until the age of 18 with the hope that the man and his family will accept her, or go back to the natal family where violence and forced marriage await her. In either scenario, the minor girl’s agency is crushed — first by the family and then by the law.

In a controversial judgment, the Calcutta High Court, while acquitting a man of penetrative sexual assault, commented that it was a case of “non-exploitative consensual sexual relationship between two consenting adolescents”. The victim was 14, and the man was 25. The victim claimed that she had married the accused and left her house of her own will. She expressed a desire to continue living with the accused. The court did not examine the home conditions that compelled a mere teenager to want to elope. The Supreme Court came down heavily on the High Court’s comments and restored the conviction but without a jail term, as this would cause further harm to the young woman, now aged 21. Trial court judges often acquit the accused or recommend leniency, terming these cases “Romeo-Juliet love” even where the age gap is significant.

According to NCRB data, as a result of mandatory reporting under the POCSO Act, cases of child sexual abuse rose from 8,541 in 2012 to 53,874 in 2021. In Mumbai alone in 2021, 524 cases of penetrative sexual assault were reported under the POCSO Act. A report by Praja Foundation found that in 54 per cent of these, the accused were romantic partners, friends, or individuals who had



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promised marriage and deserted the victim. Another 26 per cent were household employees, 12 per cent were neighbours, and 8 per cent were family members or guardians.

Meanwhile, India witnessed 1.6 million child marriages in 2022, with barely 900 cases registered as per the India Child Protection report. The drivers of child marriage have shifted from Brahminical patriarchy to poverty, lack of education, and fear of sexual violence. Poverty-stricken parents marry off their daughters young to safeguard them, not due to tradition but out of desperation.

What we are witnessing is a tragic paradox. Minor girls from marginalised backgrounds choose between the frying pan and the fire. They elope to escape violence, discrimination and sexual exploitation in their own home with the hope of a better life. But eloping exposes them to isolation, threats, and often, more violence by their partners, in addition to the trauma of facing the daunting criminal justice system.

Child rights activists are advocating that the age of consent be reduced to 16 years (except in cases involving coercion, and sexual relationships with persons in authority). Their demand is rooted in ensuring autonomy and agency for young girls — they argue that the criminal justice system severely impacts girls’ lives and offers them nothing.

But if we have to extend this logic, why stop at 16 and not 14? After all, in the West Bengal case, the victim was 14 years old, and our ground work reveals victims are sometimes as young as 12. Also, if the victim’s autonomy and the impact of the system are the issues at hand, why not extend the logic to

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cases of family members’ or guardians’ abuse, as most victims, even in those cases, do not wish to pursue legal action due to stigma or dependency?

More importantly, how are we going to establish “consent” and who will decide? Consent can be enthusiastic, reluctant, vitiated by fear, or extracted by manipulation. It can be revoked, misunderstood, or miscommunicated. “Consent” is the most invoked defence in rape trials. Expecting a minor to understand and articulate consent is unrealistic. Judges, too, interpret it inconsistently, bringing in personal biases about morality and tradition.

The POCSO Act is a path-breaking piece of legislation with a victim-centric lens. However, the faultlines are in its implementation. In the West Bengal case, Justice Abhay S Oka stated, “The victim did not get any opportunity to make an informed choice. Society judged her, the legal system failed her, and her own family abandoned her.” He instructed the state to do what the Child Welfare Committee ought to have done right in the beginning: Provide the best possible care and protection for her and her child.

A blanket reduction of the age of consent, without a nuanced approach, risks pushing millions of vulnerable girls further into invisibility and harm. Lawmakers must consider the lived realities of India’s adolescent girls: Their vulnerabilities, the systems that fail them, and the real motivations behind “elopement”.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The names change but the song remains the same: occupation, destruction and the forcible transfer of tens of thousands of Palestinians. Additional soldiers will be sacrificed on this altar, and the remaining Israeli hostages will be lost..”

— HAARETZ, ISRAEL

Countering Trump

His transactionalism needs to be tackled with tact, not aggression



RAM MADHAV

IT’S NOT JUST India — many countries have faced ups and downs in their ties with the US in the past. Even today, the Donald Trump administration is engaged in hardball negotiations with over 20 countries on trade and tariffs. At the root of all this is the sense of “American exceptionalism” that the US leadership developed after World War II. It built post-War financial institutions in a manner that ensured they helped perpetuate its economic hegemony. Although President Harry Truman claimed “all countries, including our own, will greatly benefit”, the real intention remained US supremacy in the world.

It was evident in the US’s enthusiastic support for the creation of the IMF and the World Bank in 1944 while refusing to support the creation of a level playing field for global trade — the proposed International Trade Organisation. When UN members met in Havana, Cuba in 1948 for that purpose, American business leaders made sure such an arrangement, deemed detrimental to their interests, wouldn’t take shape. The US Congress refused to ratify the Havana Charter and a weak and lopsided arrangement called the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was brought in.

The same American businesses realised that despite this weak trade regime, countries like South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan and Germany emerged as powerful competitors. That prompted them to support the creation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in 1995, again with the aim of ensuring better opportunities for Western companies in an increasingly competitive trade space. By then, the developing world had understood the rules of the game and offered stiff resistance. At multiple negotiations in the late 1990s and early 2000s, India led the developing world’s campaign for an equitable trade regime. The resistance grew stronger with China’s accession to the WTO in 2001, which forced the body to build a regime that helped the developing world as much as it did the developed ones.

The WTO regime helped countries like China, India, Indonesia and others register impressive economic growth. China raced ahead in the two decades after it joined the WTO, and India, too, picked up momentum in the past decade and emerged as the most promising economy. The Western powers began feeling insecure and started targeting the rising economies once again. While accusing others of violating WTO rules, they themselves did everything possible to cripple that regime by blocking judicial appointments, violating tariff commitments and not paying membership dues for several years. China became the target after it emerged as the second-largest economy, and soon, it was India’s turn. Robert Lighthizer, who was the US Trade Representative under Trump from 2017 to 2021, boasted in 2019 that he got

India removed from the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) regime that allowed developing countries to access US markets easily. Despite regime change, the US didn’t restore India to the GSP regime.

The Western powers always tried to rig the international trade regime in their favour. They never allowed a real level playing field or free flows of trade and investment. Thomas Friedman’s “the world is flat” was merely a platitude, while the reality was that “the rise of the rest”, to borrow from Fareed Zakaria, was never taken kindly by the West as it believed this was happening at its expense. Jeffrey Sachs, the renowned American economist, warns that the Trump administration’s real objective behind tariff aggression is to prevent the Indian economy from growing as a big competitor to the US.

India’s insistence on strategic autonomy, too, became another sore point for many in the US and EU capitals. As America’s influence declined vis-à-vis countries like China and Russia, India was increasingly seen as an important partner. India’s refusal to become a party to power-bloc politics irritated many.

The current tariff tussle should be seen in this context. There can be other, more “Trumpian” reasons, too, like Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s refusal to stop over in DC after the G7 summit in Canada or the Indian establishment’s consistent refusal to accept Trump’s claims of having mediated during Operation Sindoor. Trump sees himself as a serious contender for the Nobel Peace Prize. In the past six months, his regime claimed the President had negotiated six peace deals — a record one-a-month success — which included the India-Pakistan, Thailand-Cambodia and Israel-Iran ceasefires, as well as the resolution of other disputes between Serbia and Kosovo, Rwanda and Congo, and Egypt and Ethiopia. He has invited the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia to sign a truce next week. Several of these countries, including Pakistan, Cambodia and Israel, and some lawmakers in the US, have already submitted his nomination for the coveted prize.

Trump’s transactional approach is an extension of America’s trade exceptionalism, which needs to be tackled not with aggression in turn but with calm and tact, as Europe and others are doing. The Indian leadership, too, is maintaining a studied silence while working to ensure that normalcy returns sooner rather than later.

Trump’s targeting of several countries is rooted in his threefold mission — resolve the Ukraine-Russia conflict, secure a Nobel Peace Prize, and Make America Great Again to contain China. He understands that India is an indispensable ally in achieving all three. For India, these Trumpian dreams can be turned into an opportunity. Trump holds PM Modi in great awe and respect. Having made clear that India won’t compromise on national interests, the question for the country’s leadership is whether long-term discord between the world’s most influential democracies, which have grown closer over several decades of strenuous efforts, is a good sign for posterity. If not, the two leaders are just a phone call or an emissary away.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMART RESPONSE

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Stay calm, negotiate smartly’ (IE, August 8). In an era of volatile global trade, India must resist the temptation of reactive policy swings. Trade disputes, particularly with the US, are no longer episodic but persistent features of the global economy. Our response must be anchored in structural competitiveness, efficient logistics, modernised ports, robust manufacturing, and value-added agriculture. The real challenge is to future-proof our economy by diversifying markets, incentivising innovation, and forging resilient supply chains. Negotiation from a position of economic strength, not vulnerability, will ensure India’s voice commands respect in an increasingly protectionist world.

Zainab Irshad, Patna

US’S CALCULUS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Bracing up’ (IE, August 8). The tariff onslaught on India is but a secondary theme for the US and will be sorted out. The key irritant for the US remains our active neutrality post-Independence. Since World War II, the US has consistently used India and Pakistan as instruments in its broader strategic calculus. Now, the US is once again courting Pakistan to ease friction with Beijing. The tariffs on India are but the US’s reprimand to our political ethos. If despite all this, we are on our way to becoming the third-largest economy, we need only proceed with the same self-belief.

R Narayanan, Navi Mumbai

ECI MUST ANSWER

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘1 lakh votes stolen in 1 Assembly segment of Karnataka: Rahul’s charge against EC’ (IE, August 8). There is no obvious reason to dispute Rahul Gandhi’s hard-hitting public exposé of massive electoral roll manipulation, backed with ample evidence. Though the ECI refused to supply the relevant electoral data digitally, his team manually scrutinised piles of paper and unearthed thousands of fake, duplicate, and ineligible voters. Ordinary voters don’t want the ECI to hide behind technicalities to protect itself from the Opposition’s questions; they just want a clear and straight explanation for them.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

STRIKING A BALANCE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Warning bells, unheard’ (IE, August 8). Brushing aside rain-related impact as “nature’s fury” would be fallacious. For decades, scientists have been warning of a rise in extreme rainfall events as a result of climate change. Environmental safeguards are often sacrificed at the altar of business interests. Development activities that cause damage to the environment prove counterproductive in the long run. Striking a balance between development priorities and environmental concerns is the way forward. There are no easy solutions to urban flooding or continuing disasters in the hills.

SS Paul, Nadia

Parting the fog of war

US-Israeli attack, which aimed at crippling Iran has, instead, strengthened it



IRAJ ELAHI

ONE MONTH HAS passed since Israeli and American aggression against Iran halted. Over the past month, more evidence and insights have come to light regarding the 12-day imposed war. As new revelations continue to emerge, it has become increasingly clear that despite the initial media spin by the US and Israel, their attacks cannot be viewed as a success by any standard or measure. What was originally framed as a decisive military engagement is now being reassessed with respect to new data and perspectives, showing the limitations and setbacks that Israel and the US suffered during the conflict.

The scale of damage caused by Iran’s ballistic and hypersonic missiles to Israel’s critical infrastructure has been so extensive, that even a month after the fighting has ceased, many critical Israeli infrastructure sites remain inoperable. Damaged Israeli ports, power plants, refineries, and airports remain unusable, undermining Israel’s ability to recover swiftly from the attack. While Israel undeniably inflicted serious blows to parts of Iran’s missile and nuclear supply chains, Iran has managed to stay resilient and ahead of the curve in many respects. Notably, none of Iran’s vital infrastructure has been completely neutralised, allowing Iran to maintain both its strategic defence capabilities and its economic stability. In fact, the estimated cost of each Israeli offensive and defensive operation alone

has outstripped the total damage inflicted on Iranian facilities.

On the other hand, new evidence shows that despite prior US knowledge of Iran’s targeting of the Al-Udeid base, American air defences failed to prevent Iran’s precision-guided missiles from striking the most critical US radar facility in the West Asian region. This failure highlights a significant gap in the US military’s ability to defend against highly advanced and sophisticated Iranian missile technologies. Iran’s success in this regard represents a major setback for US interests in the region.

The Iranian people, who had previously questioned the benefits of nuclear energy due to the economic pressure from illegal US sanctions, are now more united and determined than ever in their stance. The aggression has only strengthened their resolve to assert Iran’s legitimate right to pursue nuclear energy.

If the setbacks for Israel and the US had ended solely on the battlefield, they might still have been manageable in a political sense. However, what has proven to be even more damaging than the military defeat is the loss in the narrative war. For 45 years, the US and Israel invested billions in constructing a narrative that painted Iran as brutal, oppressive, and fanatical. This narrative has now been challenged and weakened. Today, the world sees a different image: Iran as the leading supporter

of the Palestinian cause, standing in defiance of the supremacist and racist policies of the US, Israel, and a handful of their European allies. By positioning itself as a vocal advocate for Palestinian rights, Iran has gained widespread global sympathy.

Moreover, the blow of this military and ideological defeat was further compounded when the US and Israel — hoping their attack on Iran would trigger domestic unrest and facilitate a regime change — were instead met with a unified and nationally cohesive Iranian response. Rather than seeing divisions or internal unrest, the Iranian people have rallied around their government, reinforcing the leadership’s position and undermining any efforts for regime change. They condemn the Israeli and American attacks against their sovereignty, and they are increasingly unified in their readiness to resist any future aggression.

Meanwhile, global public indignation over the actions of the Israeli regime — widely seen as committing atrocities against children and engaging in genocide — has grown so intense that even Israel’s traditional allies have started to distance themselves. Many states, fearing backlash both at home and internationally, have become cautious about being publicly associated with Israel. This shift reflects the growing disillusionment with Israeli policies.

Altogether, these developments have left both Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu

in a worse position than they were in when they first launched the attack on Iran. Despite their best efforts to spin the narrative, they are now scrambling to claim that their operations were a success, asserting that they intercepted nearly all of Iran’s projectiles and minimised both casualties and damage. But the truth cannot be concealed indefinitely.

Given the increasingly difficult political situation they now face, both Trump and Netanyahu have a vested interest in convincing their domestic audiences that they achieved their objectives. However, deep down, both men are aware that the recent failure has only propelled Iran closer to cementing its position as a regional power. Iran has not only withstood the military assault but also proved its resilience and ability to respond to external threats. Once again, it has reaffirmed its role as one of the main pillars of regional peace and stability, countering the expansionism and criminal activities of the Zionist regime as well as the interventionist policies of extra-regional powers like the US.

What was intended as a calculated move to cripple Iran has instead strengthened it, both in the eyes of its people and on the world stage.

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CABINET APPROVES CONTINUATION OF PM UJJWALA YOJANA FOR 2025-26

Govt clears ₹30,000-cr compensation to oil firms for losses on cooking gas sales

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

THE UNION Cabinet on Friday approved a budgetary support of Rs 30,000 to public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) to cover their losses on sale of cooking gas cylinders below market price in consumer interest.

The Cabinet also approved the continuation of targeted cooking gas subsidy for poor households under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) for 2025-26 at an expenditure of Rs 12,000 crore. Beneficiary households will continue to receive subsidy of Rs 300 per 14.2-kg cooking gas cylinder for up to nine refills per year.

The distribution of the Rs 30,000-crore compensation among the three OMCs will be done by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and they will be paid in 12 tranches, the government said in a release.

The compensation to give relief to the OMCs — Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) — was in the works for a few months. It was expected to be from the additional mop-up from the hike in excise duty on petrol and diesel that took effect in April.

In July, *The Indian Express* had reported that the proposal was ex-



The Centre said this step underlines its commitment to protect consumers from volatility in global energy markets while maintaining the OMCs' financial health.

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pected to be considered soon by the Union Cabinet.

"The international prices of LPG remained at high levels during 2024-25 and continue to remain high. However, to insulate consumers from fluctuations in international LPG prices, the in-

crease in cost was not passed on to consumers of domestic LPG which led to significant losses for the three OMCs. Despite the losses, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have ensured continuous supplies of domestic LPG in the country at af-

fordable prices," the official release said. It added that this step also underlines the government's commitment to protect consumers from volatility in global energy markets while maintaining the financial health of the OMCs.

It is estimated that the three OMCs incurred a cumulative loss of over Rs 41,000 crore on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG, or cooking gas) sales in 2024-25 (FY25) as they have been selling the household cooking fuel way below international prices. In April, Petroleum Secretary Pankaj Jain had said that he was hopeful that the OMCs will be compensated for their accumulated losses on LPG sales over a year or so through an appropriate mechanism by the government. Sources indicated that the Petroleum Ministry had sought support from the Finance Ministry to cover these losses. Support was also sought before the Budget for FY26, but no relief was provided at the time.

Annual petrol and diesel sales in the country stand at around 16,000 crore litres, which means that the Rs 2-per-litre increase in excise duty announced in April should lead to an additional revenue of around Rs 32,000 crore for the government on an annualised basis. The Petroleum Ministry and the OMCs expected this incremental revenue to flow back into the

OMCs as government support to cover losses on LPG sales. Notably, in October 2022, the government had approved a one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore for OMCs to partially cover their accumulated losses of around Rs 28,000 crore at the time from selling LPG at a loss in consumer interest.

According to the Petroleum Ministry's estimates, the average Saudi CP — the international benchmark for LPG pricing — had shot up to to \$629 per tonne in February 2025 from \$385 in July 2023. This should have ideally translated into cooking gas being retailed at Rs 1,028.50 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi. But at the time, it was being sold at Rs 803. As India depends on imports to meet a bulk of its LPG demand, cooking gas prices are linked to international LPG price benchmarks. In April, along with hike in excise duty on petrol and diesel, LPG prices were hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder, to provide some relief to the OMCs on cooking gas sales.

"This compensation will allow the OMCs to continue meeting their critical requirements such as crude and LPG procurement, servicing of debt, and sustaining their capital expenditure, thereby ensuring uninterrupted supply of LPG cylinders to households across the country," the government said.

SBI Q1 profit jumps 12.48% to Rs 19,160 crore

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 8

THE STATE Bank of India (SBI) on Friday reported a 12.48 per cent growth in its net profit at Rs 19,160 crore during the quarter ended June 2025, compared to Rs 17,035 crore in the year-ago period. Despite the uncertain global macroeconomic environment driven by tariff policies and geopolitical tensions, SBI has maintained its earlier loan growth target of 12 per cent for the current financial year, the bank's Chairman C S Setty said.

"There has been a good containment of operating expenses. Besides, on a year-on-year basis, our treasury gains have also added to profit," Setty said.

While the bank was able to maintain its core net interest income, it did not see a major fall in its NII, despite almost 30 per cent of the book being repriced immediately on the external benchmark linked lending rate front, he said. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

India's EV push: As cars fall behind, Centre bets big on electrifying trucks

AGGAM WALIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

OVER THE past year, India's electric vehicle (EV) policy has undergone a quiet but significant pivot: electric cars are no longer centre-stage, while e-trucks have emerged as the new priority. The first major signal came in September 2024, when the PM E-DRIVE scheme was rolled out without any incentives for electric four-wheelers — unlike the preceding FAME subsidy. Earlier this week, the NITI Aayog reinforced this stance, arguing that measuring progress in e-mobility through cars is "not... the right metric" for India.

Instead, the government is now turning its attention to electrifying trucks, which make up just 3 per cent of India's vehicle fleet but contribute a third of all transport-related carbon emissions and over half of particulate pollution. A new Rs 500-crore subsidy aims to support 5,600 e-trucks on Indian roads.

EVs remain a hard sell

Electric cars simply aren't selling fast enough in India to move the needle — largely due to their relatively high cost and persistent range anxiety. India's progress in electrifying four-wheelers "has been weak compared to the global scenario," the NITI Aayog report said.

In 2024, the share of electric cars in total four-wheeler sales — or EV penetration — remained low at just 2 per cent, according to New York-headquartered think tank Rhodium Group. In contrast, the EV penetration rate in the four-wheeler segment stood at 47 per cent in China, 23 per cent in Europe, 10 per cent in the US, and a striking 17 per cent in Vietnam — up from just 3 per cent in 2022. The sluggish pace in India comes despite several tailwinds — the FAME scheme subsidised at a cost of Rs 537 crore over 22,600 electric car purchases between 2019 and 2024, several states offered road tax and registration waivers, battery costs fell sharply, and a domestic EV supply chain took shape under the PLI scheme for auto components.

The volumes case against electric cars

There's another reason — "While 75 per cent of Indian vehicles are two-wheelers, only 13 per cent of these vehicles are cars... Hence, measuring progress in the transition to electric mobility by only looking at cars, as done in developed countries, would not be the right met-



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Lessons from China's push for e-trucks

CHINA IS already showing what electrification of trucking can do to oil consumption — with around 9 per cent of heavy-duty trucks now electric, it is displacing over 1 million barrels per day in implied oil demand, according to the Rhodium Group.

As far as reducing emissions, particulate pollution, and dependence on energy imports is concerned, electrification of trucks will go a long way. "The longer haul trucks are an important component of the road transport system as they emit over 34 per cent of the CO2 from the transport sector, despite constituting only 3 per cent of the total vehicle fleet. A significant dent in the reduction of GHG from road transport will not be possible without transitioning long haul trucks to electric," the NITI Aayog report said.

Electric penetration in the truck segment remains negligible — just 0.7 per cent in 2024. Of the 8.34 lakh trucks sold that year, only 6,220 were electric, and just 280 had a capacity above 3.5 tonnes — the kind typically used for long hauls, according to the report.

In July, the Ministry of Heavy Industries launched an incentive scheme for e-trucks under PM-DRIVE, aiming to support 5,600 vehicles with a capacity of over 3.5 tonnes. The maximum incentive is set at Rs 9.6 lakh per vehicle, which is key as e-trucks have very high capital costs. The scheme makes a special provision for 1,100 e-trucks registered in Delhi to address "the capital's serious air quality challenges".

Earlier, in May, the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser identified 10 routes to develop for zero-emission trucking (ZET) based on high traffic volume, active industrial growth, adequate ancillary services, and grid infrastructure. These include Chandigarh-Delhi-Jaipur, Dhanbad-Kolkata-Haldia, Bengaluru-Chennai-Villupuram, and Salem-Coimbatore-Kochi.

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A 240-year-old Swiss watchmaker's race to beat Trump's tariff deadline

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AS A US tariff deadline neared this week, Swiss watch manufacturer DuBois et fils rushed to ship five high-end watches worth thousands of dollars each to the United States. By Wednesday the firm had blocked orders on its U.S. website. Now CEO Thomas Steinemann is calculating the price hikes he'll need to make.

The whipsaw week for the Swiss horologist, as US President Donald Trump slapped a surprise 39 per cent trade tariff on imports from the European country, underscores how businesses big and small are being forced to adapt and rejig operations under pressure. DuBois et fils, founded in 1785, accelerated shipments on Monday from its factory in Muttetzn, near Basel, to get through customs before the US tariff on imports from Switzerland came into force.

The 39 per cent rate — up from the baseline tariff rate of 10 per cent since April — took effect on Thursday after the Swiss president came back from an emergency trip to Washington without a deal.

"For the watch industry it's a huge disaster," said Steinemann, who explained that he'd blocked US orders because prices would need to be recalculated to ac-



America accounts for around 15 per cent of the global sales of Swiss watchmaker DuBois.

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count for tariffs. The firm would not soak up the hit, he said.

"The US was a big driver in the last two years. Now this kills a lot of the business."

His US prices were going to rise, he added. The DuBois DBF008 watch, for example, would likely go up to \$14,500, from \$10,800. America accounts for around 15 per cent of the global sales of DuBois, which sells directly to US consumers.

The wider Swiss watch industry is feeling the pinch, planning price hikes, pausing US orders, and looking for alternative markets for its expensive, hand-made timepieces. The country is home to brands such as Rolex, Patek Philippe, LVMH-owned Tag Heuer, Swatch-owned

Omega and IWC Schaffhausen, owned by Richemont.

The US accounted for 17 per cent of Switzerland's total 26 billion Swiss francs (\$32 billion) of watch exports last year, according to the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry. Exports to the US surged in April as watchmakers frontloaded shipments ahead of a first tariff deadline.

A loss for America

Combined with a weaker dollar against the Swiss franc, the tariff hike will make Swiss watches some 65 per cent more expensive on average for US consumers, estimated Amarildo Pilo, owner of Pilo & Co watchmakers.

He said that many brands had already shipped some product to the US in advance, but warned this was not a long-term solution.

The United States had been a market that everyone was focusing on recently and wanted to develop, he added.

"My personal opinion is that what's going to happen is that Americans will no longer buy watches in the United States," said Pilo, who is also founder of the Swiss Independent Watchmakers Pavilion, which represents 28 independent brands.

"But those who want them and who like watches will buy them elsewhere. So honestly, it's a loss for the US."

BRIEFLY

WTO: Global trade to grow by 0.9% this year

New Delhi: The global merchandise trade is expected to grow 0.9 per cent this year due to frontloading of imports in the US due to sweeping tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump, according to the WTO forecast. It said higher tariffs will weigh on trade and it will bring next year's expected trade volume growth down to 1.8 per cent from 2.5 per cent projected earlier. "World merchandise trade is now projected to grow 0.9 per cent in 2025, up from the -0.2 per cent contraction forecasted in April but down from the 2.7 per cent estimate pre-dating the tariff increases," it said. **PTI**

No impact of rare earth magnet supply curbs: Tata

New Delhi: Rare earth magnets shortage issue has had no impact on production of Tata Motors and JLR's electric vehicles and is unlikely to affect in the foreseeable future, although there are a few challenges in the coming quarters, Tata Motors Group CFO P B Balaji said on Friday. **PTI**

Tesla India leases 8,200 sq ft in Delhi's Aerocity

New Delhi: Real estate data analytics firm CRE Matrix, which has reviewed the registration document of leasing transactions, said that Tesla India Motor & Energy Pvt Ltd has taken on lease 8,200 sq ft area at Worldmark 3 project in Aerocity from Oak Infrastructure Pvt Ltd. **PTI**

International Trade Dialogue with Dubai held

Mumbai: The World Trade Center Mumbai and the All India Association of Industries, in collaboration with the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre, hosted the International Trade Dialogue with Dubai to spotlight the Emirate's business opportunities and advantages. The event was attended by business leaders, trade officials, and industry stakeholders to explore new growth avenues. **ENS**

CAUTIONS ON GLOBAL UNCERTAINTIES

HDFC Bank Chairman asks private sector to do heavy lifting

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
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HDFC BANK Chairman Atanu Chakraborty on Friday said it's time for the private sector "to do the heavy lifting" by innovating products, cutting costs and improving delivery, instead of waiting for demand to rise.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the bank, Chakraborty also warned that there's a need to monitor the global developments closely, particularly for their potential impact on funding conditions, market stability and global economic outlook amid uncertainties on trade and geopolitics.

"Imposition of unilateral tariffs by a certain country is disturbing the global trade regime," he said. "Major economies showed signs of slowing down, with global GDP growth at 3.3 per cent for year 2024. The geopolitical tensions in several parts of the world continue to affect global supply

chains and commodity prices," Chakraborty said.

The projected global growth by the IMF of 3.0 per cent for the year 2025, does not look robust, with the uncertainties on trade and geopolitics, he said.

He said the drivers for the growth would be low inflation and in the medium term impact of government spend on infrastructure and a large unmet demand for housing, particularly for affordable housing. "Multiple domestic tailwinds are expected to support growth," he said.

The RBI has projected growth to be 6.5 per cent for FY26.

On demand conditions, he said, "we also witnessed softening of urban demand. Fixed investments stayed modest. Foreign capital inflows also weakened in the latter half of the year, reflecting global uncertainty."

"Even so, domestic growth has found meaningful support in rural demand that is backed by favourable monsoon conditions

and a strong harvest. Exports grew by 6.3 per cent, led by services, with global capability centres continuing to expand," he said. Construction and services remained robust, expanding above 9 and 7 per cent respectively. Manufacturing, however, showed a slowdown, Chakraborty said.

"India being a part of diversified global value chains, robust public digital infrastructure and consequent formalisation of the economy, provides a strong foundation for credit growth, in spite of external risks," he said.

The bank has a customer base of over 9.7 crore, and it serves them through 9,455 branches, 15,399 business correspondents and multiple digital channels. "Over half of our branches are in the semi-urban and rural areas, facilitating wide coverage and accessibility to essential financial services," he said. "Almost 90 per cent of our branches are now actively offering home loans to customers," he said.

DESPITE THE PAUSE IN REPO RATE CUTS

RBI offers some discernible signals in longer-term growth, inflation guidance

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

IN ITS rate pause, the RBI seems to have spelt out multiple messages. While the repo rate remains unchanged at 5.5 per cent after the unanimous decision by all members of the Monetary Policy Committee to hold while retaining the stance at neutral, the two important leading indicators offered by the central bank are in its growth and inflation projections, that too at the far end of its guidance spectrum.

The RBI lowered the retail inflation forecast from 3.7 per cent on average for this fiscal to 3.1 per cent along broadly expected lines. However, there is now a new number for the first quarter of the next financial year — Q1 2026-27 — at 4.9 per cent. This is sharply trending upwards.

On GDP growth, while the RBI has retained the forecast for the current fiscal at 6.5 per cent, the more important number could be the 6.6 per cent projection for the first quarter of the next fiscal. Putting these two forecasts together, the underlying subtext can be interpreted as economic growth perhaps not needing any



The RBI seems to be signalling that for the better part of the next 12-15 months, it is unlikely to hike rates.

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further help from the monetary policy side when it is anyway projected to go up. Inflation trending upwards going forward could mean more caution for the central bank, given the RBI's primary focus on price stability.

Front-loaded cuts must run their course

The more pertinent message could be that on the monetary side, what could be done has largely been executed. The 100 basis points (bps) cut in benchmark lending rates since the RBI started this rate cutting cycle now leaves room for perhaps one more cut of 25 bps, possibly in October. This, too, seems optimistic at this point.

Credit growth, meanwhile, is still muted, despite the rate cuts. RBI views the 100 bps of rate cuts so far in 2025 as 'front loaded' in nature, since it has happened over a short span of four months, and transmission is still happening.

Since the external situation is still evolving and monetary policy transmission is underway, the RBI has maintained that the impact of trade uncertainties are difficult to predict going forward and it might be pertinent to look at incoming trend and data before taking a call. Also, on growth, since the RBI has already reduced its projection for this fiscal from its initial forecast of 6.7 per cent to 6.5 per cent, some of the uncertainties have already been factored in. More uncertainties are now looming and, from the central bank's perspective, it might be better to wait for clarity before factoring that in.

Focus on fiscal policy

The onus of the heavy lifting needs to shift back to the fiscal policy side, especially in countering the external threats emanating from US President Donald Trump's belligerent tariff threats. On its part, the RBI will also be announcing the new monetary policy framework shortly, with the current flexible inflation targets

TOP OF THE WORLD



Vice President JD Vance at Chevening House in Kent on Friday. *Reuters*

UNITED KINGDOM

Vance kicks off UK visit amid high tensions

London: U.S. Vice President JD Vance kicks off a trip in the United Kingdom with a meeting with British Foreign Secretary David Lammy on Friday that will bring renewed scrutiny of Vance's sharp criticism of Britain and its governing Labour Party. Vance, his wife, Usha, and their three young children are expected to land in London at the start of a trip that includes staying with Lammy at Chevening, the country residence used by the foreign minister. They will later stay in the Cotswolds, a picturesque area of English countryside and a popular retreat for wealthy and influential figures, from footballers and film stars to media and political figures. **REUTERS**

MOVE FACES BACKLASH IN ISRAEL; HAMAS SAYS 'COUP' AGAINST TALKS

Netanyahu's security cabinet clears proposal to take control of Gaza City

Germany to halt arms exports, EU chief slams move

REUTERS

JERUSALEM, CAIRO, AUGUST 8

ISRAEL'S SECURITY cabinet approved a plan to take control of Gaza City, a move expanding military operations in the shattered Palestinian territory that drew strong fresh criticism at home and abroad on Friday over its pursuit of the almost two-year-old war.

Germany, a key European ally, announced it would halt exports of military equipment to Israel that could be used in Gaza, a decision Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called disappointing. Britain and other European allies urged Israel to reconsider its decision to escalate the Gaza military campaign.

However, US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, said some countries appeared to be putting pressure on Israel rather than on the militant group Hamas.

In Israel, families of hostages held by militants in Gaza, and opposition leaders blasted Netanyahu for a decision that they



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a house in Gaza City on Friday. *Reuters*

said would put hostages' lives at risk. Far-right allies in the prime minister's coalition have been pushing for a total takeover of Gaza as part of his vow to eradicate Hamas militants, though the military has warned this could endanger the lives of remaining hostages held by militants.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid

called the decision to send Israeli forces into Gaza City a disaster, saying it defied the advice of military and security officials.

Netanyahu told *Fox News* in an interview on Thursday that the military intended to take control of all of Gaza. He said Israel did not want to keep the Gaza Strip, but to establish a "se-

curity perimeter" and to hand over the territory to Arab forces. Israel's cabinet is expected to endorse the Gaza City plan.

Netanyahu spoke with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Friday to express disappointment over Berlin's suspension of weapons exports to Israel.

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EXPLAINED

E Civilians brace for more harm

THE UNITED Nations says over 86% of Gaza is within the Israeli militarised zone. Israeli media reports say 9,00,000 Palestinians now live in Gaza City. For them, the possibility of an escalated operation has raised fears of more killings and a worsening of already-wretched living conditions. Major ground operations there could also displace tens of thousands of people, further disrupting efforts to deliver food to the starving people.



US President Donald Trump in the East Room of the White House on Thursday. *AP*

Trump says will meet Putin even if he does not meet Zelenskyy

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US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Thursday that he would meet with Vladimir Putin even if the Russian leader will not meet with Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in comments that suggested Washington and Moscow could soon hold a summit.

Trump's comments followed a statement from Putin earlier in the day that he hoped to meet with Trump next week, possibly in the United Arab Emirates. But the White House was still working through the details of any potential meetings, press secretary Karoline Leavitt said.

When asked by a reporter if Putin would need to meet with Zelenskyy in order to secure a meeting with the U.S., Trump said: "No, he doesn't. No."

A White House official told The Associated Press earlier Thursday that a U.S.-Russian summit would not happen if Putin did not agree to meet with Zelenskyy, but the official later said it only made the summit less likely.

The official was not authorized to speak publicly and had spoken on condition of anonymity.

A meeting with Trump would be a coup for Putin, who has spurned previous offers of a face-to-face meeting with Zelenskyy and has been isolated globally since the invasion.

He has long suggested a meeting with Trump to discuss ending the fighting. Trump too has repeatedly boasted that he and Putin could make a deal to end the war.

Any direct talks between them about the conflict would also renew questions about the risk of excluding Ukraine from peace efforts.

Putin's announcement came on the eve of a White House deadline for Moscow to show progress toward ending the 3-year-old war in Ukraine or suffer additional economic sanctions.

When asked Thursday at the White House whether his deadline for Friday would hold, Trump said of Putin: "It's going to be up to him. We're going to see what he has to say. It's going to be up to him. Very disappointed."

US President orders larger federal presence in Washington DC, signals full takeover

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WASHINGTON, AUGUST 8

THE WHITE House said Thursday night that there will be increased presence of federal law enforcement in the nation's capital to combat crime for at least the next week, amid President Donald Trump's suggestions that his administration could fully take over running the city.

"Washington, DC is an amazing city, but it has been plagued by violent crime for far too long," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement. "President Trump has directed an increased presence of federal law enforcement to protect innocent citizens." She added the increased federal presence means "there will be no safe harbor for violent criminals in D.C."

Trump has repeatedly suggested that the rule of

Washington could be returned to federal authorities. Doing so would require a repeal of the Home Rule Act of 1973 in Congress, a step Trump said lawyers are examining. "We have a capital that's very unsafe," Trump told reporters this week. "We have to run D.C."

The White House said the increased law enforcement would "make D.C. safe again" and would be present on the streets starting at midnight — led by U.S. Park Police following an 11 p.m. Thursday roll call at an established command center.

The push will last the next seven days with the option to extend "as needed," under the authority of Trump's previous executive order establishing the Making DC Safe and Beautiful Task Force. The added federal officials will be identified, in marked units and highly visible, the White House said. **AP**

RWANDA

Man accused in genocide brought back from Norway

Kigali: A Rwandan man, who was arrested in Norway for crimes he allegedly committed during the East African nation's 1994 genocide, has been repatriated, a spokesperson for Rwanda's prosecutor's office said on Friday. François Gasana, who was a student during the genocide in which more than 1 million Tutsis and moderate Hutus were systematically massacred by Hutu extremists, was arrested in Norway in 2022. Norwegian police announced in March that he would be sent back to Rwanda after a court said conditions for his extradition had been met. **REUTERS**

PHILIPPINES

China: Manila 'playing with fire' on Taiwan issue

Beijing: China accused the Philippines on Friday of "playing with fire" after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said the nation would be drawn into any conflict between China and the US over Taiwan. It was responding to remarks by Marcos during a state visit to India that the Philippines' closeness to Taiwan would make involvement necessary in such a conflict. "We urge the Philippines to earnestly adhere to the one-China principle... and refrain from playing with fire on issues concerning China's core interests." **REUTERS**

Malaysia to seek clarity on Myanmar polls

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan will seek details from Myanmar's military leadership about a planned election when he leads a four-nation delegation to the war-torn country next month, Malaysian state media reported on Friday.

Myanmar has been in chaos since a 2021 military coup against an elected civilian government plunged the country into civil war. Last week, the junta lifted a nationwide state of emergency and nominally transferred power to a civilian-led government ahead of the election, although the junta chief remained in charge of the country in his other role as acting president.

"I want to obtain a clearer picture (of the elections) to bring to the attention of ASEAN leaders in October," Mohamad said, referring to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations grouping, Malaysian state news agency Bernama reported. **REUTERS**

Pakistan suspends mobile data service in Balochistan

REUTERS

QUETTA, AUGUST 8

PAKISTAN HAS suspended cell phone data services for three weeks in the restive southwestern province of Balochistan in a bid to block communications among separatist insurgents behind a surge in recent attacks, an official and the government said.

Separatist militants demanding a bigger share of profits from the resources of the mineral-rich province have stepped up attacks in recent months, particularly on Pakistan's military, which has launched an intelligence-based

offensive against them.

In an order on Wednesday seen by Reuters, the government said the services would be suspended until the end of the month because of the law and order situation in the province, home to key Chinese Belt and Road projects.

"The service has been suspended because they (militants) use it for coordination and sharing information" Shahid Rind, a spokesperson for the provincial government, said on Friday.

Officials said there are 8.5 million cell phone subscribers in Balochistan, Pakistan's largest province by size, which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

Azerbaijan, Armenia leaders to sign peace deal at White House meeting

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 8

AZERBAIJAN AND Armenia will sign an initial US-brokered peace agreement during a meeting with US President Donald Trump on Friday, a deal aimed at boosting economic ties between the two countries after decades of conflict, the White House said.

White House spokeswoman Anna Kelly told reporters that Trump would sign separate deals with both Armenia and Azerbaijan on energy, technology, economic cooperation, border security, in-



Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev and (left) Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan in Kazan, Russia last year. *File*

frastructure and trade.

Trump will meet separately with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan at the

White House, beginning at 1830 GMT, with a trilateral meeting set for 2015 GMT.

The agreement includes exclusive US development rights to a strategic transit corridor through the South Caucasus, dubbed the "Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity." U.S. officials said the agreement was hammered out during repeated visits to the region and would provide a basis for working toward a full normalization between the countries. Neither the joint declaration due to be signed nor the separate bilateral agreements with the US were released.



An aperitivo hour box full of snack-size items. *NYT*

get a bite-size burger and fries paired with a miniature beer, margarita or wine. With a two-ounce patty, 1.5 ounces of fries and a five-ounce drink, it's a kid's meal for the 21-and-older set.

Aristotle Hatzigeorgiou, the owner, introduced the special after seeing how many people in his own life were taking GLP-1s, a class of drug used for weight loss because they suppress appetites. "I am always with someone who is taking Ozempic, Mounjaro, one of those things," he said. "They have one or two bites of food and a couple of sips of drinks, and they're done."

He disliked the food waste

created, and he was concerned diners would tire of paying for items they mostly discarded. "I was worried that as people's belts were getting tighter, their wallets were also getting tighter," he said.

Some restaurants, from fast-food chains to fine-dining establishment, are trying to appease fluctuating appetites by offering dishes and deals designed to lure GLP-1 users.

Eight to 10 percent of Americans are now taking GLP-1s, and 30 to 35 percent have expressed interest in taking them, according to an October 2024 report published by the consulting

firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. In April, a Bloomberg Intelligence survey found that over 50 percent of users dined out less frequently since starting the medications.

"It used to only be the ladies who ate like birds," said Dana Gunders, president of ReFED, a body that works to address food waste. "Now you have a whole new market segment that wants smaller portions actively."

Gary Wallach, a managing partner of Renwick Hospitality Group in New York City, believes it has become as common for diners to look for GLP-1-friendly menus. "People ask themselves, 'Is there something for me to get

here?" he said.

He added bite-size options to all of his group's restaurants as a result. At Lulla, an Italian restaurant in Chelsea, there is an aperitivo hour box that provides up to four people with nine snack-size items for \$28.

People on GLP-1s will not go out to eat unless a menu works for them, he said, because it would be a waste of money otherwise. Drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy have also reduced people's cravings for alcohol, leading some restaurants to provide mini cocktails like the snaquiri, a diminutive daiquiri.

Some restaurant owners

don't feel the need to change. "While the use of GLP-1s might be making an impact in the fast-casual sector, full-service restaurants that offer a unique experience are not impacted as much," said John Meadow, who owns Scarpetta, an Italian restaurant with locations around the world.

He has never personally seen a diner ask for reduced portions because he or she is on a GLP-1.

Other restaurants are more discreet with their GLP-1-friendly menus. Many want to appeal to a host of diners who want smaller portions, regardless of why — maybe they just aren't as hungry. **NYT**

8-10% AMERICANS TAKING GLP-1 WEIGHTLOSS DRUGS, ADDING A NEW MARKET SEGMENT THAT WANTS SMALLER PORTIONS ACTIVELY

As Ozempic shrinks appetites, NYC restaurants plate mini meals to reduce wastage

ALYSON KRUEGER
NEW YORK, AUGUST 8

AFTER WORK or on weekends, groups of friends gather at long, wooden tables at the four New York City locations of Clinton Hall to watch sports on giant screens, eat smash burgers and wash them down with any one of 20 rotating draft beers.

In all the commotion, it can be hard to notice that a quarter of those diners are eating and drinking miniature versions of those very items. April, Clinton Hall introduced its "teeny-weeny mini meal." For \$8, diners



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CINEMA & MUSIC



Weapon of Mass Destruction

SHUBHRA GUPTA

IN 1974, Pakistan's vaulting nuclear ambitions were spiked single-handedly by an Indian spy. And now, in 2025, the chatter around nukes is back again. Will Pakistan succeed this time around? How will India deal with the new threat? That's the thrust of Faruk Kabir's five-part series, *Salakaar*, reportedly based on real-life agent Ajit Doval's canny moves back in the '70s, which find a fresh airing.

This is yet another show built on showing the Pakistani establishment, including its then president, as violent clowns, and the Indians as whip-smart. But it's hard to take this iteration (writing credits are shared amongst Kabir, Spandan Mishra, Srinivas Abrol and Swati Tripathi) seriously: in a scene which is meant to drip menace, has the supreme leader Zia Ullah (clearly based on Zia Ul-Haq, played by Mukesh Rishi) turn up himself at the Indian embassy with a dinner invitation for undercover agent-cum-attache Adhir Dayal (Naveen Kasturia).

Said spy swans into Zia's mansion, where said leader is busy torturing a suspect, even as Project Kahuta, where the weapons of mass destruction are being built, is underway. You don't know what is more cringe-worthy: the cartoonish way in which the entire edifice collapses, or in the way, in the present day, Zia's grandson, the cruel Colonel Ashfaq (Surya Sharma) is back in the saddle, using a cricket bat to bash heads in.

Actually, you could be spoilt for choice, because this whole thing is a cringe-fest. We are presented with the comely Indian agent Mariam (Mouni Roy), now working under an older Adhir (Purnendu Bhattacharya), being ferried to a secret hide-out where the new plant is under construction. She has a way of transmitting information back to New Delhi which involves a pair of glasses. Don't ask. Meanwhile, in a flashback, we see the spry Adhir, trying to get into the graces of the Pakistani establishment with one of the oldest tricks in the book, a kidnap gone wrong. Told you, don't ask.

You may remember Rishi from the 1999 *Sarfarosh*, in which John Mathew Mathan and his star Aamir Khan resurrected the spy saga: the former shone in his brief role as a patriotic Muslim. Here, you can see the flash of that actor through the exaggerated scowls: the only other actor who rises above this series is Naveen Kasturia. Both deserve better.

SHUBHRA GUPTA

OFTEN, A woman who finds the courage, and the words, to talk about an assault that's happened to her, is asked why she is doing it 'so late'. It's easier to say 'an' assault, rather than 'my' assault because dissociation kicks in. Owning up to it becomes too much, and the only way to survive is to begin distancing from 'the event'. All too often, it goes unaddressed, lying like an unhealed wound, pushing itself to the fore when the survivor least expects it.

Debutant director Eva Victor's *Sorry, Baby* in which Victor plays Agnes, a professor in a small New England town, does have a 'bad thing' happen to her. Her best friend Lydie (Naomi Ackie), who is visiting her when the film opens, was her grad school roommate when it happened. In the film's most chilling sequences, we are rendered spectators to the 'bad thing', at a remove. We see the tall, gangling, fresh-faced Agnes go into her thesis guide's home at dusk: the lights go, hours elapse, and we wait, at a distance, as the camera stays unmoving and unflinching, for Agnes to come stumbling out, sit on the steps, wear her boots, and get into the car and drive back home, possibly the longest, and the most difficult, drive of her life.

We are shown none of what actually happens, but not one of us are in any doubt about what is taking place in that house, where Agnes was welcomed in by Preston Decker (Louis Cancelmi), who has successfully established the kind of accomplished, older-man sexiness that is meant to instantly disarm, and charm, a younger person: what do you do if your prof calls a part of your thesis, duly underlined in a yellow marker, 'extraordinary'?

What is remarkable about Victor's Sundance breakout, a taut 104 minutes, is the way it refuses to position Agnes as a classic victim, even though there's enough reason for it. The unfeeling way the (male) doctor at the clinic Agnes and Lydie fetch up for a physical examination, is a bit on the nose.



As is the sequence in which the administrators of the college throw up their hands at their inability to do 'anything more' other than give her a sympathetic ear because she didn't 'complain' in time.

But in the rest of it, we see how Victor refuses to box in her character, showing Agnes's leaning into her assaulter's circle of charm — you can see a mutual attraction spark at an admiring glance or text — as something completely natural.

In the way Agnes's stunned, near wordless response is depicted, and understood, by Lydie is terrific: it shows the closeness of Agnes and Lydie, and their shared codes of things that don't need to be spelled out, even

some years later, when we come upon them: Lydie now lives in New York, and is pregnant; Agnes has stayed in the same town, and has a teaching job at the same college where everything happened.

Post-assault, pain, loneliness and the angst — the horror rising to the surface every so often, as disturbing things do — becomes something to be lived with, even if post #MeToo, there has often been as much gain as loss for women coming forward with their stories of assault. Here again, the film is unafraid to show Agnes as someone who has accepted that she will have to live with all of it, and still remain her own person: her awkward yet affecting reaching

out to her neighbour (Lucas Hedges, very good) is testament to her still having retained a sense of humour — one of the funniest scenes in the film involves a bath tub, two naked humans, and a conversation which feels bitingly real.

Bitingly real could, in fact, be the succinct descriptor of *Sorry, Baby*, a film whose title's intent and impact is revealed right at the end. What we are left with is equal parts heart-in-mouth and bracing: dealing with muted trauma is exhausting and never-ending — a panic attack anywhere, anytime can be the result — and how, sometimes, all one needs is a stranger's kindness and a good sandwich, to make things better.

Still Freaky, Still Fun



a Chinese woman was responsible for the body-swap, felt stereotyped: you know, these exotic slit-eyed Easterners and their peculiar ways, who could even magic up an earthquake, the last of which is the tipping point in the new film too.

It must be noted that this sequel feels as if director Nisha Ganatra, Canadian-American-of-Indian-descent, wants to ad-

dress, and rectify, some of those elements in the choice of the ensemble cast. The soothsayer this time is an American woman (Vanessa Bayer). The very smooth Jacinto is a Philippines-born Canadian. And Canadian actor-of-Tamil-descent Maitreyi Ramakishnan, who broke out with *Never Have I Ever*, gets a sizeable supporting role, which definitely raises the racial-ethnic-

FREAKIER FRIDAY ★★★

Director: Nisha Ganatra

Cast: Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan, Julia Butters, Sophia Hammons, Manny Jacinto, Mark Harmon, Maitreyi Ramakishnan, Vanessa Bayer, X Mayo, Santina Muha, Chad Michael Murray

mix bar.

There are a few lines revolving around look-ism, and age-ism which you might take exception to, but the whole thing is kept so good-natured, with a couple of moving moments thrown in for good measure about how 'family is everything' (how very Karan Johan and Bollywood of them), that you find yourself not wanting to nit-pick.

Some of the returning faces include the handsome Mark Harmon, having greyed nicely, and Chad Michael Murray — all those flowy staw-coloured locks and motorcycle muscles — leaves a mark as the younger guy who still has the hots for the older Curtis. Butters proves she wasn't a one scene wonder (remember the precocious young thing from *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood?*), and both Jacinto and Hammons carry off their parts well.

But finally, everything comes back to the pair who are the reason we show up this time too. LiLo, long having left her *Mean Girl* avatar behind, strums up the guitar as vigorously, but the real star turn is reserved for the grandma-mom-celebrity-author played by Curtis, who is having herself a whale of a time, everything everywhere all at once.

So Close, Yet So Off

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THERE'S SOMETHING so eerie about a little girl calmly narrating the events of a horrific night during which, exactly at 2.17 am, 17 children from the same class got out of their beds, walked out into the dark streets, and vanished, that you don't want *Weapons* to let you off the hook. Not even for a moment.

Writer-director Zach Cregger, anointed the new horror-meister with the 2022 *Barbarian*, returns with a small-town-mystery-disappearance which could feel like a trope — so very Stephen Kingian in its thematic concerns — which manages to stay fresh and compelling, but only up until a point.

It's the kind of suburban American town where everyone seems to be connected to each other. The morning after teacher Justine Gandy (Julia Garner) walks into her empty classroom, with the excep-

tion of a solo boy sitting in the last row, angry parents gather to sling mud. How is it, demands Archer Graff (Josh Brolin), father of the missing Mathew, that the class teacher is as equally at sea as the parents? How can Ms Grady claim that she knows nothing? What is she hiding?

We do get some answers, and in the way the plot unfolds, with different characters becoming the focal points of their 'chapters', we see Cregger's skills in keeping things tight, with jump scares showing up just where they should.

Justine herself is shown to have flaws. She likes her drink, and is to be seen spiking her juice as she stakes out the home of Alex (Cary Christopher), the little boy who has been left behind by his mates. All she wants is to ask some questions, she protests, when questioned by policeman Paul (Alden Ehrenreich) who has history with her. The latter too is no noble cop, coming down harder than he should have on vagrant-druggie



Anthony (Austin Abrams), who in turn may have seen more than he should in the basement of a darkened home he breaks into, in search of loot he can sell for his next fix.

Concerned school principal Andrew (Benedict Wong) is steered towards asking some questions of his own from the hollow-eyed Alex: did he hear any of classmates planning the dash-at-night? Could

Andrew speak to Alex's parents? They are unwell, declares a visiting aunt (Amy Madigan), and she is taking care of Alex till they are better. At this point things could have gone anywhere, but a twist takes *Weapons* into a oh-no-we've-seen-this-before direction.

You could be left searching for metaphors and meanings in this tale, especially when it comes to gunmen stalk-

ing primary school classrooms in the US, shooting to kill innocent children. What did this town and its people do to deserve such punishment? After a point, though, it all starts feeling empty: monsters without motives are no longer interesting, and the big reveal takes away the much-needed suspense. Where initially you couldn't move from the edge of your seat, the bloody fallout leaves you underwhelmed.

STREAMING
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BY
ALAKA
SAHANI



WEDNESDAY S2

NETFLIX
WEDNESDAY ADDAMS (Jenna Ortega) returns with Season 2, a supernatural mystery, streaming from August 6, followed by Part 2 on September 3. Fresh foes and woes await in this new chapter set in the Gothic halls of Nevermore Academy. "This season, Wednesday's journey is darker and more complex as she navigates family, friends, new mysteries...," co-showrunners and executive producers Alfred Gough and Miles Millar tell Tudum.



PRETTY THING

LIONSGATE PLAY
DIRECTED BY Justin Kelly, this movie is about a successful executive, played by Alicia Silverstone, who engages in a spontaneous one-night stand. Her mysterious hookup quickly turns obsessive, unhinged, and dangerously intrusive. Her carefully constructed life starts to unravel, and so does her grip on control.



JARANN

ZEE5
WRITTEN AND directed by Hrishikesh Gupte, the Marathi-language film delves into the unsettling world of a family haunted by buried secrets and the terrifying consequences that emerge when the past refuses to stay buried. As fear grips their reality, a long-suppressed secret resurfaces, revealing how unhealed trauma can manifest in the most haunting of ways. Moving beyond jump scares, the film attempts to explore emotional vulnerability.



ARABIA KADALI

PRIME VIDEO
The new Telugu series follows the story of a group of fishermen from rival villages who accidentally drift into international waters and find themselves imprisoned on foreign land. At the heart of the series are two intertwined journeys — Badiri's and his fellow fishermen's harrowing ordeal through treacherous seas and captivity, and Ganga's courageous rise as a woman who dares to challenge the system.



MICKEY 17

JOHOTSTAR
WRITTEN AND directed by Bong Joon Ho, *Mickey 17* is science fiction layered with black comedy. The film is based on the 2022 novel of the same name by Edward Ashton and features Robert Pattinson as the lead. In this follow-up to Oscar-winner *Parasite*, the story follows a man who joins a space colony as an 'Expendable', a disposable worker who is cloned every time he dies.

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING WORKS

E-Tender Notice No.: DBWS-NIET-26-2025-26 Dated: 05-08-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and CAMC of IP based Video Surveillance System in 1710 LHB Coaches of N.F. Railways (RSP P.B. No. 323/2025-26). **Tender Value:** ₹1,26,33,13,900/- inclusive of GST @ 18%. **Earnest Money:** ₹64,66,600/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15:00 hrs. of 04-09-2025 & **opening at 15.30 hrs. of 04-09-2025.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 04-09-2025 in website www.ireps.gov.in

CWM, Mechanical Workshop, Dibrugarh

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TENDER NOTICE

No. DNR/S&T/Sig/2025/17 Danapur, Dt. 05.08.2025

Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work:

1. Name of work with its location: Provision of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) in parallel with DC-track circuit at Khusrupur (KOO) and Jammu (JMU) Yard under Danapur Division.
2. Approximate cost of work: Rs. 46741695.51
3. Bid Security: Rs. 383700.00
4. Last Date & Time of Submission: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 27.08.2025
5. Opening of tender : 15:30 hrs. on 27.08.2025
6. Website particulars where detail of the work and criteria can be seen : <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
7. Address of the office from where detail information can be obtained : Sr. Divl. Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, East Central Railway, Danapur. **Note:** Any corrigendum if required will be uploaded on above website before 14 days.

DSTE/DNR
For & on behalf of President of India
PR/0730/DNR/S&T/T/25-26/40

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

SN-1, e-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-SETEN-02-25-26, **Name of work:** Flash But Welding for different Dy. CE/Cons under the CAO/Con/South, E.C. Railway, MHX, Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 9,96,23,531.90, Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 0.00, **Earnest money in (Rs.):** 6,48,100.00, **Period of work completion:** 24 (Twenty Four) Month, **Date and time for closing of tender:** 25.08.2025 at 15.30 hrs.

Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted.

The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

Note: In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender.

Any change/addendum/corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

CAO/Con/South
EC Rly. MHX, Patna
PR/0732/CON/SI/MHX/Patna/ENGG/T/25-26/40

ELECTRICAL TRD WORKS IN TINSUKIA DIVISION

Tender Notice No.: TSK/Elect/205, **Dated:** 05-08-2025; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **SN-1; Tender No.:** LV-T-14-TSK-TRD-05; **Brief Description of Item :** Electrical (TRD) work in connection with interlocking of 05 nos. LC Gates more than TVU-40000 with associated works of Tinsukia Division of N.F. Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹24,71,575.05/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹49,400/-; **SN-2; Tender No.:** LV-T-14-TSK-TRD-06; **Brief Description of Item :** Electrical (TRD) work in connection with rectification of defective layout at Digboi Yard under Tinsukia division. **Tender Value:** ₹84,67,607.85/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹1,69,400/-; **Date & time of closing of above tenders at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 27-08-2025.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 13:00 hrs. on 27-08-2025 in the website www.ireps.gov.in

DRM (Elect.), Tinsukia

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(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)

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Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar
☎ 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

TENDER NOTICE NO:GMSCL/ D-13/2025-26

Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/formulators/ Direct importers for Tablet & capsule, Injection, miscellaneous and Surgical item & Surgical Steplers item on Rate contract basis and details of specification, quantity is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://tender.nprocure.com> Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process.

Duration of downloading of tender document (online):- 08/08/2025 to 29/08/2025 up to 18.00 Hrs
Last date for Submission (online): **29/08/2025 up to 18-00 HRS**
Last date for submission of EMD/Tender Fee (Physical) : **30/08/2025 upto 18:00 HRS**
Last date for submission of Sample (Physical) for T.E.No.D-763/RC/2025-26 & T.E.No.D-764/RC/2025-26: **30/08/2025 upto 18:00 HRS**
Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): **02/09/2025 At 15-00 HRS.**

Pre-Consultation meeting (Pre-Bid)
Interested Manufacturers/formulators/Direct Importers are requested to remain present for pre- Consultation meeting to be held on **20/08/2025 at 11.30 am** at Committee room at above mentioned address. Only one representative from each Manufacturer carrying authority letter would be allowed to participate in the pre-bid.

INF-1113-2025-26 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Corrigendum

Following corrigendum is issued in respect of this office letter No. डीसीआर/सीएओ/कॉन/डब्ल्यू टी/ईसीसी/उत्तर/08-25-26 दि. 30.06.2025 (Receiving No.-0512dt.30.06.2025)

1. Revised cost of tender may be read as Rs. 671,47,06,085.55 in lieu of original assessed cost of Rs. 628,44,25,772.4.

Any Changes/addendum/ corrigendum will be published on IREPS website only.

For Chief Administrative Officer/CON
East Central Railway, MHX, Patna
PR/0734/CN/N/MHX/ENGG/C/25-26/20

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No.23 of 2025-26 (Open)-Engg/DDU

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway. CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings:-

Tender No. 13-DDU-SR DEN-I-25-26

(i) Name of work with its location : Provision of standard height gauge at LCs in DDU Division, (ii) **Advertised Value:** Rs. 37054601.46, (iii) **Earnest Money:** Rs. 335300.00, (iv) **Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender:** 27.08.2025, Up-to 12:00 hrs., (v) **Website particulars of e-tendering:** www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager
East Central Railway,
Pl. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Division
PR/0731/DDU/ENGG/T/25-26/28

SUPPLY AND LOADING OF TRACK BALLAST IN PAKUR

E-Tender Notice No.: GMW-132025-MLG; **Dated:** 05-08-2025; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of Work :** Supply and loading of Track Ballast (Quantity-77445 Cum) in Pakur for N.F. Railway under Dy. CE/Track/Maligaon. **Tender Value:** ₹15,11,22,300.75/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹9,05,600/-; The tender document can be received upto 15:00 hrs on 04-09-2025 and opening at 15:15 hrs. on 04-09-2025. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

GM(W), Maligaon

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NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDER

No. 34255291 **Date :** 06.08.2025

Sr.DMM, DRM Office, Bikaner, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender No. 34255291 Closing date 01.09.2025 at 14.25 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1. **Description of Work:** (1) Manufacturing. Supply & Field trial of Equipment / System for measurement/determination of Stress Free emperature of LWR/CWR Non Destructively based upon the Barkhausen Noise principle without need of traffic block. (2) The operation charges for 01 month including supply of man power for operation of equipment, training to railway staff to operate the machine/equipments and analyze the data and submission of report etc. 2. **Quantity :** 01 Set 3. **Date and time for submission of tender:** Submission of E-Tender up to 01.09.2025 at 14.25 hrs. 4. **Website Particular :** www.ireps.gov.in 983-CR/25

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

NO. MC-237-13-VSS, dt: 06.08.2025

The Divisional Railway Manager, E. C. Railway Danapur is inviting online open tender (on IREPS Portal) for and on behalf of the president of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered /working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/ MES or any other public sector undertaking for under mentioned works:-

1. Name of work with its location: Installation of IP based video Surveillance System in coaches & Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for IP based video Surveillance System (VSS) in coaches, 2. Approx Cost of the work : Rs. 56,61,77,620.05/- (Rupees Fifty six crore sixty one Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty and Five Paise Only), 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 29,80,900.00/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred only), 4. Date & time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Date & time for submission of tender 28.08.2025 up to 12:00 hrs. on www.ireps.gov.in, Date & time of opening of tender 28.08.2025 at 12:30 hrs. on www.ireps.gov.in, 5. Website particulars & Notice board location where complete details of tender, corrigendum (if any) can be seen etc.: The tender notice is available on website www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (Mech.),
E.C. Railway, Danapur
PR/0738/DNR/MECH/T/25-26/44

Office of the Chief General Manager, Construction Wing
UTTRAKHAND PEYJAL SANSADHAN VIKAS EVAM NIRMAN NIGAM
(Uttarakhand Government Undertaking)
Third Floor (Vishveshwarya Bhawan) (Opposite O.N.G.C Hospital) Kamla Nagar, Dehradun-248001
Tel/Fax: 0135-2764075 E-mail:- ggmirmanwng@Yahoo.com, ggmirmanwng@gmail.com

Bid Identification no :-3263/Nivida (Garhwal)Rishikesh/ 98 Dated :08/08/2025

PRESS NOTE

Government of Uttarakhand “e” procurement Notice

Sr. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
1	Bid Identification no :- 3262/ Nivida (Garhwal) Rishikesh /97 Dated:08.08.2025		12 Months
2	Construction Of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose 150 Bedded Boys Hostel At Laldhang, Distt- Haridwar	₹ 590.00 Lacs (Excluding G.S.T.)	
3	Name and Address of Officer Inviting the Bid :-	Office Chief General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Third Floor (Oppsite ONGC Hospital), Kamla Nagar, Dehradun	
4	Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal :-	12-08-2025 - 17:00 hrs	
5	Pre Bid Meeting Date	14-08-2025 - 12:00 hrs	
6	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal :-	26-08-2025 - 17:00 hrs	
Details of subsequent addendum/ corrigendum /cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://www.uktenders.gov.in"			
General Manager (Garhwal)			

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HSIDC	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ASHPANA SCHEME PLATS SECTOR-4, GURUGRAM. MISCELL. WORKS, ELECTRICAL WORKS, PLUMBING WORKS, FIRE ALARM WORKS, FIRE FIGHTING WORKS AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO (INCLUDING ONE YEAR MAINTENANCE AND DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FREE OF COST).	07.08.2025 26.08.2025	685.41 LACS	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	0114805077 senetendern@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No. 37501/HRY

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1.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BHIWANI	CONST. OF ROAD FROM H/NO 964 TO H/NO 965, SECTOR-23 AND BALANCE WORK OF VIP ROAD INFRONT OF BITS SCHOOL, MC BHIWANI.	07.08.2025 19.08.2025	42.32 LACS	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	99966295555 eo.mchbiwani@gmail.com

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK	10.22CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT IN SEC-4 IN WARD NO-09 IN LIMITS OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROHTAK + 1 WORKS	07.08.2025 14.08.2025	19,36,896/-	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	9467283967 senemrohtak@gmail.com

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Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited

Shakti Bhawan, 14-Ashok Marg, Lucknow

CIN: U32201UP1999SGC024928

website: www.uppcl.org

Extracts of Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2025

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

S. NO.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30th June, 2025	30th June, 2024	31st March, 2025
		Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	22,239.83	22,822.05	79,990.80
2	Net Profit/(loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7,665.29)	(6,155.08)	(10,903.64)
3	Net Profit/ (loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7,665.29)	(6,155.08)	(10,915.24)
4	Net Profit/ (loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7,665.29)	(6,155.08)	(10,915.24)
5	Total comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(7,665.96)	(6,155.46)	(10,917.93)
6	Paid up Equity Share capital (Face value of 1000/- per share)	148,484.13	134,404.02	146,238.51
7	Other Equity	(118,416.04)	(105,287.61)	(109,996.26)
8	Securities Premium Account	NA	NA	NA
9	Net worth	28,631.83	26,980.15	34,052.17
10	Outstanding Debt	54,606.04	59,813.82	53,919.11
11	Outstanding redeemable preference shares	NA	NA	NA
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.91	2.22	1.58
13	Earning per share (of 1000/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)	(51.97)	(46.08)	(78.87)
	Diluted	(51.97)	(46.08)	(78.87)
14	Capital Redemption Reserves	NA	NA	NA
15	Debtenture Redemption Reserves	NA	NA	NA
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.002)	0.0007	(0.005)
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(5.68)	(4.19)	(1.90)

Note 1 The above results have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 08th August, 2025 and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on the same day.

Note 2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Limited) under Regulation 52 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The detailed format is available on the website of BSE Limited and the company's website at www.uppcl.org

Note 3 Additional information/other line items pursuant to Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) 2015, have been disclosed in the detailed Quarterly Financial Results filed with the stock exchange (BSE Limited) and can be accessed on the website of BSE Limited and the company's website www.uppcl.org

Note 4 The figures/ratios for the previous periods have been restated, regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to current period classification.

For & on the behalf of Board of Directors

Sd/-
(Nitin Nijhawan)
Compliance Officer
R.No.-17/2025

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1	HSIDC	ANNUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AC PLANT SET, DG SETS, ELECTRIC CONTROL PANEL AND BOOSTER PUMPS, 2X250 TR CENTRAL PLANT OF WATER SUPPLY AT UDVOG MINAR BUILDING GURUGRAM	12.08.2025 18.08.2025	23.53 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2398418 ia.gurugram@hsidc.org.in

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Himachal Pradesh Rural Development Department

PRESS NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWS PAPER

On line item rate bids are re-invited by the Executive Engineer RDD MANDI HP on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from contractors/ firms of appropriate class registered with HPPWD/JSV through e tendering mode:-

Sr. No	Name of work.	Estimated Cost. (Rs)	Earnest Money.	Cost of tender form.	Time.
1	Construction of Block Development Office Building at Churag, Tehsil Karog, Distt. Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) (sub head: Civil work, water supply & sanitary installation etc.)	2,34,38,531-00	4,69,000-00	7000-00	Eighteen Months

• Last date of filling/uploading the tender for 25-08-2025 upto 5 PM
• Tender document and other detailed instructions can be downloaded or viewed on line from the portal <https://tenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual.

Executive Engineer
Rural Development Department,
Mandi Zone District Mandi H.P.

No. 2284/HF

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer, Trans. Line Maintt. Division-VII, JKPTCL Srinagar-190010

Ph. No. 0194-3516481 e-mail: tlnmd7.jkptcl@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. TLMD-VII/ 04 of 2025-26 Dated: 07/08/ 2025

For and on behalf of Managing Director Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL), online tenders valid for 180 days are hereby invited from eligible, reputed, experienced and financially sound registered manufacturers / authorized dealers / suppliers having sufficient experience in the trade as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules thereto mentioned in standard bidding documents, for the supply of materials as detailed in the SBD.

The Cost of Tender Documents shall be deposited into the bank Account of Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-VII, Srinagar bearing CD A/C No. 0367010200000182 J&K Bank Tankipora Srinagar and the bank receipt shall be uploaded.

The EMD in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-VII Srinagar, shall be uploaded and the original bank instrument shall be deposited alongwith hard copy of tender upto the specified date.

The Standard Bidding Document is available at website <http://jkptenders.gov.in>

S. No.	Description of Work	Qty	Advertised cost (inclusive of taxes) in INR Lacs	Amount of EMD In Lacs	Cost of Tender Doc. (non-refundable) INR	Time of completion
1	Supply of 220 kV Current Transformers and 220 kV Capacitive Voltage Transformer As Per Specifications.	As per scope in BOQ	Rs.23.57	0.48	1000	75 Days

The Bidding Documents consisting of Pre-Qualifying Requirements /eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of Terms and Conditions of the contract and other related details can be seen/downloaded from the J&K Government's website <http://www.jkptenders.gov.in>, as per Scheduled of dates given below:-

LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES						
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07.08.2025				
2	Online Start date of downloading of Tender Documents	08-08-2025 (10:00Hrs.)				
3	Online Start date & time of e-Bid submission	08-08-2025 (14:00 Hrs.)				
4	Online Last date & time of e-Bid submission	28-08-2025 (14:00 Hrs.)				
5	Last date for submission of Hardcopies	28-08-2025 (14:00 Hrs.)				
6	Online Techno-Commercial Bids Opening Date & time	29-08-2025 (12:00Hrs.)				
7	Date and time of opening of Price e-Bid (Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	The date & time of opening of price e-bids shall be notified separately				

1. The Techno-Commercial Bids of all participating Bidders shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer TLMD VII Bemina Srinagar Kashmir. The date & time of opening of Price Bids of the qualifying bidders shall be notified on J&K Government's website <http://www.jkptenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through e-mail message. The hardcopies shall have to be submitted in the office of Executive Engineer TLMD VII, Bemina Srinagar Kashmir by 28-08-2025 (14:00 Hrs)
2. Clarifications, if any, can also be sought from the office of the undersigned on e-mail: tlnmd7.jkptcl@gmail.com.
3. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all the Bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

No: TLMD-7/TS/1442-46
Dated: 07/08/ 2025
DIP NO.: DIPK-NB-1550/25 DATE 08.08.2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
TLMD-VII, Bemina Srinagar

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

द्वितीय तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, सैक्टर ओमेगा, (पी-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा, गौतमबुद्धनगर (उ०प्र०)
दूरभाष नं.: 0120-2395151, फॅक्स नं.: 0120-2395150, वेबसाइट : www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक – चाई०ईए०/GM(P)/ 2025 / 400 ई-निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 07.08.2025

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित / अर्द्धशासित / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ई-निविदाये आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट्सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदाये द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : चाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2025 / 399 दिनांक 07.08.2025 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में सविदाकार द्वारा मिल ऑफ़ क्वान्टिटी (बीओओक्यू) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्वोरिटी / परफॉर्मेंस गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेंस गारन्टी एफ०डी०आर०/सी०डी०आर०/ बैंक गारन्टी / एन०एस०सी० के रूप में न्यूनतम सविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Providing and Laying DBM and BC work on 24mtr Wide road in pocket-I, J and 7A in Sector-18 YEIDA, WC-01	₹ 396.80 लाख
2	Resurfacing work on 45mtr. Wide road both side carriageway Part -A in sector -24, YEIDA, WC-04	₹ 406.21 लाख

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, **Ashwani Kumar** resident of **F8 Vikas Enclave, Rohta Road, Meerut** U.P. have changed my daughter's Name from **AKSHITA** to **AKSHITA PASRICHA** Vide Affidavit dated 09 Jul 25 at Delhi Area.

I, **Ashwani Kumar** resident of **F8 Vikas Enclave, Rohta Road, Meerut** U.P. have changed my daughter's Name from **AKARSHITA** to **AKARSHITA PASRICHA** Vide Affidavit dated 09 Jul 25 at Delhi Area.

I, **hitherto** known as **Prachi**, D/o-Anand Parkash, R/o, 4C/14/B1, 4-M-Street-IT Campus Hauz-Khas South, Delhi-110016, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Prachi GARG**.

I, **hitherto** known as **Kartik**, S/o Sh. Bharat Bhushan, R/o-WZ-65A, 3rd Floor, UGGAR San, Market, Ashok-Nagar, Near-Tilak Nagar, Police-Station, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Kartik Meena**.

I, **Vijeta Rani**, W/o Ajit Singh, R/o- Dubaldhan Ghikan, Dubaldhan Beri, Jhajjar-124202, have changed My Name To **Vijeta For Future**.

I, **VIPIN** S/o KAMARPAL R/o-WZ-751, Mohalla Badiyal, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have changed my minor son name **MADHEKROD** aged 13 years to **MOHIT**.

I, **VIKAS BHANOT**, S/o ASHOK BHANOT R/o, H.No.2496, Second-Floor, Sector-46, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my -minor son's name **AARAV** to **AARAV BHANOT**, aged-14-years.

I, **Shalender Sawhney**, S/o Gulshan Kumar Sawhney, R/o, C-Block-193, 2nd Floor, Ramprastha Colony, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011, have changed my name to **Shailender Sawhney**, Permanently.

I, **Shaila Kaintura** W/O-Mr. Mohan Singh, R/O-C-504, 3rd Floor, Avantika, Sector-1, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Shaila Rana** in future, i will be known as **Shaila Rana**.

I, **Savita Rani**, W/o-Ajay Kumar, R/o Dubaldhan Ghikan, Dubaldhan, Beri Jhajjar-124202, Have Changed My Name To **Savita For Future**.

I, **SUNEETA DEVI** W/o RAJESH KUMAR R/o Shivpura, Rajwana, Bhogaon, Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh-205262, have changed my name to **REENA DEVI**.

I, **SHALU**, D/o-LAXMAN PATEL, R/o: RZ-C2/175, GALL-NO-4, MAHAVIR-ENCLAVE, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110045, Declare that My-Father Name has been Wrongly-written **LAKSHMAN** in Educational records and the actual-Name of Mine Father is **LAXMAN PATEL**, respectively.

I, **SHAHEEN AKHTAR**, D/O. LATE MUHAMMAD AHMED, R/O-H.NO.264, JOHRI-FARM, NOOR NAGAR-EXTN, JAMIA-NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110025, I inform that my name **SHAHEEN AKHTAR**, have changed after my marriage with **TAJ MOHAMMED KHAN** ON-24-12-1978, and shall hereafter be known as **SHAHEEN TAJ**.

I, **SAYED AHAD CHOUDHARY**, S/o-Syed Amin Choudhary, R/o-RZ-2520, Gayatri Apartments, Flat.No-D-1, UGF, Tughlakabad Extension, New Delhi-110019, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as **SYED AHAD CHOUDHARY** in my 10th & 12th Educational-Documents. The actual-name of mine is **SAYED AHAD CHOUDHARY**, which may be amended accordingly.

I, **Rupinder Kaur** Mangat W/o Kulwant Singh Mangat R/o-15 Nawal Vihar Bagpat Road Meerut, UP-250002, changed my name to **Rupinder Kaur**

I, **Rita Rani** Jain alias **Rita Rani**, W/o-Parveen Jain, R/o-72, Pocket-22, Sec-24, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Rita Jain**

I, **RAJAT KUMAR ARORA**, S/O-JANAK RAJ ARORA, R/O-70, JUPITER APPT., D BLOCK, VIKAS PURI, DELHI-110018, have changed my name, from **RAJAT ARORA** alias **RAJAT KUMAR** to **RAJAT KUMAR ARORA**.

I, **No.16025710L, Rank NK**, Ravi Kumar, S/o-Naresht, R/o-VPO, asaudha Todean, Bahadurgarh Distt Jhajjar (Haryana), Solemnly affirm and State on Oath that the incorrect Name of My Mother Written in My Service-Records as **Nirmala Devi**, Correct Name **Nirmala** is being Recorded in My Service-Records. Vide-affidavit No.15550, Dated 04.08.2025, Bahadurgarh

I, **NIDHI SACHDEVA** W/O PANKAJ R/O 116 UPPER GROUND-FLOOR KOHAT ENCLAVE PITAMPURA DELHI-110034, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **NIDHI**.

I, **Mukesh kumar Behar** S/o Sudarshan Kumar Beher R/o C-399, FF, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to **Mukesh Kumar Beher**.

I, **MOHAMMAD MUSTAQIM** s/o-MOHAMMAD SHAFIQ R/O-5289 GALI SHIMLE WALI KUCHA REHMAM. CHANDNI CHOWK DELHI-6, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MOHD MUSTAQEEM**.

I, **MD BASHIR ALAM**, S/O-GHULAM RASUL, R/O-A-227, GALI NO-4, JAIPUR EXTN, PART-2, BADARPUR, NEW DELHI-44, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MOHD BASHIR PERMANENTLY FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES**.

I, **Kartikay Dogra**, S/o Ajay Dogra, R/o-F-14-B, Single Storey, Vijay Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to **Kartikay Dogra**

I, **Himanshu Kesarwani** S/o Niranjan Lal Kesarwani R/o 288A B-Block New Ashok Nagar Delhi-110066, Have Changed My Name To Himanshu Kesharvani.

I, **Kumari Jyoti** W/O Rajat Yadav R/O B-2/30, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have Changed my name to **Jyoti Yadav**.

I, **Harkirat Singh**, S/o-Anoop Singh Chawla, R/o, ED-62, First Floor, Tagore Garden, West-Delhi, have changed my name to **Harkirat Singh Chawla**, for all Purposes.

I, **Devinder Yadav** S/o Thandi Ram Yadav R/o H.No.1459, Mastnath-colony Hisar Cantt Hisar Haryana-125006, changed my name to **Devender Yadav**

I, **DEEPIKA ARORA**, D/O J P Rastogi R/O-70, JUPITER SOCIETY, VIKAS PURI, DELHI-110018, have changed my name to **DEEPIKA RUSTAGI** for all purposes.

I, **Ajay Panwar**, S/o-Vijay Panwar, R/O-H.No.G-52, Near Budho Devi Hospital, Panjabi Colony, Delhi-110040, have changed my name, from **Ajay Prakash Panwar**, to **Ajay Panwar**, for all future purposes.

I, **Aayushi Jha** D/o, Shri Abhay Kumar Jha, R/o 4402, Ashoka Enclave Apartment, Plot.no.8A, opposite Gurudwara, Dwarka sector-11, South West Delhi, Delhi-110075, have changed my name from **Aayushi** to **Aayushi Jha**. Both name **Aayushi** and **Aayushi Jha** belong to same person.

I, **Aakash Kumar Singh**, S/o Dashrath Kumar, R/o-E-154, Begum Vihar, Begumpur Delhi-110086, have changed my name to **Aakash Kumar**.

I, **AJAY SINGLA** S/O LALIT MOHAN SINGLA, R/O H-33/114 SECTOR-3, ROHINI DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **AJAY BHUSHAN SINGLA** FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, **Virender Jaiswal** R/o-15B Pocket-II, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, New Delhi-110091 have changed the name of my Minor Child aged 14 yrs from **Janvi** to **Janvi Jaiswal**.

I, **Tanushree Chaudhary** W/o Rahul Pavithran R/o Flat No.19133, Tower-10, Mahagun Mywoods, Gaur City-2, Sector-16C, Greater Noida West, UP-201306 have changed my name to **TANUSHREE CHAUDHARY PAVITHRAN** for all future purposes.

I, **Saqib Mohd Khan** alias **Saqib Mohammad Khan** alias **Saqib Md.Khan**, S/o, Taj Mohammed Khan, R/o-H.No.264, Johri-Farm, Noor Nagar-Extn, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, I have changed my name to **SAQIB MOHAMMED KHAN**, for all future purposes

I, **Sandeep Kumar** S/o Anand Swaroop, R/o-House.No.610, Village, and post office-Dichaon Kalan, delhi-110043, have changed my name to **Sandeep Vashist**

I, **Rishi Pal Singh** Nagar S/O Shankar R/O Jaganpur Afzalpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-203201 has changed my name from **RISHI PAL SINGH NAGAR** to **RISHIPAL** for all future Purposes.

I, **Parwaiz Alam Khan**/Parvez Alam S/O Abdul Jabbar Khan R/O H.No.3, 2nd Floor, Pocket-J, Sarita Vihar, Delhi-110076, have changed my name to **Parvez Alam Khan**, for all future purposes.

I, **Nidhi Bhakt**, wife of Mr. Himanshu Joshi, residing at flat No. B907, Sea show CGHS Plot No-14, Sector-19B, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to **Nidhi Bhakt Joshi**. I shall henceforth be known as **Nidhi Bhakt Joshi** for all purposes.

I, **Jitender Kumar** s/o Jaswant Rai Sachdeva r/o 272, Third Floor, Block-2, Subhash Nagar, Delhi have changed my name **Jitender SACHDEVA** permanently.

I, **Jaswant Rai** s/o Bodh Raj Sachdeva R/o 272, Third Floor, Block-2, Subhash Naga, Delhi have changed my name **Jaswant Rai SACHDEVA** permanently.

I, **Harpiyari** is Mother of Army-No.15755462L, Rank-SIGMN Name-Lokesh Tewatia, Unit-9, CSR, HQ COY,C/O-56, APO, Pin-916909, Permanent resident, Village Meerapur, Post office-Baghola, Tehsil,& District-Palwal, State-Haryana, Pin-121102, have changed my name **Harpiyari** to **Nathiya**, for all documents.

I, **G Suresh Kumar**, son of PNG Nair, R/o B-7/1, Third Floor, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi 110089 have changed my name to **Suresh Kumar Nair** for all purposes.

I, **Chander Bir Barar** s/o Atar Singh, HN-25B, Vill- Jamalpur Jallalpur, Sardhana, Meerut, U.P-250222 have changed my name to **Chander Veer Singh** for all purposes.

I, **Ajay Kumar Thakur** Father of Avni Shreshtha R/o H2/106, (FF), Bharat City Phase-2, Tilia Shahbazzpur, Ghaziabad, U.P., declare that both the names of my minor daughter **Avni Shreshtha** and **baby** to one and the same person and in future shall be called as **Avni Shreshtha** for all Purposes

I, **ANURADDA SANJAY BAWA** W/O SANJAY BAWA R/O S-275, GROUND FLOOR- GREATER KAILASH-I, GREATER KAILASH, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110048, declare that the name of mine has been wrongly written as **ANURADHA BAWA** in my Driving License No. D1071999260673. The actual name of mine is **ANURADDA SANJAY BAWA**.

I **Zia Akhter Chowdhary** D/o Mohammad Jaweed Akhtar R/o DDA, SFT Flat No.74-T, Third Floor, Sec-7, Jasola, Okhla, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to **Zia Akhter Chowdhary** D/o Mohammad Jaweed Akhter Chowdhary for all purposes.

I **Vijay S/o Banwari Lal** R/o WP-573 Wazir Pur Village Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to **Vijay Chauhan**.

I **Tej Partap Singh** S/o Dharmender Singh, R/o WP-456/5 Wazir Pur Village Ashok Vihar Delhi-110052, have changed my name to **Tej Pratap Singh**.

I **Rajesh S/o M Parasmaji Jain** R/o 100 Shri Shankara Nilaya, 4th Cross Kaveri Road, Udayanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Doornavinagar, Karnataka - 560016, have changed my name to **P Rajesh Kumar Jain**

I **Pinki Pahwa** W/o Late Rajeev Kumar R/o House No T-224, Second Floor, Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008 that **Pinki Pahwa** is also known as **Neelam**. Both names are of one & the same person.

I **Naryan Singh Kandari** S/o Madan Singh R/o SD-3, 47BN PAC Govindpuram, Distt. Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh have changed my name from **Naryan Singh Kandari** to **Narayan Singh** for all future purposes.

I **Mayduli Ali** S/o Yakub Sk R/o Airmary, Krishnapur Dinurpara, Murshidabad, West Bangal - 742148, have changed my name to **Md Alauddin**

I **Deepak Kumar** S/o Bhim Sain Saini R/o A-298/A, Gali Shiv Mandir Wali, Majlis Park, Adarsh Nagar, North West Delhi-110033, have changed my name to **Deepak Saini**

I **Arjoon Joshuaa Sharma** S/o Sudeshna Ghosh R/o # 6-B, Retreat Apartment, # 72/1, Cunningham Road, Vasanthagar-560052, Bangalore, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001, have changed my name to **Vivaan Bharadwaj**

I, **Dasrath Kumar**, S/o Ram Singh, R/o-E-154, Begum Vihar, Begumpur Delhi-110086, have changed my name to **Dashrath Kumar**

I, **RP Abhishek** S/o K Rajakumar R/o 1-105, Eazhuvarkuzhi Mathicode, Vilavancode, Po: Kappiyaral, Dist: Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu-629156 have changed my name from **RP Abhishek** to **Abishek RP** for all future Purposes.

I, **RP Athira** S/o K Rajakumar R/o 1-105, Eazhuvarkuzhi Mathicode, Vilavancode, Po: Kappiyaral, Dist: Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu-629156 have changed my name from **RP Athira** to **Athira RP** for all future Purposes.

I, **ABU BAKAR HAROON** S/O MOHAMMAD HAROON R/o H.NO <http://h.no/>. 712, CHANDNI MAHAL, DARYA GANJ, DELHI - 110002, CHANGED MY NAME AS "ABU BAKR HAROON"

LOST & FOUND

Lost My all original property Papers of registry House No.198,Village-Single Pur,Shalimar Bagh,Delhi-110088.Finder please Contact above address of Rampal Singh,S/O-Umrao Singh,Mobile No.9818431344.

I, **UPDESH KUMARI** W/O RAMAN KUMAR R/O VILLAGE -BARUHI, POST OFFICE - KHERIAN, TEHSIL -NURPUR,BARUHI, KANGRA, HIMACHAL PRADESH-176200, I HAD LOST/MISPLACED ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT LETTER CUM DEMAND LETTER OF PLOT NO.553, POCKET C-1, SECTOR-35, ROHINI, NEW DELHI , MEASURING 32 SQ.MTRS, THE LR NO. 3091668/2025 DATED 07/08/2025 .

Lost original B.Tech degree certificate (Name:- Jatin Vashistha S/O-Ramakant Vashistha,Roll.no.-260953302,Gautam Buddh Technical University,(now AKTU,Lucknow,(U.P.) around Shipra Suncity,Indrapuram,Ghaziaba d on 10/07/2023.If found please contact:-9654458573.

SALE DEED EXECUTED BY NEERAJ NISCHAL AND KANCHAN SHARMA IN FAVOUR OF VIRA VALI KHANNA VIDE- SALE DEED DULY REGISTERED AS REGISTRATION.NO.7758.BOOK.NO.1,VOLUME.NO.3327,PAGES-103 TO 114, DATED-29.07.2022 IN THE OFFICE OF SUB-REGISTRAR VIII HAS BEEN LOST,FOUNDER MAY INFORM,Vijay Kumar Sarin,E-14/13 Krishna-Nagar,Delhi-110051, #9205213728.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Unit No. CGN 154 was allotted in the name of Mr. Ramesh Ahuja S/o Late Sh. Ishwar Dass Ahuja R/o 198 FF Saini Enclave Delhi 110092 who has expired on 1st Oct 2018 leaving behind his registered will in favour of the survival members of his family - Mrs. Sudesh Ahuja (wife), Mr. Tanuj Ahuja (son), and Sanchit Ahuja (son) accordingly is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned unit. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach Ms/ DLF Home Developers Ltd. or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

Deep Chand (Advocate) En.No. D/2098/2014 Ch. No. F-227, Lawyer's Chambers Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 • Mob: 9891163048

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that my client Sh. Vijay Kumar Lakra S/o Sh. Hemant Kumar Lakra and Smt. Sebestiani Lakra W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar Lakra both residing at RZ-4A, Gali No.6, Gitanjali Park, West Sagarpur, South-West, New Delhi-110046 have severed all relations with their son Sh. Puneet Lakra and his wife Smt. Arti Kiran Kujur. Do Selselin Kujur and disowned them from all their immovable and movable properties due to their disobedience and bad behavior. My clients shall not responsible for their any acts and deeds in any manner whatsoever in future.

Soham P. Verma (Advocate) Ch. No.66, Saket Court, New Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my client, Ms. Urmi Information Technology P. P. purchasing Plot No. 29, SITRAK, AT BLOCK, SECTOR-2, NOKIA, DISTRICT GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201301 (Property) measuring 416 sq. mts., from Mrs. Jasneet Kaur w/o Mahinder Pal Singh, who is the owner of the Property vide Transfer-cum-Sale Deed dated 26.04.2024 registered as Doc.No. 2743, Book No.1, Volume No. 8945, on Pages 163-166, at the office of Sub-Registrar, Noida, who had earlier, purchased it from Mrs. Sangeta Mahajan S/o Late Sh. Balraj Raj Garg (proprietor of Shivani Wheels, who expired on 25.02.2020) & Late Smt.Purnam Gadakh (who expired on 07.01.2024) Any person(s) having any objection(s), claims, or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned at the contact details provided below within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no such objections or claims, and the transaction shall proceed accordingly. This notice is issued in the interest of the general public and to notify the interested said the above-mentioned Property.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC AT LARGE HEREBY INFORM THAT ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT SH. KISHAN GUPTA, S/O LT. DAYA SINGH GUPTA, R/O RZ-B/122 DABRI EXTENSION EAST, PALAM VILLAGE, SOUTH WEST, NEW DELHI-110062, THAT MY ABOVE-NAMED CLIENT HAS DEBARRED AND DISOWNED HIS SON NAMELY SH. ATUL GUPTA AND HIS WIFE NAMELY KANCHAN, FROM ALL HIS MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BECAUSE OF THEIR CORDIAL AND NON-CARING BEHAVIOR TOWARDS MY CLIENT KISHAN GUPTA AND HIS FAMILY, NOW MY ABOVE-NAMED CLIENT AND HIS FAMILY HAVE SEVERED ALL SOCIAL RELATIONS WITH HIS SON ATUL GUPTA AND HIS WIFE KANCHAN, WOULD HAVE NO CONCERN WITH AND IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER, IF ANY PERSON DEALS WITH THE SAID ATUL GUPTA AND HER WIFE KANCHAN, IN ANY WAY OR IN ANY MANNER, HEREIN, WORLD WIDE, SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND CONSEQUENCES, MY CLIENT AND HIS FAMILY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES/ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, CIVIL/ CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients, MS. SARBATI, W/O LATE, SH. KISHAN SINGH, R/O BLOCK-A, HOUSE NO. 463, NAI BASTI, DEVI VILLAGE, PUSHPA BHAWAN, DELHI-110062, has disowned and debarred her son and daughter-in-law i.e. SH. SONU S/O LATE, SH. KISHAN SINGH, R/O HOUSE NO. 463, DEVI VILLAGE, SOUTH DELHI-110062, along with his legal heirs, from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect. She has also severed all relations with SONU due to his continuous misconduct, disobedience, misbehaviour, which have caused immense mental distress and harassment to my client.

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sanjay Jethwani S/o Late Sh. G.T. Jethwani R/o 38-7B, First Floor, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015 purchasing the Property bearing No. A-44, Vishal Enclave, New Delhi-110027 (Area measuring 400 sq. Yards) General Public is hereby informed that in case of any dispute/litigation or claiming regarding the said property please inform/contact within 7 days from the date of Notice, otherwise it will be presumed that No Claim any person anybody regarding said property.

PUBLIC Notice Be it known to all that my client, W/o Yashodh Shukre. R/o 3305,Ashok Mohalla,Nangoli,Delhi-110041 is going to purchase property bearing No. S-21, Vili,Nangla Bahrampur Pargana District The & Dist. Gautam Buddh Nagar, Khata no.03, Field No17 area 0.7973 ha &field No39 area 0.0675 ha, thus in total two fields with total area 0.8648 Ha, Sec-135, Flora Farms, B/G-6, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, from all his movable and immovable properties & assets all relations with him due to his misbehaviour & bad habits towards my client. Therefore, any individual or entity engaging in dealings with Mr. Chandan Jha or extending any form of transactional involvement with him will do so entirely at their own risk. My client explicitly disclaims any responsibility or liability for any actions or transactions undertaken by him in any manner whatsoever. **Manvendra K. Tripathi (Advocate)** Ch.No.315, M.C. Setalvad Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE Under instructions on behalf of my clients, the general public is hereby informed that Sh. Jata Shankar Jha S/o Sh. Sarda Kant Jha R/o A-18-B, DDA Flats, Punjabi Bagh Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63, has disowned/debarred his son, Mr. Chandan Jha S/o Sh. Jata Shankar Jha R/o 308-A, BG-6, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, from all of his movable and immovable properties & assets all relations with him due to his misbehaviour & bad habits towards my client. Therefore, any individual or entity engaging in dealings with Mr. Chandan Jha or extending any form of transactional involvement with him will do so entirely at their own risk. My client explicitly disclaims any responsibility or liability for any actions or transactions undertaken by him in any manner whatsoever. **Manvendra K. Tripathi (Advocate)** Ch.No.315, M.C. Setalvad Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court, Delhi.

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Nalanda Dance Research Centre's NALANDA NRITYA KALA MAHAVIDYALAYA (Autonomous) Plot A-7/1, N.S. Road No. 10, J.V.P.D. Scheme, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai- 400 049. APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POST FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025- 26.

AIDED (Second Advertisment)			
Sr. No.	Cadre	No. of Post	Category
1.	Principal	01	01- OPEN

The Advertisement is approved subject to the final decision in the Writ Petition No. 12051/2015. The above post is open to all however candidates from any category can apply for the posts. Reservation for women will be as per University Circular No. BCC/16/74/1998 dated 10th March, 1998.4% reservation shall be for the persons with disability as per University Circular No. Special Cell/ICC/2019-20/05 dated 05th July, 2019. Candidates having knowledge of Marathi will be preferred. "Qualification, Pay Scales and other requirement are as prescribed by the UGC Notification dated 18th July, 2018, Government of Maharashtra Resolution No. Misc-2018/ C.R.56/18/UNI-1, dated 8th March, 2019 and University circular No. TAAS/(CT)/JCD/2018-19/1241, dated 26th March, 2019 and revised from time to time" The Qualification for Principal Post should be in the relevant (DANCE) field. The Government Resolution & Circular are available on the website mu.ac.in

Applicants who are already employed must send their application through proper channel Applicants are required to account for breaks if any in their academic career.

M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly U.P. (India) **CORRIGENDUM** The advertisement No. A-01/2021, A-02/2021, A-03/2021 and A-04/2021 and it's subsequent corrigendum dated 30.10.2021, 05.12.2022 and 12.06.2024 is readvertised again for remaining unfilled vacancies. The last date for submission of fresh application and updation of already applied application in online mode is **29.08.2025**. For detail, visit University Website **www.mjpru.ac.in**. REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA Email ID-ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com **Letter No. 1648** **1st Corrigendum** In Continuation to this office bid identification No. NCB-13/RWC/RGDA/2025-26 invited vide this office letter No-1450 dated 15.07.2025 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:

Sl. No.	Item	Time schedule as per Original TCN	Time schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender online for bidding	Dr.23.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to Dr. 12.08.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Extended upto 5.00 PM of 06.06.2025
2	Date & time of seeking tender clarification if any	Dr.11.08.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dr.05.06.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.
3	Date & time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Dr.13.08.2025 At 11.00 A.M.	Dr.09.06.2025 At 11.00 A.M.
4	Date of Submission of original documents such as Bid Security, Copy of Bid document Affidavit, and this date should be not later than three working days after the opening of Technical Qualification part of the bid), Date & time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Dr.16.08.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders
5	Date & time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged. **Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Rayagada** **OIPR-25196/11/0027/2526**

राज्य स्वास्थ्य समिति, बिहार आवश्यक सूचना (विज्ञापन सं०-०२/२०२५) Regarding Document Verification राज्य स्वास्थ्य समिति, बिहार संविकाय संख्या ०२/२०२५ (PR No. 000734 (B&C) 2025-26 के द्वारा NHM अंतर्गत **Community Health Officer (CHO)** के संविदागत 4500 रिक्त पदों पर नियोजन हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों का Computer Based Test (CBT) दिनांक- 10 / 07 / 2025 को राज्य के विभिन्न जिलों के परीक्षा केंद्रों में आयोजित की गयी थी। उक्त CBT में उत्तीर्ण अभ्यर्थियों को कोटिदार रिक्ति के अनुरार सेवा क्रम में अधिकतम 1:1.5 के अनुपात में प्रमाण-पत्र सत्यापन हेतु आमंत्रित किया गया है। राज्य स्वास्थ्य समिति, बिहार के अधिकृत वेबसाइट- <https://shs.bihar.gov.in/> पर प्रकाशित सूची के अनुसार अभ्यर्थियों का प्रमाण-पत्र सत्यापन दिनांक 11.08.2025, 12.08.2025, 13.08.2025, 14.08.2025 एवं 18.08.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक दो बैथ में स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण संस्थान (SIHFV), शेखपुरा, पटना-14 में निर्धारित किया गया है। उ

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Spl.C.S./1544/2024
Sanjay Gopichand Jasuja Vs Chaman Lal Bhalla
NEXT DATE: 02-09-2025

To
Sheel Bhalla
FLAT/HOUSE NO.285, SFS RAJOURI APARTMENTS, MAYAPURI, NEW DELHI

Whereas **Sanjay Gopichand Jasuja** has instituted a suit against you for you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some persons able to answer all such questions, on the **02-09-2025 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon**, to answer the claim; and further you are hereby directed to file on that day a written statement of your defence and to produce on the said day all documents in your possession or power upon which you base your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, and where you rely on any other document whether in your possession or power or not, as evidence in support of your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, you shall enter such documents in a list to be annexed to the written statement.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **06-08-2025**

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2. If you admit the claim, you should pay the money into Court together with the costs of the suit, to avoid execution of the decree, which may be against your person or property, or both.

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No. 2
CIVIL COURT PUNE MAHARASHTRA
IN THE COURT OF Smt. S. N. Hurgat
18TH JOINT CJSD AND ADDL CJM PUNE, Pune City, Pune.

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT
OF ISSUES
(O.5, R. 1, 5.)

Spl.C.S./1544/2024
Sanjay Gopichand Jasuja Vs Chaman Lal Bhalla
NEXT DATE: 02-09-2025

To
Varsha Laxmi Kant
FLAT/HOUSE NO.285, SFS RAJOURI APARTMENTS, MAYAPURI, NEW DELHI

Whereas **Sanjay Gopichand Jasuja** has instituted a suit against you for you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some persons able to answer all such questions, on the **02-09-2025 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon**, to answer the claim; and further you are hereby directed to file on that day a written statement of your defence and to produce on the said day all documents in your possession or power upon which you base your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, and where you rely on any other document whether in your possession or power or not, as evidence in support of your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, you shall enter such documents in a list to be annexed to the written statement.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.~/S/AP/2025-26/ Date : 30.07.2025

E-AUCTION SALE PROGRAMME of SCRAP IN SECR

The auction Schedule Program for three months from **Sept-2025 to Nov-2025** is as under :-

[A] Sept - 2025

GSD/ Raipur	BSP/ Division	Raipur/ Division	Nagpur/ Division	GSD/ NGP
08.09.2025	03.09.2025	09.09.2025	10.09.2025	04.09.2025
16.09.2025	11.09.2025	17.09.2025	18.09.2025	12.09.2025
29.09.2025	24.09.2025	25.09.2025	26.09.2025	23.09.2025

[B] Oct - 2025

GSD/ Raipur	BSP/ Division	Raipur/ Division	Nagpur/ Division	GSD/ NGP
07.10.2025	06.10.2025	08.10.2025	09.10.2025	10.10.2025
14.10.2025	13.10.2025	15.10.2025	16.10.2025	17.10.2025
31.10.2025	29.10.2025	28.10.2025	30.10.2025	24.10.2025

[C] Nov - 2025

GSD/ Raipur	BSP/ Division	Raipur/ Division	Nagpur/ Division	GSD/ NGP
07.11.2025	04.11.2025	06.11.2025	10.11.2025	03.11.2025
17.11.2025	13.11.2025	14.11.2025	18.11.2025	12.11.2025
28.11.2025	25.11.2025	26.11.2025	27.11.2025	24.11.2025

Please visit website : www.irops.gov.in/e-Auction for details of e-Auction schedule and e-Catalogue.

Auction will start at 10:00 AM and may be continued next day, if considered necessary.

- Material shall be disposed off on "**as is where is basis**".
- Available at GSD/Raipur & Divisions at (Bilaspur, Nagpur and Raipur).
- Type of material: Scrap Rail, Cast Iron, P. Way Scrap, Melting, MS, condemned rolling stock, Non-Ferrous such as copper, Aluminum, Batteries and abandoned structure etc.
- For detailed Auction catalogue, please see the Website : www.irops.gov.in/e-Auction.

AMM-II, For Principal Chief Material Manager, S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur

CPR/10/214

South East Central Railway @secrail

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender for the under noted work :

1	Tender Notice No.	RT232-EI-EMU-WC-09-24-25
2	Name of the work	Provision of installation of CCTV Camera for surveillance, avoiding theft, miscreant, fire and monitoring maintenance Activities in EMU Car Shed GZB.
3	Tender cost	NIL
4	Approximate cost	Rs. 32.83,430.53 inclusive of GST
5	Earnest Money	Rs. 65,700.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
6	Completion period	12 Months
7	Validity of offer	60 days
8	Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website	08.08.2025 14:53 Hrs.
9	Date & Time from tender submission start and end	18.08.2025 to 01.09.2025 11:00 Hrs.
10	Tender closing Date & Time	01.09.2025 11:00 Hrs.
11	Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)	01.09.2025 11:00 Hrs.

Note 1 : All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the tender. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void". **Note 2 :** Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/up loaded. Tender Notice is available on website of www.irops.gov.in No. RT232-EI-EMU-WC-09-24-25 Date : 08.08.2025 2430/2025

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल बोकारो

शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या:- 16/RI/2024-25/RWD/EE/BOKARO दिनांक – 24.07.2025 जो समाचार पत्रों में पी0आर0नं0-358166 Rural Work Department (25-26)# D के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा के कमांक सं0 (2) वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 29.07.2025 के स्थान पर तिथि :- 12.08.2025, कमांक सं0 (3) ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि :- 08.08.2025 के स्थान पर तिथि :- 21.08.2025, कमांक सं0 (4) निविदा खोलने की तिथि :- 11.08.2025 के स्थान पर तिथि :- 23.08.2025 पढ़ा जाय एवं अन्य शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगे।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो
PR 359174 (Rural Development)25-26*D

AGRA SMART CITY LIMITED
AGRA NAGAR NIGAM, AGRA

Advertisement No: 391/ASCL/2025-26 Dated: 07/08/2025

Aggra Smart City Limited (ASCL) is seeking suitably qualified people to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the following vacancy:

Designation	No. of Posts	Minimum Qualifications	Minimum Experience	Monthly Salary
Public Engagement Officer	01	Post graduate degree in mass communication/ journalism/social work/ development studies from a recognized university or institute	• Minimum 5 years of professional experience in public relations / corporate communication / Media Management / Journalism. Candidates having some experience of working with any government organization will be preferred. • Experience of managing Social Media for any organization is essential. • Ability to draft clearly and concisely, ideas and concepts in written and oral form; specific skills in writing press releases and articles/stories for print and electronic media; • Ability to synthesize diverse information and preparing high quality, professional and timely reports; • Self-driven with a high degree of responsiveness and proactivity • Excellent communication and inter personal skills	45K - 60K

HOW TO APPLY
Candidates fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria must:
1. Fill employment form along terms and conditions available on following link. <https://agramartcity.in/careers/>
2. Send fully filled employment form, complete CV and contact details to: growthmodeconsulting@gmail.com kalyani@growthmode.co.in mrk@growthmode.co.in agramartcitylimited@gmail.com

LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:
22nd August 2025 by 5 p.m.
FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS KINDLY CONTACT:
Growthmode Consulting Limited
+91 8008804997, +91 8008804991, +91 9346673068
Company Secretary
Aggra Smart City Limited
Aggra

Metro Railway, Kolkata

Corrigendum-1 against
Open Tender Notice No. S&T/Works/27-2025
Name of Works : S&T work in connection with alteration of yard layout at Sahid Khudiram Station of Metro Railway, Kolkata. The tender closing date remain unchanged and details to be viewed on www.irops.gov.in

NIT Header	Item Modified	
Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Earnest Money (INR)	52500.00	50000.00
Advertise value (INR)	2624899.15	2501122.15

NIT Schedule

Code	Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Schedule-A Item 16	Item Description	"Supply of half size apparatus case (As per as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/S-11507). This includes supply of location box (GKP type) with 'E' type lock & key, fitted on location door on both side, E Type lock (ward No will be specified by Engineer-in Charge) as per RDSO Drg. No. SA 3376 and Key to Drg. No. 3377 as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/S-11507. Inspection: (i) RITES if value of item in work more than 5 lakhs or as per extant policy (ii) Consignee subject to procurement from RECOMMENDED LIST OF FIRMS FOR MECHANICAL SIGNALLING ITEMS if value of whole item in work less than 5 lakhs or as per extant policy.	"Supply of half size apparatus case (As per as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/S-11507). This includes supply of location box (GKP type) with 'E' type lock & key, fitted on location door on both side, E Type lock (ward No will be specified by Engineer-in Charge) as per RDSO Drg. No. SA 3376 and Key to Drg. No. 3377 as per RDSO drawing No. RDSO/S 11507. Inspection: Consignee subject to procurement from RECOMMENDED LIST OF FIRMS FOR MECHANICAL SIGNALLING ITEMS."
Schedule-A Item 28	Item Description	"Supply, Fabrication and Fixing of Retro reflective Nomenclature Board of size 254 mm x 358 mm made of 2mm thick aluminium sheet & high intensity prismatic (hip) grade retro reflective sheet (TYPE -IV) including fixing arrangement for fixing them on existing post per DRG. NO. S&T/SDAH/SK-1386 and as per standard practice. Inspection: (i)RDSO/RITES if value of item in work more than 5 lakhs. (ii) Consignee subject to procurement from RDSO approved vendors if value of whole item in work less than 5 lakhs as per extant instructions by Railway Board."	"Supply, Fabrication and Fixing of Retro reflective Nomenclature Board of size 254 mm x 358 mm made of 2mm thick aluminium sheet & high intensity prismatic (hip) grade retro reflective sheet (TYPE -IV) including fixing arrangement for fixing them on existing post per DRG. NO. S&T/SDAH/SK-1386 and as per standard practice. Inspection: Consignee subject to procurement from RDSO approved vendors.
Schedule-A Item 30	Item Description	"Supply of Fuse auto changeover system for use in Railway Signalling System as per RDSO/SPN/209 /2012 Ver.2.0 with latest amendments. One Automatic Changeover Unit comprise 32 nos. of external Non-Deteriorating Type or 'G' type fuses from 0.6 Amp to 4 Amp capacities which are in signalling circuits. System shall have 8 cards with monitoring arrangement of 4 fuses in one card. Inspection: (i) RDSO/RITES; if value of item in work more than 5 lakhs (ii) Consignee; subject to procurement from RDSO approved vendors if value of whole item in work less than 5 lakhs or as per extant policy."	"Supply of Fuse auto changeover system for use in Railway Signalling System as per RDSO/SPN/209 /2012 Ver.2.0 with latest amendments. One Automatic Changeover Unit comprise 32 nos. of external Non Deteriorating Type or 'G' type fuses from 0.6 Amp to 4 Amp capacities which are in signalling circuits. System shall have 8 cards with monitoring arrangement of 4 fuses in one card. Inspection: Consignee."
Schedule-A Item 34	Item Description	"Supply of 1 x 16 Sq.mm. (Red/Black/Green as per requirement) multi strand copper power wire with lug as per IS: 694:2010 or latest, 126 conductor each dia 0.40mm +/- 0.01 with insulation thickness of 1.0 mm and nominal conductor resistance of 1.21 ohms/km and test parameters as per RDSO Specn.No.IRS:S 76/89(Amm.d.3) or latest. Color of the wire which is required will be specified by the Engineer incharge. Inspection: (i) RDSO/RITES if value of item in work more than 5 lakhs(ii) Consignee subject to procurement from RDSO approved vendors if value of whole item in work less than 5 lakhs as per extant instructions by Railway Board."	"Supply of 1 x 16 Sq.mm. (Red/Black/Green as per requirement) multi strand copper power wire with lug as per IS: 694:2010 or latest, 126 conductor each dia 0.40mm +/- 0.01 with insulation thickness of 1.0 mm and nominal conductor resistance of 1.21 ohms/km and test parameters as per RDSO Specn.No.IRS:S 76/89(Amm.d.3) or latest. Color of the wire which is required will be specified by the Engineer incharge. Inspection: Consignee subject to procurement from RDSO approved vendors.
Schedule-A Item 35	Item Description	"Releasing of signaling cables/Quad cable of all types of core sizes. Note: This include transportation of all released cables to Railway store at Noapara Carshed." Inspection Consignee	"Releasing of signaling cables/Quad cable of all types of core sizes. Note- This include transportation of all released cables to Railway store at Noapara Carshed."
Schedule-A Item 49	Item Description	New programming of EPROM at KSKD MSDAC ACE. Inspection(Consignee)	New programming of EPROM at KSKD MSDACACE.
Schedule-A Item 49	Item Qty	4	2
Schedule-A Item 54	Item Sl. No.	55	54

Conditions

S.No.	Condition Type	Description	Confirmation Required	Remarks Allowed	Docs. Upload
1	Special Condition	Payment shall be made on account basis for the work done during 02 Months as certified by SSE/Sig/KKVS/IC, Metro Railway, Kolkata, Invoice in Duplicate and Challan in Triplicate to be submitted. Inspection Certificate issued by consignee/RDSO/3rd party as applicable to be submitted.	No	No	Not Allowed
2	Special Condition	Measurement Book - will be filled by SSE/Sig/KKVS/IC and 20 % test check will be made by ASTE/SSTE.	No	No	Not Allowed

Documents

Sl. No.	Document Description	File Name
1	GCC 2022 with CS upto 10	GCCwithcorrectionslipupto10.pdf
2	Tender Document	TDforKSKDyardalteration27-2025.pdf
3	KSKD SIP	KSKDAPPSIP.pdf

NIT Condition

S.No.	Condition Type	Description
1	Special Condition	Payment shall be made on account basis for the work done during 09 Months as certified by SSE/Sig/O&M/IC, Metro Railway, Kolkata, Invoice in Duplicate and Challan in Triplicate to be submitted. Inspection Certificate issued by consignee/RDSO/3rd party as applicable to be submitted.
2	Special Condition	Measurement Book - will be filled by SSE/Sig/O&M/IC and 20 % test check will be made by ASTE/SSTE.

NIT Schedule

S.No.	Code	Item Description
1	Schedule-A Item 54	"Dismantling/Releasing of the existing outdoor signalling items such as CLS unit with posts along with base & ladder including calling on, A marker, dependent shunt if any/lever frames (5 levers set)/battery box with equipment/location box with equipment/block instruments/ domino panel/point machines /mechanical point/ATC/DAC/Relay rack with relays/CT Rack, etc. All these unit will be counted as one no. along with their accessories. This includes the cost of transportation of released material from site to Railway Scrap Depot/Noapara Signal Store or consignee store. Note: 1) Before start of the dismantling, a detailed list of the materials which are to be dismantled to pe prepared & handed over to the site engineer. 2) It also includes dismantling of S&T gears at IB hut & LC gates in that block section if exists and other equipment as instructed by the Site Engineer."Inspection Consignee.

Tender Documents

Sl. No.	File Name	Document Description
1	TDforKSKDyardalteration 27-20251.pdf	Tender Document

Dy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Sig

MOU—INDIAN COAST GUARD

Indian Coast Guard & Indian Rubber Materials Research Institute signed a MoU recently at Coast Guard HQs, New Delhi, for collaboration with an aim to promote indigenisation of specialised marine rubber & composite products. The MoU was signed by IG Sudhir Sahni, TM, DDG (MM), Indian Coast Guard & Dr. K Rajkumar, Director, IRMRI in the august presence of JS, DPIIT, Sanjiv.



PROGRAM—BIS

A special awareness program was organized by the BIS at the District Collectorate Office, Gopeshwar (Chamoli), recently. The objective of the program was to make district level officers & departmental personnel aware of Indian Standards (IS Standards) & to promote compliance with BIS standards to ensure quality & public safety in their areas of work.

SUPPLY—SAIL

SAIL continues to play its pivotal role in defence indigenization by supplying critical-grade steel for INS Ajay, launched by GRSE & INS Nistar, commissioned by HSL in July, 2025. SAIL has supplied the entire quantity of special DMR grade steel plates for INS Ajay ensuring structural integrity & stealth performance. INS Ajay is the eighth & final vessel in the indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.



MOU—NBCC

NBCC & the Department of Posts have signed a MoU to transform dormant postal lands into bustling modern hubs of development. The MoU was signed by Parimal Sinha, DDG (Estates & MM, DoP & Pradeep Sharma, ED (Engg.), NBCC in the august presence of Jitendra Gupta, DG DoP, KP Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC, Dr. Suman Kumar, Dir.(Commercial) NBCC & the senior officials from both side were also present.

MOU—BANK OF BARODA

BOB has signed a MoU with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to provide a customised web-based payment solution – 'FSSAI Payment Solution'. The MoU was signed by Cdr S Aggarwal, Dir, FSSAI, & Ms. Mini TM, CGM & Zonal Head, New Delhi Zone, BoB, in the presence of Ms. Rachna Mishra, GM, Govt Relationship, M.V.S Sudhakar, DGM (Business Development), Baljeet Singh, DGM, Govt Relationship, New Delhi, SK Ojha, DGM & RM, South Delhi Region & MK Mishra, DD, FSSAI.



SWACHHATA DRIVE—DELHI TRANSCO LTD.

Delhi Transco has not only been successfully illuminating National Capital but has always been on forefront for its social obligations. In its initiatives to keep its offices & other establishments clean and garbage free; Delhi Transco will conduct month long Swachhata Drive from 1st August 2025 to 31st August 2025. This Drive was started by Shurbir Singh, CMD – Delhi Transco Ltd.

VISIT—FLAG FOUNDATION

Maj Gen Ashim Kohli, SM (Retd) & CEO of FLAG FOUNDATION OF INDIA recently visited Udaipur Military Station to install a monumental flag at the entrance of Udaipur Military Station, Ahmedabad - Udaipur highway.



SENIOR—TROIKAA PHARMACEUTICALS

In a recent Seminar Dr. Ketan R. Patel, Chairman of Troikaa Pharmaceuticals states that it's a company that has consistently delivered globally recognized innovations designed to elevate the standard of care for patients. "Innovation is not a milestone for us—it is a mindset," says Dr. Patel. Millions of patients have benefited from this innovative patented offering over the years.major objectives of MoU.

CORPORATE BRIEFS



CONSULTANCY SERVICES—WAPCOS

A delegation from Uzbekistan, led by Sadillaev Shokhruhai Sharofovich, Director of JSC "Bukhoro Suv Taminoti", called on RK Agrawal, CMD, WAPCOS. The Company is currently providing consultancy services in Bukhara Region for "Detailed Design and Estimate Documentation for Sewerage System Construction works" under the Bukhara Region Water Supply & Sewerage Project funded by AIB. The discussions were focused on the ongoing project implementation progress & possibilities of future collaboration. Sharofovich expressed his appreciation on the current progress of work being carried out by WAPCOS.

BOOK FAIR—ITPO

Smt. Rekha Gupta, CM, NCT of Delhi inaugurated the Delhi Book Fair (August 6-10, 2025) Hall No 12 &12A, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Present on the occasion were Kapil Mishra, M/o Art, Culture & Language, NCT of Delhi, PS Kharola CMD, ITPO, N Gupta, President, FIP P Lal, ED, ITPO, Lt. Col. H Kondilya, OSD, ITPO & senior government officials.



MEETING—BSNL

M/o Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, chaired a review meeting with BSNL's CGMs in New Delhi. This high-level meeting, convened, reviewed BSNL's operational progress, addressed regional challenges, & outlined the strategy ahead for the company's network & service delivery. Alsoin attendance were MoS Communications Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, & other senior DoT officials.



MEETING—INDIAN OIL

The 52 nd meeting of the Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Panipat, was organized at the Community Centre of the Refinery Township. The meeting was presided over by ML Dahriya, ED & Refinery Head, Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex (PRPC), Indian Oil. The meeting was graced by several dignitaries on the dais, including Kumar Pal Sharma, Joint Director (Implementation), Department of Official Language, M/o Home Affairs, GOI; Sudhir Kumar Jha, ED, NFL; Sharad Agrawal, CGM & RH, NR Pipelines; Om Prakash, CGM (HR); & Sanjay Kumar, GM (Employee Services). The program commenced with the Official Language song and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dr. AC Jha, Member Secretary, welcomed all guests.



INT'L FOOTWEAR FAIR—ITPO

Featuring India's export prowess in the leather, non-leather and allied industries, the ITPO is holding the ninth edition of India International Footwear Fair in Hall 5GF and Hall 6 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from August 6 to 8, 2025. The event is being organized in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Footwear Industry (CIFI).



COLLABORATION—PHDDCI

In a significant interaction aimed at strengthening public-private collaboration in the infrastructure sector, the leadership of the PHDDCI met with Nitin Gadkari, M/o Road Transport & Highways. The delegation, led by H Jain, President, & Dr. R Mehta, SG, held detailed discussions with the Minister on key issues pertaining to India's transport & logistics ecosystem, including the need for accelerated green mobility solutions, and greater industry engagement in highway & expressway projects.



PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused persons Namely **Anuprag Aggarwal S/o Satish Aggarwal R/o D-36 Gali No. 8 Jyoti Colony Shahdara, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 232/19 U/s 174 A IPC PS: Shahdara, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Anuprag Aggarwal** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Anuprag Aggarwal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Anuprag Aggarwal** accused of **FIR No. 232/19 U/s 174 A IPC PS: Shahdara, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **11.11.2025**.

DP/10080/SHD/2025
(Court Matter)

By Order
Ms. Swati Sharma
C.J.M., Room No. 59
Karkardooma Court Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Person namely, **Rohit @ Chinu, S/o: Sh. Ajeet Kumar, R/o: H. No. 1111, B- Block, Sec-28, Rohini, Delhi,** (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 3945/2019, U/s 379/411/34 IPC,** registered at **P.S.: North Rohini, Delhi,** and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused, **Rohit @ Chinu,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused, **Rohit @ Chinu,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Rohit @ Chinu, FIR No. 3945/2019, U/s 379/411/34 IPC,** registered at **P.S.: North Rohini, Delhi,** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.10.2025**.

By Order
Ms. Ebbani Aggarwal, LD.
Judicial Magistrate First Class-03
North-West, Room No. 107, First Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10539/RD/2025
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Neeraj, S/o Maman Singh R/o Pipeline ke pass, Gali No. 5, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.292/2011, u/s 380/511/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Neeraj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Neeraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Neeraj** of **FIR No.292/2011, u/s 380/511/34 IPC, P.S. Shahdara, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.09.2025**.

By Order
Ms. Swati Sharma
Chief Judicial Magistrate, Room No. 59
Third Floor, Shahdara District
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/10053/SHD/2025

POWER GRID has announced unaudited financial results for Q1FY26 ended 30th June 2025. For Q1FY26, on standalone basis company has reported PAT of Rs. 3,653 Cr. & Total Income of Rs.11,257 Cr. registering a YoY growth of 7% and 4% respectively. On consolidated basis, company has reported PAT of Rs. 3,631 Cr. & Total Income of Rs.11,444 Cr.The Company incurred a Capital Expenditure of Rs. 6,981 Cr. & capitalized assets worth Rs. 1,683 Cr. (excluding FERV & including assets capitalized as finance lease) on consolidated basis till Q1FY26. **POWERGRID's** Gross Fixed Assets on consolidated basis stood at Rs. 2,92,446 Cr. (including Gross Lease Receivables) as on June 30, 2025.

HUDCO The HUDCO Board of Directors in its meeting held recently approved the financial results for the first quarter of FY26 wherein HUDCO continued to record outstanding performance. Loan Sanctions stood at Rs. 34,224 Cr as against Rs 14,097 Crore which is an increase of 143% (YoY) and the highest ever Q1 loan sanction. Highest ever PAT of Rs 630.23 crore is an increase of 13% in the Q1FY26 against Rs 557.75 crore in Q1FY25.

PNB Global Business grew by 11.6% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.27,19,276 Cr as on June'25 from Rs. 24,36,929 Cr as on June'24.Global Deposits registered a growth of 12.9% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.15,89,379 Cr as on June'25 from Rs.14,08,247 Cr as on June'24. Global Advances increased by 9.8% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.11,29,898 Cr as on June'25 from Rs.10,28,682 Cr as on June'24.CD Ratio stood at 71.09% as on June'25 as against 71.28% in March'25.GNPA ratio improved by 120 bps on Y-o-Y basis to 3.78% as on June'25 from 4.98% as on June'24. NNPA ratio improved by 22 bps on Y-o-Y basis to 0.38% as on June'25 from 0.60% as on June'24.

NTPC Renewable Energy Limited has emerged as the successful bidder in the e-reverse auction conducted by the SECI on August 4, 2025 for the full capacity of 70,000 metric tonnes per annum (MT/Year) of Green Ammonia. This is part of SECI's larger tender for a total of 7.24 lakh MT/Year of Green Ammonia, spread across 13 locations in India.

BLS International Services Ltd., an Indian multi-national corporation & a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, announced its consolidated financial results for thequarter ended 30 th June 2025. BLS International's Revenue multiplied 4.6x in the last 5 years from Rs. 478 Crores in FY21 to Rs. 2,193 Crores in FY25 while its Operating Profit multiplied 15.3x in the same period from Rs. 41 Crores in FY21 to Rs. 629 Crores in FY25. improvement in operating margins from 8.5% in FY21 to 28.7% in FY25 underscores the company's prudent financial management and successful execution of growth strategies.

CITI The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry feels that the latest US tariff announcement on July 31 has made more difficult what was already a challenging situation for India's textile & apparel exporters and expects the government to come to the aid of the sector during this trying period. CITI is of the view that the government facilitating the availability of raw material at internationally competitive prices would prove a valuable support to the textile sector in this regard.

Sarla Chopra D.A.V. Public School, Noida organized a counseling session on the topic "Together Against Bullying" initiated by Ms.Savita Yadav (Psychology teacher) with Class VIII students.The session aimed to sensitize students to human emotions & make the school campus bullying-free.The primary objective of the session was to promote empathy & understanding among students & create a safe & supportive environment in the school.Students learned about bullying & its adverse effects through various activities.They shared their experiences and apologized to their fellow students.



PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Regd office: PSEB Head office, The Mall Patiala)
Corporate Identity Number: U-410PB2010SGC33813
Website: www.pspcl.in, (Contact Number 96461-07151)

Tender Inquiry No. 668/GHTP/EMC/SSMC-181/Vol-VIII Dated 8-08-2025.

Dy. Chief Engineer/Electrical Maintenance Circle, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat, invites e-tender for Hotline (online) washing of 220 KV & 66 KV insulator strings, porcelain portion of switchyard equipment i.e. CTs, PTs, Breakers, Isolators etc. installed at 220 KV Substation, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat as per detailed Scope of work mentioned in the technical specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 13/08/2025 from 11:00 am onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>

No. 2127/PB GHTP-64/25

NASHIK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, Sharanpur Road, Nashik - 422002

Solide Waste Management Department

E-Tender Notice No.05/2025-26

Name of Work:- Service of sweeping and cleaning of roads, Public and Community toilets, River bank, Auditoriums and NMC school Toilets in NMC area of 875 sweepers.

Interested tenderers should visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> for detailed information.

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दि.०९/०८/२०२५

Sd/-
Commissioner / Administrator,
Nashik Municipal Corporation

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Neeraj, S/o Ram Narayan R/o YK Jhuggi Camp, Yamuna Khadar, Near Hanuman Mandir, Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.336/2017 u/s 354D/341/366/354B/376(2) (NJ)/506/120B/34 IPC and 6/12 POC SO Act, P.S. Mayur Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Neeraj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Neeraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Neeraj** of **FIR No.336/2017 u/s 354D/341/366/354B/376(2) (NJ)/506/120B/34 IPC and 6/12 POC SO Act, P.S. Mayur Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.09.2025**.

By Order,
Ms. Colette Rashmi Kujur
Addl. Session Judge-06 (East), Special Judge-POCSO Act, Room No.77
DP/10485/ED/2025 Sixth floor, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused persons Namely **Ritik Gupta S/o Lt Sh. Surya Kant Gupta R/o G-262 Gali No.-4 Shastri Marg Chhajpur Welcome, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 80019664/24, U/s 380/411/ 34 IPC PS: Shahdara, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ritik Gupta** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ritik Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ritik Gupta** accused of **FIR No. 80019664/24, U/s 380/411/ 34 IPC PS: Shahdara, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.12.2025**.

By Order
Ms. Swati Sharma
C.J.M., Room No. 59
Karkardooma Court Delhi

DP/10048/SHD/2025
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 CrPC)

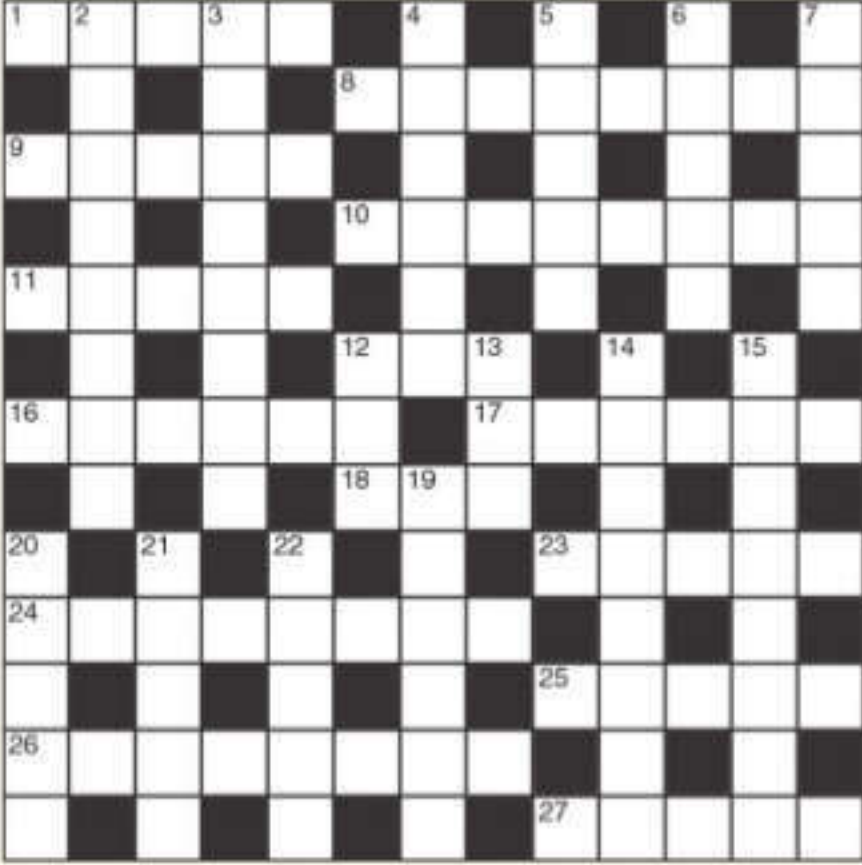
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Devendar @ Dev S/o Duli Chand, R/o H.No.-46, J-3, Neem Chowk Veer Bazar, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 17/2022, U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC, PS Sunlight Colony, South-East Distt., Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Devendar @ Dev** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Devendar @ Dev** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant); Proclamation is hereby made that **Devendar @ Dev** the said accused of **FIR No. 17/2022, U/S 457/380/411/34 IPC, PS Sunlight Colony, South-East Distt., Delhi,** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.09.2025**.

By Order
Ms.Aditi Rao
Judicial Magistrate First Class-07,
South-East Distt, Room No.-508,
Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi

DP/10598/SE/2025
(Court Matter)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM				
SRL No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NET NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH
1	HVPNL	NET NO.29/CWD-2/VOL-XXIX/HVPNL/2025-26 DATED 07.07.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.2025_HBC_456779_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 08.08.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 20.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvgn.org.in
2	HVPNL	NET NO.30/CWD-2/VOL-XXIX/HVPNL/2025-26 DATED 07.07.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.2025_HBC_456781_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 08.08.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 20.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvgn.org.in
3	HVPNL	NET NO.130/EP-C-130/PO&C DATED 02.07.2025	"CORRIGENDUM-2 /EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 22.08.2025 UPTO 17:00 HRS & 07.08.2025 (FOR PUBLISHING)"	www.hvgn.org.in
4	HVPNL	NET NO. 132/EP-C-132/PO&C DATED 09.07.2025	"CORRIGENDUM-1 /EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 18.08.2025 UPTO 17:00 HRS & 07.08.2025 (FOR PUBLISHING)"	www.hvgn.org.in
5	HVPNL	NET NO.11/CWG/HVPNL/2025-26 DATED-25.07.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2025_HBC_461085_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 07.08.2025 (17:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (EARNEST MONEY FOR GEN. RS. 17700/- & FOR SOCIETY RS. 8850/-) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvgn.org.in
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.ctenders.hry.nic.in				No. 37502/HRY

CROSSWORD 5750



- ACROSS
- 1 They describe one's times at school (5)
- 8 A worker interrupted by ecstatic non-worker (8)
- 9 Untrue statement about essential part of diet (5)
- 10 One in jam here sadly is a doleful character (8)
- 11 There's a great deal to succeeding in this game (5)
- 12 A ship as a means of transport (3)
- 16 Display well started (3,3)
- 17 They hold an alternative supposition (6)
- 18 How to judge an effort (3)
- 23 Move south along shore to get to bay perhaps (5)
- 24 Abuse found in rapid dispensing of medicine (8)
- 25 Actor's instruction to play 'As You Like It' (2-3)
- 26 Something to read in the powder room (8)
- 27 Those taken for trips? (5)
- DOWN
- 2 Growth of conciliation upset workers — a bad sign (4,4)
- 3 Battle remembered in the long run (8)
- 4 Loosened bosses' grip (6)
- 5 Fifty always turn up for a feast (5)
- 6 Reportedly remained sober (5)
- 7 Held out for capital (5)
- 12 Twelve inches short behind (3)
- 13 A pen carried by most youngsters (3)
- 14 Instrument produced by one making an entry (8)
- 15 Understanding it's mean (8)
- 19 Centre to be rebuilt in modern style (6)
- 20 Wild emus start to paddle in the foam (5)
- 21 A lighter push (5)
- 22 Stagger out of a labyrinth (5)

Solutions Crossword 5749 Across: 1 Aftertaste, 6 Shop, 10 Mamba, 11 Parachute, 12 Fatheads, 13 Oasis, 15 Coyotes, 17 Platoon, 19 Inroads, 21 Creator, 22 Endue, 24 Carolina, 27 Topiarist, 28 Ivory, 29 List, 30 Aggregates. Down: 1 Arms, 2 Tom Sawyer, 3 Reach, 4 Appeals, 5 Turns up, 7 Hours, 8 Pleasantry, 9 Accolade, 14 Accidental, 16 Trade gap, 18 Out and out, 20 Sacking, 21 Curator, 23 Dupes, 25 Lying, 26 Dyes

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. There has never been a _____ from which a country has benefited. - Sun Tzu (10,3)

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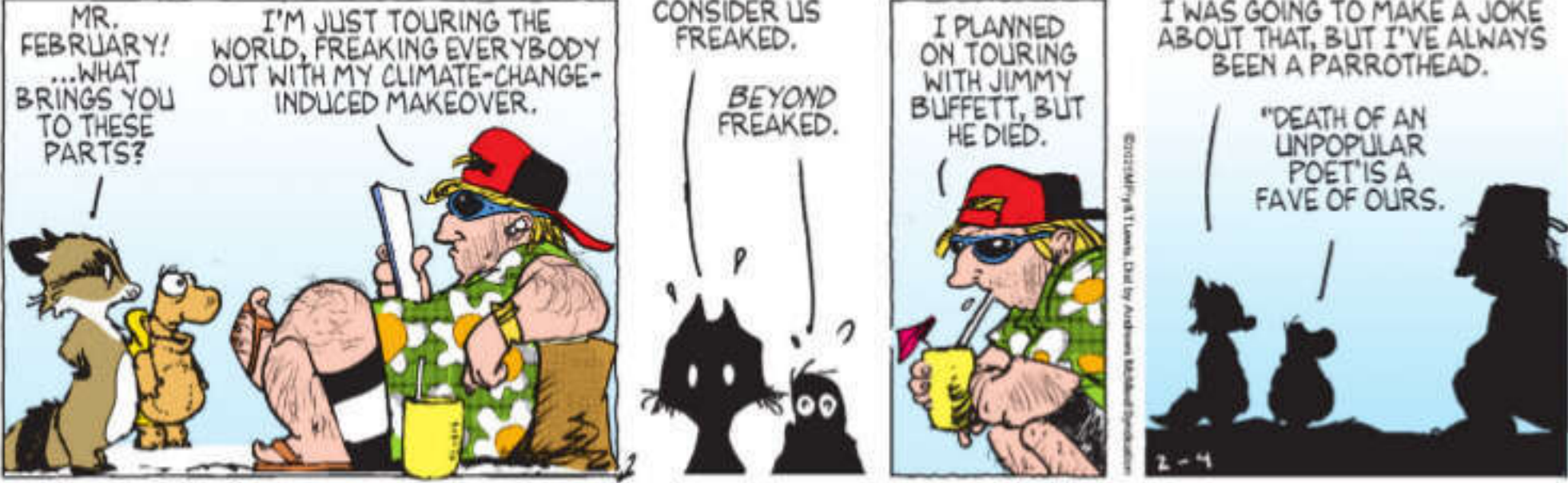
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EWORR

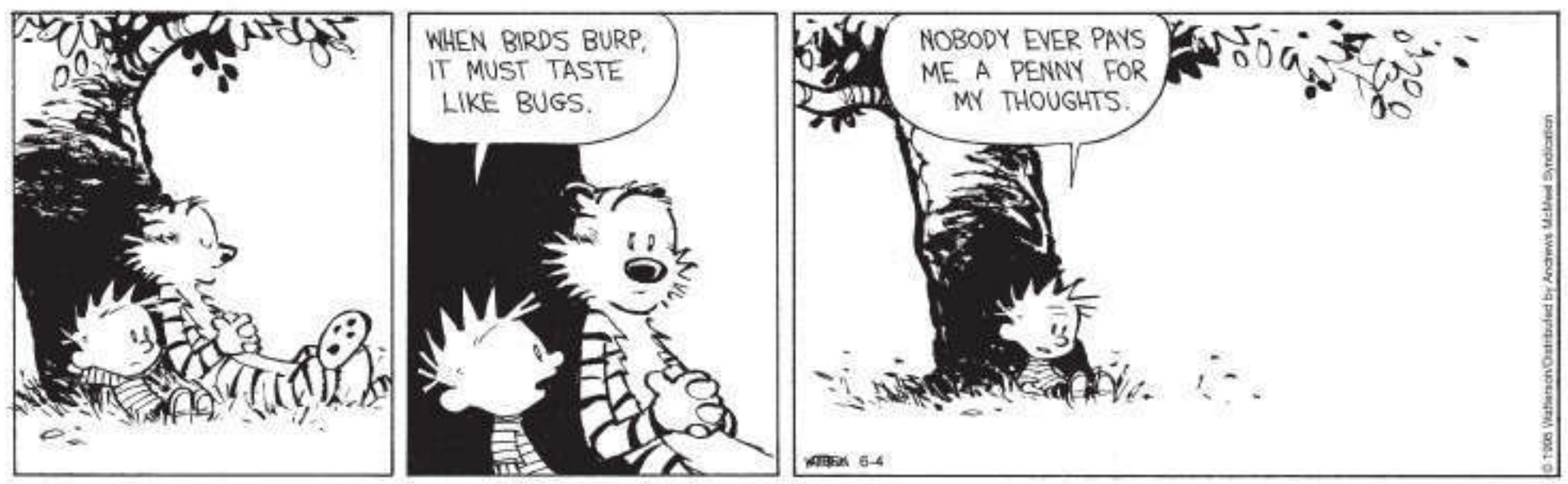
AERDPW

Solution: ARENA, ROWER, COTTON, WARPED

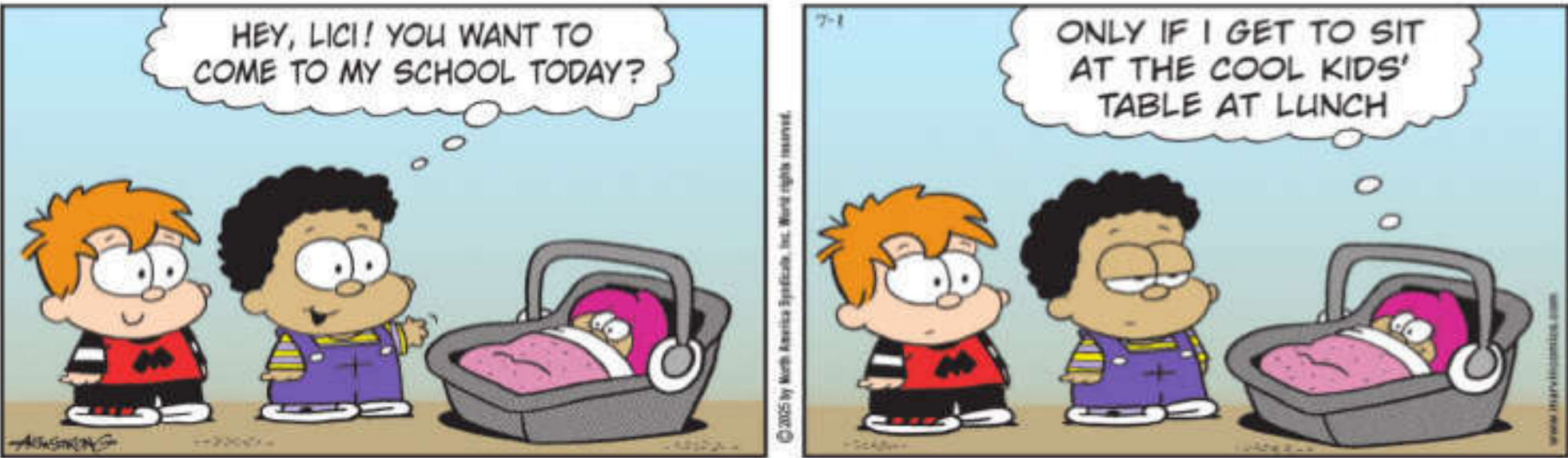
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 6041

Difficulty Level 4s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 6040

5 3 9 6 1 8 2 7 4

6 1 4 2 3 7 9 8 5

7 8 2 4 9 5 3 6 1

4 6 8 7 2 1 5 9 3

3 7 1 5 4 9 8 2 6

9 2 5 8 6 3 1 4 7

8 9 6 1 5 4 7 3 2

1 4 7 3 8 2 6 5 9

2 5 3 9 7 6 4 1 8

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Traffic (Com) Department, 2nd Floor, Shanthinagar TTM, K.H. Road, Bengaluru-560027. Telephone No: 080-22537575

Website : www.mybmtc.com e-mail : ctmc@mybmtc.com

No. BMTCCO:TR:COM1801:2044 :2025-26 Dated:08.08.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 20/2025-26 (e-Procurement Platform)

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the interested Persons/Agency for Fuel Outlet opening in the various location of BMTCC (Depot-10, Vacant Land at Roopena Agrahara near Silk Board & Vacant land at M.S.Palya in front of Depot-45) bus stand through e-procurement platform.

Date of Pre-Bid meeting: 13.08.2025 at 11:00hrs Place: Mini-Meeting hall, 4th Floor, Central Office, BMTCC, Shanthinagar.

Last date & time for submission of bids is on: 25.08.2025 up to 17:00hrs

Opening of Technical bids is on: 26.08.2025 at 17:05hrs

Opening of Financial bids is on: To be intimated later

Further details in this regard can be obtained in the e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or by Contacting: 09240214000; 09240214001; 080-22483777 or 7760997519 & 7760991222. E-mail: ctmc@mybmtc.com

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com) (Tender inviting Authority)

RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT, JODHPUR

Notice Inviting Tender

No. HC/SK/Procurement/2025-26/16 Dated 30.07.2025

Bids for Rate Contract for Annual Comprehensive Maintenance (AMC) of Garden/Lawns, Hedges, Shrubs, Plants and Potted Plants etc., in the office premises at Rajasthan High Court Jodhpur, High Court Guest House (C-30 & C-42), Secretariat of Office of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Secretariat of Office of Hon'ble the Administrative Judge at Jodhpur and Maintenance of Dense Forestation Area at RHC, Jodhpur are invited from interested bidders upto 20.08.2025. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and <https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>) of the state and departmental website <https://bsraj.nic.in> (Estimated Annual Cost of Tender is Rs. 1,21,00,000/-)

UBN No. RHC 2526SLRC00016

Sd/- Registrar (Classification-II)

DIPRC/C/11045/2025

STATE BLOOD TRANSFUSION COUNCIL, ODISHA

Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha

Ground Floor Heads of Department Building Unit-V Bhubaneswar

No-668/DBS/PROC (SBTC)/TEND/03/2025/Bhubaneswar Dated:08/08/2025

Addendum to RFP No-555/DBS/PROC (SBTC)/TEND/03/2025 dated-19-07-2025

The clarifications / modifications / amendment against RFP No. 555/DBS/PROC (SBTC)/TEND/03/2025 dated-19-07-2025 published in the Newspapers viz "The Times of India, Indian Express, The Samaj and The Sambad for selection of participants for exchange of surplus plasma in the State are hereby made in detail Govt. web site www.odisha.gov.in for information of all concerned.

Sd/- Director Blood Safety

Ex-officio Director SBTC

OIPR-10234/11/0003/2526

ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

प्लॉट नं० - 1 रौल्लर कंटी-4, ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी, गौतमबुद्ध मार्ग - 201308, २०१०८ वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in, ई-नेट: authority@gnida.in

पत्रांक: स्वा.वि. / 2025 / 1825 दिनांक: 08.08.2025

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

प्रमारी (निविदा सेल), ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नोएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-स्वा.वि. / 2025 / 1824, दि. 08.08.2025 के माध्यम से कार्य की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा की समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं ई-पोर्टल <https://tender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइट देखते रहें।

कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल अनुमानित लागत

Selection of NGO/AWO for Sterilization of Stray Dogs in Greater Noida To be quoted by Bidder

उक्त कार्य की निविदा दिनांक 11.08.2025 से 18.08.2025 को 17:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। उक्त कार्य की ई-निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन बिड दिनांक 20.08.2025 को 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्रमारी वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (पौखाल)

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:

S. N. Tender No. Brief Description Qty. Closing Date

01 07250201 Ball Joint Traction Lever for Fiat Bogie 14086 Nos. 04.09.25

02 09252720 Top Side Bearer Lateral 8640 Nos. 05.09.25

03 09252471 Rubber Buffer Spring 6350 Set 08.09.25

04 16254508A Ceramic Resistor 35 Nos. 08.09.25

05 08245784 Supply Of Digital Axle Counter 24 Set 15.09.25

06 07253461 Yaw Damper For Lhb Coaches 4724 Nos. 22.09.25

07 07251067 Axle Box Housing 3714 Nos. 22.09.25

08 09252220 Distributor Valve Including Adaptor 454 Nos. 24.09.25

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

Tender Notice No. 38/2025-2026 Dated: 08/08/2025

SERVING CUSTOMER WITH A SMILE 2431/2025

कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता, सानिनि जिला खण्ड-प्रथम बीकानेर

क्रमांक :- 963 दिनांक :- 30.07.2025

Notice Inviting Bid - : 14/2025-26

Bid for the Purchase of various testing Major, advanced, General apparatus (Lab equipments) are invited from interested bidders upto 04.08.2025 (09:30 AM) to 12.08.2025 (06:00 PM) & Open date 13.08.2025 (11:00 AM), other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal <http://www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in> & <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> of the state and departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 406.66 Lakh.

UBN No. 1. PWD2526WSOB08540

2. PWD 2526WSOB08541

3. PWD 2526WSOB08542

DIPRC/11077/2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Distt. Dn-i, Bikaner

कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक हरियाणा

राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत

अल्पकालिक निविदा

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत के महाप्रबंधक द्वारा पुराने बस स्टैंड गनीर को बिल्डिंग को लेहने तथा उसके बाद को सामग्री / बचाई गई सामग्री के निपटन के लिए सीलबंद कोटेशन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए, सीलबंद कोटेशन को दिनांक 14/08/2025 सां 3:00 बजे तक बस स्टैंड सोनीपत के कार्यालय में जमा करवाए जा सकते हैं। इस प्रकार जमा करवाए गए टेंडर बिडि 19/08/2025 को सां 12 बजे महाप्रबंधक राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत के कार्यालय में सभी इच्छुक पक्षों की उपस्थिति में खोले जाएंगे। उसके बाद उसी दिन बातचीत भी की जा सकती है। नियम और शर्तें मौके पर कार्यालय द्वारा उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी। अल्पकालिक निविदा को रर करने का महाप्रबंधक को पूर्ण अधिकार होगा।

हस्ता/- महाप्रबंधक हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन सोनीपत

No. 37465/HR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENDERING OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS OF AIR FORCE STATION NEW DELHI

1. Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station, New Delhi-110003 invites sealed tenders from War Widows / Widows of Defence personnel killed while on duty, Disabled soldier/ Ex-servicemen and Spouses/ widow of Ex- servicemen etc. for operating the following shops located at places mentioned against each shop:-

Shop at Race Course, Air Force Station New Delhi

Shops at Marut Camp (Race Course Camp, Air Force Station, New Delhi-03)

Shops at Air Force Station Naraina, Bar Square, Naraina, New Delhi-1100

Shops at Sekhon Vihar (Sekhon Vihar, Palam, Delhi Cantt-10)

SI No. Shop Name *MRP ₹ SI No. Shop Name *MRP ₹ SI No. Shop Name *MRP ₹ SI No. Shop Name *MRP ₹

1.1 Shoe Shoppe 2,000 1.1 Bakery Shop - i 5,000 1.1 Cafeteria 300 1.1 Iron-I 333

1.2 Frozen Food 1,100 1.2 Fast Food Shop 500 1.2 Gift Shop 300 1.2 Iron-III 333

1.3 Dry Cleaner 2,000 1.3 Stationary Shop 917 1.3 Provision Shop 833 1.3 Iron-IV 333

1.4 Computer & Mobile Shop 667 1.4 Provision Shop 916 1.4 Bakery Shop 183 1.4 Boulique Shop 500

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1.7 Tailor Shop 117 1.7 Bakery Shop 2,000

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Details of tendering process is as follows:-

3.1 Sale of Tender Forms (along with T&C of Contract)

Start Date -> 11 Aug 25 (0830 hr)

Finish Date -> 26 Aug 25 (1430 hr)

Forms will be available at SI Office, Air Force Station New Delhi, Race Course, New Delhi-110003.

3.2 Cost of Tender Form ₹ 1000/-, to be paid in Cash/Pos Machine.

3.4 Bid Security: ₹ 5,000/- (in the form of DD in the favour of OIC SI Funds, AFS New Delhi, payable at Air Force Station, New Delhi, to be submitted along with the Application and Tender Form at the time of submission)

3.5 Last date of submission of Application and Tender Forms: 27 Aug 2025 (by 2359 hr) (by Mail on address as per 3.1 above or depositing in the tender box available in Main Guard Room at the entry gate of Air Force Station, New Delhi-110003.

3.6 Opening of Tenders: 28 Aug. 2025 (1100 hr)

Priority of allotment:-

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1.8 Cable TV 167

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DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There is no pressure which is making it impossible for you to accomplish anything you want, outside of your own self-doubt and lack of focus. Put creative and romantic matters first and work in a spirit of co-operation and compromise.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

There's a great deal in favour of high standards but on some occasions at least lower your sights to a more realistic level. That way you'll be able to give others the benefit of the doubt and everyone will be much happier.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

At last the planets are giving you a bit of attention. This means that a log-jam should shift at home, enabling you to make the most of family conditions and domestic developments. You'll also be able to continue with an intriguing romantic ambition.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Loved ones have made you thoroughly miserable at times, but sorrow can be so sweet. There's something wonderfully sentimental in your character and you can relish the downs as well as the ups. It's all a part of life.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Ninety percent of your planetary patterns are still favourable, auspicious, enjoyable and thoroughly pleasant. That leaves ten percent making for an intense and serious-minded approach, which will grow ever more insistent as the hours pass.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

It doesn't matter whether something that surfaced recently was seen as a threat or a promise. Whatever it is, it's disappeared beneath the waves again. You have a few more days to prepare your ground. You can take a fairly relaxed view until everything you do is totally above board.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Your lunar pattern is urging you to throw yourself into passion and pleasure with abandon. Can you loosen your inhibitions enough to truly enjoy yourself? Perhaps you can, but there could be a cost — emotional as well as financial.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Go for a sociable weekend, or do some overtime. As for family affairs, it seems to be the extended circle which is important rather than immediate relatives. It is time to mend fences and build bridges in love.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There is a strong chance that long-term family hopes and domestic plans could take a rapid leap forward. You may be surprised by the suddenness of various events. A social engagement, which was postponed some time ago, will soon be rescheduled.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You are about to make a pleasing discovery, the importance of which may not be clear for some time. Enjoy yourself. Give yourself all the time you need to catch up with everything that's happened in the last six months.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Money still lies at the centre of everything, so show a little understanding if someone close seems bent on spending in an extravagant fashion. It will do you good to talk about your feelings, especially now that the air seems to have been cleared.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There are more forces at work behind the scenes than even you realise. You may, if you wish, leave material affairs on auto-pilot and indulge a few of your famous mystical fantasies. You can't bow to reality all the time. Come on, Pisces — own up to being a dreamer.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Omkar, S/o.: Mahesh, R/o.205, 2nd Floor, Gupta Complex, Inderlok, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide FIR No.313/2022 U/S 279/304A IPC registered at P.S Civil Lines, Delhi and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said Omkar could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused Omkar is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Omkar, accused of FIR No.313/2022 U/S 279/304A IPC, P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.09.2025.

By Order, Gaurav Goyal Judicial Magistrate First Class-06, Central District, Room No.247, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/10179/N/2025 (Court Matter)

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SHELTON WINS FIRST MASTERS

Toronto: American fourth seed Ben Shelton battled from a set down to clinch his first ATP Masters 1000 title at the Canadian Open in Toronto on Thursday, defeating Russian 11th seed Karen Khachanov 6-7(5) 6-4 7-6(3). **REUTERS**

More method than madness

In his prolific outing in England, Pant exhibited the orthodox defensive foundations that make his attacking game function well

SANDIP G
AUGUST 8

EN ROUTE to his second hundred of the first Test in Leeds, Rishabh Pant upraised his bat to let a shortish ball from Chris Woakes amble past him. He smiled ruefully and mouthed an aside: “*Paki wali ball, itna tameez se khelne ke chakkar mei choot rahi hai* (An easy ball, have to leave them in for playing properly).” He shed his asceticism next ball. He fizzed down the track and clattered a good length ball over the bowler’s head.

These two balls captured the crux of Pant’s prolific series in England. He exhibited all the daring unorthodoxy that makes him one of the most valuable and watchable batsmen around, but he also exhibited the orthodox defensive foundations that make the attacking game function as exceptionally as it does.

A re-solidified defensive technique was the foundation on which he built his castles in England. In the first innings, he left or blocked 72 off the 178 balls he faced. Only seven of those were not in control or induced an edge or beat him. In the second innings, he blunted/left alone 47 off 140 balls, and was beaten only thrice (a leave though trapped him in front). That is, his control percentage when employing a defensive measure was 90 and 91. These are edifying numbers that testify to his defensive resoluteness, which was the bedrock of his attacking game.

Regaining a balance

Pant always possessed a strong defensive game, only that the attacking strokes blurred the efficiency of his blocks. But somewhere in his quest to live up to the marauder image post his return to the field after the accident, he lost the balance between attack and defence, a psychological rather than a technical flaw. In Australia, he pre-meditated once too often and lost the crystal-like clarity and judgment in the pre-accident phase. He blocked balls that he could have blasted and blasted balls he should have blocked.

When he returned home, he consulted one of his childhood coaches, Devender Sharma. “After he failed in Australia, he made a lot of changes to his defensive techniques and curbed his stroke play,” Sharma told *PTI*. Under the watchful gaze, he decided to play fewer strokes, or rather chose his moments to attack and defend smartly. He also remembered the early advice of Tarak Sinha, the coach who moulded him.

When Sinha discovered him, Pant was – as known in local cricket parlance – a lifter. He brazenly uncorked the lofted strokes to clear the infield and often the fence. But Sinha would advise him to temper the lofted strokes.

“He had one rule: learn the defence first. ‘If you master the defence, you will master everything else’. He believed I knew how to play the attacking shots, so he wanted me to learn how to defend,” he told Jio Hotstar. Not just Pant, all successful attacking batsmen across generations, from Viv Richards and Virender Sehwag to AB de Villiers, had strong, and often simple, defensive techniques.

The Pant defence is a non-event. His strides are short but definite. He conforms to the conventional ideals of playing as close to the body as possible, under the eyes, with soft hands and still head. He does not prod, stab or throw his hands at the ball. There are none of the acrobats that characterise his roly-poly shots. There is hardly any flourish or follow-through. He seems a trifle late on the ball, but is quite not.

In Leeds, he blunted a turf-kissing grubber from Ben Stokes of good length. Only batsmen with good eyes, sound judgement and quick reflexes could have averted the ball from crashing into the stumps or pads.



Rishabh Pant always possessed a strong defensive game, only that the attacking strokes blurred the efficiency of his blocks. *File/Sportzpics*

PANT ON FIRE

1035 Rishabh Pant has now scored more runs as a wicketkeeper-batter in England than any visiting player, the first ever to cross four-digit mark.

479 Pant’s tally this series is the sixth most in a Test series by a wicketkeeper-batter ever.

90 During the series, Rishabh Pant entered the top 10 all-time for sixes hit in Test cricket. Among Indian batters, he is now level with Virender Sehwag on 90.

In Leeds, his interception points ranged from 0.5m to 3m according to the broadcasters’ graph.

Transfer of weight

It encapsulated his methods; he doesn’t commit prematurely to either foot. He is comfortable on both feet. When he drives, he is almost to the pitch of the ball, or on top of the bounce when meeting the ball on the rise. When defending on the back foot, the short ball seldom hurries him as the hands are quite high. And when defending on the front foot, the hands stoop low.

The transfer of weight is always fluid. His legs are stocky but have the nimbleness of a gymnast. The remnants of gymnastics training in childhood still flicker, not only in the century-celebration manoeuvres, like the handspring and back flip, but also in more fundamental aspects like defending. In this series, he was exceptional in leaving the ball, which he makes look as casual as sun-

bathing on a beach. Before the series, he had been consciously adopting a more side-on approach. “In one-day and T20s you have to open up your stance because of the kind of shots you want to play.

At the same time, coming to England, you have to play a little side-on and that really helps. That’s the basic technical thing which I have shifted,” he said in a press conference during the series.

The only line of attack that harries him is when the seamer angles the ball across him at good length from over the stumps. Kagiso Rabada used the trajectory adroitly against him in South Africa. But he countered it by giving himself room and charging down the deck to unsettle the length. Chris Woakes attempted a similar line, but Pant badgered him into submission using the aforementioned method.

Another profound metric explains his defensive impregnability. Only 14 times in 82 innings has he been bowled (10) or lbw (4). That is only 17%. Just to contextualise the number—not necessarily putting one above the other—bowled and lbws comprised 31% of the great technician, Rahul Dravid’s dismissals.

The enhanced discretion outside the off-stump is borne out by the fact that none of the seven dismissals was a catch to the slips, wicket-keeper or gully. As recently as the Australian series, he tended to nibble and poke outside the off-stump.

Of the 58 times he had been out caught in his career, 24 had been catches to the wicket keeper or the slip cordon. Seven of them were not defensive strokes, but the percentage (30) is still quite high.

The fortified Pant, thus, is a more sinister proposition for bowlers. He can block and blast, nudge and glide, reverse lap and shoulder arms, be both the saint and the devil. The sheer realisation that he can attack every ball and defend every ball could numb the bowlers to disenchantment. A bit of tameez reaped rewards.



Art of falling... with style

SANDIP G
AUGUST 8

IN A game obsessed with linear beauty and profound stillness, Rishabh Pant brings a chaotic curvature. His falling sweep/pull/paddle/reverse variants exemplify his geometry-defying stunts that have enhanced the cricketing lexicon.

He defies several well-worn truisms of the game. Be still at crease, the pundits croon. But he takes a stride across, crouches low, gets in line with the ball, depending on the ball’s trajectory, goes lower to get fully underneath the ball, and harnesses the ball’s pace to glide/scoop/flick the ball fine through the leg-side.

He bends his back knee, pins his weight on the front knee, which seems to collapse under the weight of the stroke and the unusual movement. Soon, his upper body too falls over, within touching distance of the ground. Then, like a man about to drown, he seems to flap his bat frantically in the air. When the stroke is completed, he is often fully on the floor, rolling over.

The first-timer would assume Pant has made a mess of a paddle sweep or scoop. But the wicketkeeper-batsman finds that he has sweet-spotted the ball. In the next frame, it is flying to the fence, in the arc from backward square leg to an extra fine fine-leg. Bowlers, the audience, and his own teammates are left in shocked awe. Eight years into his international cricket career, perhaps it no longer shocks the audience, but still amuses them.

It has fascinated none other than Sachin Tendulkar, himself a voracious employer of the sweep and its variants. He recently configured the methods behind the madness. “The sweep shot that he played, he likes to get under the ball to scoop it with some elevation,”

Tendulkar said on Reddit. “People think he has fallen, but it is intentional so that he can get under the ball. The secret to playing those shots is to be able to get under the ball. So it’s a planned fall; he doesn’t go off-balance. All that depends on the length of the ball.”

The premise is simple, but the execution is far less so. A lot can go wrong here. He might easily flick it into his own body, face or leg, like Pant did at Old Trafford to his own toes when attempting the reverse variety. Miss and be trapped in front or bowled and made to look silly and clownish. Besides, it’s hard to control the exact destination of the ball once contact is made.

Pant has his eyes hawkishly over the ball, the contact point is almost always precise, the weight imparted to the short is ounce-perfect and he is serenely still when his bat makes contact with the ball. Like a Cristiano Ronaldo header when he suspends in air to let the ball arrive and make the strongest contact, he stays in a perceptively off-balanced shape and waits for the ripest point. It’s even more difficult because Ronaldo is leaping, whereas Pant is falling down, and hence supposedly has less control.

But rather than a shot in the dark, he is conscious of every single muscle of his twitching, making the potentially risky exercise of batting in Tests resemble a cartoonish imagining of a video game.

Not that the stroke has a hundred percent success rate. But more often than not, it finds the ropes. Even if he misfires at times, Tendulkar wants no one to disturb him. “There were occasions where people felt he doesn’t have to play that shot, it’s not the right time, but someone like Rishabh should be left alone,” Tendulkar said. They say great players can bend the script to their will, but some can bend their body to their will too. Like Pant and the falling whatever.

R Ashwin. *Sportzpics*

Ashwin, CSK could part ways ahead of next IPL

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, AUGUST 8

WITHIN ONE year after a reunion, R Ashwin and Chennai Super Kings could part ways ahead of next edition of the Indian Premier League, *The Indian Express* understands.

It is learned that the former India all-rounder has gained interest from a couple of franchises and has had talks with CSK over his future as a player. But what is adding to the intrigue is the fact that Ashwin is currently also serving as the head of CSK’s High Performance Centre and Super Kings Academy.

In case Ashwin joins another franchise, there is room for conflict of interest and given the complexities involved it would be interesting to see how this plays out in the coming seats. Ashwin is keen on avoiding such a scenario and is understood to be in talks with CSK, who still seem keen on having his services at the franchise.

When CSK brought him back the fold for their ambitious High Performance Centre, it was evident that they would also acquire him at the auctions that followed. The franchise then spent Rs 9.75 crore at the auction to reunite him with Ravindra Jadeja.

Ever since Chennai Super Kings showed interest in bringing Sanju Samson from Rajasthan Royals, Ashwin’s name has been involved in discussions as part of a potential trade-off along with Shivam Dube. But Chennai have been keen on only an all-cash deal and have showed no interest to let go of Ashwin as part of any trade deal.

A veteran of 106 Tests, Ashwin enjoys a close relationship with N Srinivasan, who holds a majority stake in the franchise. And their relationship was one of the key reasons why Ashwin reunited with CSK ahead of the last season. Unlike Samson, whose relationship with Rajasthan has suffered in recent months, Ashwin enjoys a good rapport with the franchise officials.

Personally and professionally, there are plenty of connecting factors. The ultimate say in the matter now is solely with Chennai Super Kings, who have already set the ball rolling ahead of next season. MS Dhoni and Rituraj Gaikwad have been in Chennai, meeting with the franchise officials to plan for the next season. Potentially, the only way out for Ashwin would be that he has to part ways with the CSK High Performance Centre, but as things stand there is no clarity on this. After making his IPL debut with the franchise in 2009, Ashwin became an integral member of the squad that made three successive finals between 2010 and 2012, where Chennai won back-to-back titles. He stayed with the franchise till 2015 before it was suspended.

FIRMLY IN RECKONING

Sangha goes from losing state contract to being in Ashes contention

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, AUGUST 8

AT 25, Jason Sangha has already seen the extreme highs and lows in professional sport. The former Australia Under-19 captain - whose team lost to an Indian side that included the likes of Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Prithvi Shaw in age-group World Cup final - was touted as a next big talent emerging from Down Under. But things didn’t turn out as expected.

After six seasons with New South Wales (NSW), he was discarded in 2023 before South Australia handed him a lifeline, and Sangha repaid the faith by playing a huge role in their first Sheffield Shield title in 29 years.

With Australia’s top order far from settled ahead of the Ashes later this year, Sangha has a huge couple of months ahead of him with a Test call-up not entirely out of reach. After scoring 704 runs at an average of 78.22 from six matches, which included a century in the Sheffield Shield final, Sangha had a fruitful A series against the Sri Lankans, scoring an unbeaten double century.

Even if he doesn’t get a chance in the Ashes, what seems certain is Sangha playing a key role in the Australian set-up going forward, with the selectors keen on giving him enough exposure before the next edition of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy that will be held in India in early 2027.

Sangha is currently at Chennai’s MRF Pace Foundation with Cricket Australia’s Development squad, getting used to sub-continental conditions. It is further proof that Australian selectors see him as a player for the future.

“It’s a really good opportunity to develop my game here. There’s so many things that we’re learning - how to play spin or how to bowl spin to batters - that we can take back to Australia,” Sangha said.

“Of course, the conditions are vastly different in Australia, it’s a very different approach to playing spin. Here, guys play more square of the wicket. They use their sweep shot really well. Whereas in Australia, there’s so much bounce that the sweep shot probably is a bit trickier. I’m learning how some of the batters play spin here and the shots that they play are really good knowledge for me to take back home and work on.”



Jason Sangha in action for Australia A against Sri Lanka A. *X/South Australia Cricket Teams*

This is the second wind in his career that Sangha thought would never arrive when NSW dropped him for good. They had good reasons as well, for Sangha had played for too long on promise alone. In 64 innings for the

state team, he averaged just 26.63 with three centuries in six seasons.

A second chance

Growing up in Newcastle, two hours

north of Sydney, Sangha believed that if not Australia, being part of the NSW set-up and emulating many of his idols would be good enough to leave a lasting legacy.

But it was not meant to be for the youngster, who lost track before rediscovering himself in the UK.

“It was quite tough. I thought I was going to play a lot of cricket for NSW. It was a bitter pill to swallow. One thing that really helped was that I ended up going to the UK and played some club cricket for St. Lawrence. Playing some cricket, getting away from Australia, going somewhere different, learning to really enjoy the game again and being consistent (was good). I feel like the UK summer put me in really good stead to come back and play in Australia,” he said.

Sangha also found a new environment to grow Down Under when South Australia knocked on his door. He would pack his bags, leave his childhood friends and family and move to Adelaide, where he would come of age.

“When South Australia gave me that second chance, I felt like I had to repay. There are a lot of guys who, when they go off contract, don’t get another opportunity to play for an-

other state.

“They have to move to play grade cricket and work their way up through the ranks. I was lucky that I’d South Australia to save my career. Just being in new colours, a new city, new environment with some new coaches has given me a new chapter,” the son of parents of Indian descent added.

The repayment of faith came last Aussie summer when Sangha was mobbed by South Australia fans after he hit the winning runs to bring home the Sheffield Shield title. While he couldn’t quite become a household name in his home state, in Adelaide he is already a fan favourite. Soon after the final, when Sangha visited a local pub he had locals buying him drinks, a luxury former Australia batsman and coach Darren Lehmann enjoyed previously.

“It was awesome. For a state like South Australia, which probably hasn’t had the amount of success that we would have liked for the last 20-odd years, you could just see how much it meant to everyone. There’s so much passion in the people from South Australia. They love their Aussie footy (AFL), but they love the cricket when the cricket season’s on,” he says.

A quest to rebuild trust

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