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inservative thinking within successive er Independence kept women away from BJP-led NDA righted this wrong over ur govt brought about a change in all sectors to women,' PM says, P9

Initial Police Diary

Also Points Finger

At Booze Supplier

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New Delhi: A 30-year-old poli-

ceman patrolling on a bike di-

ed after a car driven by a man

he had a tiff with a few minu-

tes earlier chased, hit and

dragged him for over 30 feet be-

fore crushing him against a

stationary vehicle in west Del-

hi's Nangloi at 2.15am Sunday.

car were inebriated and "deli-

berately" moved down cons-

table Sandeep Malik after he

had allegedly stopped them

from drinking inside the car.

police claimed. An FIR of mur-

der was registered against the

two, and one of them, Rajnish. was arrested. The car was sei-

zed, and a liquor bottle and pa-

ckets of chips were found in it.

On Dera chief's

poll-eve parole

plea, EC to govt:

'Why approve it?'

ape-murder convict Gur-

Meet Ram Rahim's latest

plea for 20 days of parole, less

than a month after he retur-

ned to Rohtak's Sunaria Jail

after a 21-day furlough, has

led Haryana's chief electoral

officer Pankaj Aggarwal to

ask the state govt to explain

what "compelling" circums-

tances, if any, exist for the

Dera Sacha Sauda chief's

application to be accepted.

▶ Victim's son 'shocked'

ped. Congress spokesperson

Kewal Dhingra questioned

the timing of his plea. P11

at oppn silence, P 11

The two occupants of the

Far-right Freedom Party has a lead over the governing conservatives in Austria's national election and is well-placed for its first win in a parliamentary vote, projection shows. But its chances of governing are unclear, INSIDE JACKET

Indian shooters begin their ISSF Junior World Championship (rifle/pistol/ shotgun) campaign in Peru on a good note, winning team gold in men's and women's 10m air pistol events, P 15

Netanyahu-led Israel's military says its air strike on Beirut that killed Hassan Nasrallah also 'eliminated' another 20 Hezbollah members, as its forces keep pounding Lebanon. It also claims it killed another high-ranking Hezbollah official in the airstrike, INSIDE JACKET

Teen detained for placing cement pillar on tracks

∧ 16-year-old boy was detained in UP's Mahoba district for placing a cement pillar on a railway track on the Jhansi-Prayagraj route on Saturday, police said. A passenger train (11801) was on its way from Jhansi to Prayagraj when the loco pilot spotted the cement pillar on the track and applied emergency brakes. P11

Guj officials claim attack by vigilantes

A n animal husbandry officer and other staffers of a goat breeding centre in Gujarat were allegedly attacked by cow vigilantes on Friday. They accused the officials of cow slaughter. P11

9 killed as bus rams parked truck in MP

Tine people, including a V two-year-old child, were killed and 20 injured when a speeding bus carrying 45 passengers rammed a parked truck on a highway in MP's Maihar Saturday. P8

Jaipur's Albert Hall shut to wipe out rats

The tourist hotspots of Albert Hall Museum and Ramniwas Bagh will be sealed by Jaipur Development Authority on Sept 30-Oct 1 to wipe out rats, which are damaging the structures. P11

Raid on loan agent reveals 'kickbacks'

Income tax raids on a direct selling agent for loans of NBFCs and private banks in Hyderabad have blown the lid off suspected kickbacks to bank and company executives by the agency. P14

Man ends life over 'work pressure'

private finance firm staffer allegedly died by suicide in UP's Jhansi Sunday. A purported suicide note mentioned "relentless pressure of meeting ever-increasing business targets". P10

Lanka navy arrests 17 Indian fishermen

Cri Lankan navy apprehended 17 fishermen from TN and their two trawlers off the Mannar coast on charges of poaching in their territorial waters. They are in judicial custody till Oct 10. P11

SP Oswal loses ₹7cr to online scammers

yber cheats duped industrialist and Padma Bhushan awardee SP Oswal, chairperson of the \$1.1bn Vardhman Group, of Rs 7 crore. Cops arrested two suspects and recovered Rs 5,25cr. P16

Trekker dies during **Garhwal expedition**

mal Mohan, a martial Aarts trainer (35) from Kerala's Idukki, died of suspected respiratory failure while ascending Garuda Peak (6,268m/20,564ft) in Garhwal on Friday, TNN

Car tails bike-borne city cop

on patrol, mows him down

> Constable Sandeep Malik, on patrol duty in civilian clothes, stops 2 men from drinking in a WagonR at Nangloi rly yard. An argument ensues

The two leave after a few minutes with the cop in pursuit. Taking a turn, they lie in wait. CCTV footage captures the hit-&-run. Sandeep dies of head injury and blood loss

Sources say the two, being locals, knew the cop. They

However, the motive cited by police — that they were enraged after Sandeep objected to their drinking—doesn't tally with the content of the initialdiary entry made by local police. The entry mentions the involvement of a liquor supplier named Jangra in the case and that he was pressuring the cop to "get work done".

reportedly had previous brush-ins with him

> Police diary entry mentions a cop, Khushi Ram from Ranhola PS, and another colleague present at the spot. But they fail to save Sandeep

reportedly hears the man driving the car shout: 'Let's kill this cop (Sandeep) today' before mowing him down. The two then leave the car behind, flee

One of the policemen

Police refuted a "mafia angle", but didn't elaborate on the diary's content. It said the attack was deliberate, and one of the suspects has a property rental business and the family of the other a general store. The probe may be handed over to crime branch, sources say.

▶ Objected to drinking, P 3

'30-yr-old used to single-handedly catch criminals'

andeep Malik, a beat cons-Otable of 2018 batch, was brave and diligent, his colleagues said, describing him as hardworking, kind-hearted and cheerful. "He took his work seriously and would singlehandedly catch criminals. He was always ready to help people in need," said a colleague at Nangloi police station.

"Sandeep knew every household in his area, including the number of residents, and also had accurate information of visitors and guests," said a head constable who didn't wish to be named.

Sandeep's brother Hitesh rushed to Delhi on being alerted of the incident. The policeman leaves behind his wife and a five-year-old son. P3

flouting norms

∧ fter Allahabad HC pulled √up Amroha DM Rajesh New Delhi: This has been the wettest monsoon in north India in 11 years. The region, often plagued by large monsoon deficits while staring at a worsening groundwater situation, recorded 628mm from June 1 to Sept 29, its highest rainfall since 2013.

That this was the best monsoon in the region in over a decade with the seasonal rainfall just 7.1% above normal less than the national average of 7.8% — shows that

India to maintain LAC troop deployment as trust deficit remains

China Pullback Looks Unlikely As Of Now

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New Delhi: With the huge trust deficit with China continuing along the Line of Actual Control, India is going full steam ahead with preparations to maintain its forward deployment of troops for the fifth successive winter in the forbidding terrain of eastern Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh-Sikkim.

There may be indications of "progress and narrowing of differences" in political-diplomatic talks, but top sources in the defence establishment told TOI that "the trust deficit on the ground with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) remains very high".

The way China continu-

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LONG WAITING GAME

> Senior Indian officer says, 'Disengagement at Depsang & Demchok, if it happens, will only be the first step. Till subsequent de-escalation & de-induction of troops take place for restoration of status quo ante, threat will remain'

Says 'China continues to make unreasonable demands & playing long waiting game'

There is realisation that with military stalemate going on, only politico-diplomatic talks can break deadlock

es to strengthen its forward military positions as well as build 'permanent defences' and infrastructure all along the 3,488-km LAC, it is quite clear the PLA will not be returning to its peacetime locations in the near future, the sources added.

► Winter stocking, P 16

CENTRAL WETTEST

> 628mm rainfall in north

India till Sept 29, highest for

June-Sept period since 2013,

when 671.8mm was logged

Countrywide, monsoon

with 7-8% rain surplus

J&K & Arunachal

riod in recent years.

season to be 'above-normal'

Of 36 subdivisions, only 3

show deficient rains: Punjab,

> Central India with highest

north India hasn't had a sig-

nificantly wet June-Sept pe-

▶Deficit rains only in 3, P 14

rain surplus of nearly 20%

Northern India logs its

best monsoon in 11 yrs

Biren accuses Kuki militants of abducting 2 **Manipuri youths**

Guwahati: Two Meitei youths who had been missing for two days after attending a recruitment test for central security forces at New Keithelmanbi in Imphal West district of Manipur were allegedly abducted by Kuki militants. CM N Biren Singh posted Sunday on social media that his govt is "focusing on the rescue of the abduction of two innocent youths by Kuki militants".

Their disappearance near Kangpokpi, a Kuki-majority area, has heightened concerns that they may have accidentally crossed into Kuki territory, reports Kangkan Kalita. CM Singh held a meeting with both governing and opposition MLAs to discuss the situation. "...We condemn such heinous acts and our government is working to secure the safe release of the victims," he wrote on his 'X' handle.

▶Went for SSC job, P 16

IMA against govt move on passive euthanasia

ndian Medical Associa-Ition has said putting the onus of deciding whether life support should be withdrawn from a terminally-ill patient or not would impose undue stress on doctors. Raising concerns over the health ministry's draft guideline, Dr R V Asokan, IMA national president, said, "Our job is to inform the patient or family members about the condition and explain the prognosis. After that, it is their call whether to continue life support or not." P10

Campaign ends for 40 seats in last phase of J&K polls,

Sanjay Khajuria & Saleem Pandit

Jammu/Srinagar: Campaigning for the final phase of polling in the three-set J&K assembly elections ended peacefully at 6pm Sunday, marking the start of the mandatory 48hour silent period before voting on Oct 1. This round will cover 40 assembly segments in seven districts: Jammu, Ud-

▶Terrorist killed in J&K, P 9 ▶ BJP expels 8 in Hry, P 10

hampur, Samba and Kathua in Jammu region, and Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara in north Kashmir. Security has been intensified in Kathua, Udhampur and Samba districts following the recent surge in terrorist activities. Of the 40 seats, 24 fall with-

V 2024, will be passed in the winter session of Parliament, home minister Amit Shah said at an election meeting in Gurgaon's Badshahpur on Sunday. This sets the stage for a potential showdown between BJP and the opposition both inside and outside the House. P8

when it won 18 seats in Jammu, Udhampur, Samba and Kathua. The party secured a total of 25 seats, all from Jammu region. BJP is yet to win a seat in Kashmir Valley. In contrast, PDP got seven of the 15 seats in north Kashmir in 2014, while NC and Congress won three and two seats, respectively.

►Lone, Afzal bro in fray, P 9

10 Muzaffarnagar

riots accused

acquitted for

lack of evidence'

A local court acquitted 10 Accused allegedly involved in a murder case during the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots due to "lack of sufficient evidence", reports Mohammad Dilshad.

During the trial, the

complainant and her mother turned "hostile", making it difficult for the prosecution to establish the case. The incident dates to Sept 8, 2013, when local resident Az Mohd alias Ashu, 30, was beaten to death with sticks and sharpedged objects in Phugana. A case was initially filed at the local police station by Ashu's wife, Imrana. Imrana alleged that Gauray, his father Amarpal, Rocky, Ratan, Kapil, Sachin, Dinesh, Yogesh, Abhishek, Ruby, Master Shripal and Manoj — all locals — were part of the mob who brutally attacked Ashu. P8

BJP strongholds among them Shah: Wagf bill to be cleared next session \\\/aqf (Amendment) Bill,

Ram Rahim's plea, filed Saturday, states he has work to attend to at the dera ashram in UP. Aggarwal's query to the jails department is in the context of model code of conduct for Oct 5 polls. "We are awaiting a reply," CEO said. BJP netas were tight-lip-

in Jammu region - considered a BJP stronghold. Its best showing in J&K was in 2014

UP DM shifted for in Gangster Act

Kumar Tyagi for showing "sheer negligence amid procedural lapses" while giving his approval for slapping the stringent Gangster Act against three locals last month the UP govt, admitting lapses had been committed, transferred the official, reports Harveer Dabas. Three men Asif, Anas & Chahat (only

first names available) — were charged under the Act in Amroha following which Asif had moved HC. P8

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Govt block on account of 'Hindutva Watch' not justified, X tells Delhi HC

New Delhi: Social media giant
V. (formerly Twitter) has told
IN THE COURTS X (formerly Twitter) has told Delhi high court that the Centre's decision to block the account of Hindutya Watch (@HindutvaWatchIn) was "unjustified and disproportionate".

X was replying to a petition by Raqib Hameed, a J&K journalist who has challenged the Jan 2024 blocking as the tracker's founder. The HC will hear the matter next on Oct 3.

According to X, it had objected to the Centre's blocking proposal but the govt went ahead with the order. X told the court it was willing to restore the account if the HC so ordered. But X contended that Hameed's writ petition was not maintainable against it as the platform was merely an "intermediary", not part of "State" as defined under Article 12 of the Constitution. Hindutva Watch describes itself as

ON MKB 10TH ANNIV, MODI HAILS

SUCCESS OF SWACHH BHARAT

PM Modi on Sunday marked the soon-to-be-celebrated 10th anniversary

lauded efforts of residents of Jhala, a village near the China border in

campaigns for water conservation and Swachh Bharat. He also

of 'Mann Ki Baat' by praising the success of initiatives taken as part of his

Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district (in pic), where the youth have launched

a cleanliness drive called 'Dhanyavaad Prakriti' (Thank You, Nature) | P 10

Delhi HC division bench orders AIIMS to constitute a three-member board which will include a doctor with disability for a fresh assessment of a candidate with disability

seeking admission to an MBBS course. Earlier board did not have a doc with disability | P 4 Deeming inordinate

delay in completing a trial unacceptable, Calcutta HC grants bail until Nov-end to a man incarcerated in jail for 11 yrs & 7 mths for allegedly killing his two daughters and dumping bodies in '12 | P 11

a research initiative claiming to track and document hate crimes & hate speeches against India's religious minorities. TNN

▶Flagged 'inciteful', P 16

Lockdown on Earth led to dip in Moon's temp: Study

Bengaluru: Indian researchers have found evidence that the global Covid lockdowns of 2020 may have had an impact as far away as Moon. A study published in the peer-reviewed Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society: Letters, accessed by TOI, reveals that lunar surface temperatures showed an anomalous dip during the strictest lockdown period of April-May 2020, reports Chethan Kumar.

K Durga Prasad and G Ambily from Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) analysed night-time surface temperatures at six different sites two locations of Oceanus Procellarum, Mare Serenitatis,

DROP OF 8-10 KELVIN' Researchers noted lunar surface temps at 6 sites:

8-10 Kelvin dip seen during lockdown months compared to same period in other years > Less human activity led to

in the next two years as activity on Earth resumed

reduction in Earth's outgoing radiation, causing temp drop 2020 had coldest temps, but warming trend was seen

quillitatis, and Mare Crisium on Moon's nearside between 2017 and 2023. PRL director Anil Bharadwaj said: "...This is an important work by our group here. It's quite unique."

Mare Imbrium, Mare Tran- ►Moon temp drop, P 16





MINIMUM FORECAST Partly cloudy sky. Max & min temperatures on Monday would be around 35°C and 25°C MOONSET 5.01PM (MON) MOONRISE 4.49AM (TUE) SUNRISE 6.14AM (TUE) SUNSET 6.08PM (MON)



Sarita Vihar flyover to undergo repairs from Oct 1 | 3 Next summer, part of T3's domestic pier to handle int'l traffic | 5

Delhi govt, on the other

hand, claimed that the Centre

was not letting it allot the hou-

ses. "The flats located at Bhals-

wa are constructed for allot-

ment to eligible JJ dwellers un-

der Mukhya Mantri Awas Yoj-

na (MMAY). Thousands of other flats have been construc-

ted for rehabilitation of slum

dwellers. However, no flat un-

der MMAY is being allotted to

slum dwellers because the

Centre is not giving clearance. It says all such flats should be al-

lotted under the affordable ren-

tal housing scheme, which me-

ans they will be rented out," cla-

communications to the Cent-

re by the then Delhi urban de-

velopment minister and de-

puty CM chief minister did

the Centre's scheme was "im-

hand, the central agencies ha-

ve been carrying out demoli-

tions of JJ clusters across Del-

hi and, on the other, they are

not ready to rehabilitate these

people. This is leading to a hu-

manitarian crisis in Delhi

where poor people are being

forced to live on roads and fo-

otpaths, and under flyovers.

and their children miss scho-

ol, which further creates civic

and social problems," it said.

but failed to meet its manda-

te. Tyagi claimed that RTI re-

plies had revealed that DU-

SIB had not prepared a single

housing scheme for years.

not yield any results.

It claimed that previous

imed a reply from Delhi govt.

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Address Upgrade That Never Happened

Over 30k Houses Built For Urban Poor Are Losing Sheen Even As Demolition Sword Hangs Over Slum Dwellers

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New Delhi: Despite Delhi High Court's intervention, over 30,000 houses constructed by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) for the urban poor and slum dwellers remain unallotted for years. These houses are now decaying by simply lying vacant.

A prod by HC last year had revealed that of the 52,000 houses - worth over Rs 2,000 crore-sanctioned for the urban poor in Delhi, more than 35,000 were built. However, only 4,800 of these were allotted, leaving more than 30,000 houses unoccupied.

On July 10 this year, HC again directed DUSIB to ensure that the houses were "habitable at the earliest". A clash of policy, as claimed by Delhi

TIMES Special

govt, seems to be keeping lakhs of urban poor from a proper house. The July order referred to the previous order by HC dated Sept 18, 2023, under which a high-powered committee consisting of representatives from Union ministry housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), Delhi Development Authority, DUSIB and Delhi govt was formed to expedite the allotment of the already constructed houses.

The court, in the same order, also noted that due to the "delay and inevitable decay of infrastructure caused by nonuse, some of the constructed houses require immediate repairs", while asking Delhi govt to form a robust action plan to complete pending construction, repair the already constructed houses, and allot them. The court had also noted that several of the constructed houses lacked civic amenities like water and electricity.

However, despite reminders from the court, not much

has happened even as several

52,344 houses under 14 projects approved for urban poor in Delhi, at an estimated cost of ₹ 2,415.82 crore

35,744 houses with one bedroom plus kitchen constructed in areas such as Bhalswa. Bawana, Narela and Dwarka, among others

4,900 of 4,900 of these have been allotted so far. These houses were constructed by DUSIB,

with aid from the Centre

A family of a DUSIB worker finds

temporary abode in one of the flats

Over 30,000 houses, ready but vacant. These houses are now

in a poor condition, in urgent need of repair

BHALSWA

Janakpur

Delhi

WHY THESE HOUSES **COULD HAVE** HELPED

Delhi has 3,67,893 slum households where 17,85,390 people live.

Most of the illegal slums, such as those in forested areas of Delhi, could not be removed as dwellers are yet to be allotted houses by DUSIB

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay

Climbdown from all promises

eligible slum dwellers continue to live under the threat of anti-encroachment drives.

TOI visited one such site

for targeted

at Bhalswa and discovered a ghost town of sorts with thousands of flats lying vacant, many of which were in a state of disrepair. The staircases and walls had suffered deep cracks and pipelines were damaged. The inside of the hou-

ses looked inhabitable. DUSIB officials declined

to comment on the matter, merely stating that the re-

sponsibility for ensuring the allotment fell under the purview of Delhi govt's urban development department.

With monsoon on way out, day temperature likely to rise

New Delhi: The city experienced a warm day on Sunday, with weather analysts expecting monsoon withdrawal in the next 3-4 days.

Weather scientists predict that daytime temperatures will gradually increase, and the city may see westerly winds from Monday onwards, further reducing the chances of rain.

"From Monday onwards, we are expecting westerly winds which are dry, so the chances of any rain over the next few days are bleak. The temperature may also see a marginal rise. Currently, the line of monsoon withdrawal is gradually increasing, and some parts of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat have already seen withdrawal. Gradually, it will happen from the foothills of the western Himalayas and thus Delhi," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman of Skymet Meteorology.

Govt further claimed that According to India Meteoropractical" as no jhuggi dwellogical Department (IMD), the ler was ready to shift to a renline of withdrawal of the southtal accommodation. "On one west monsoon continues to pass through Firozpur, Sirsa, Churu, Ajmer, Mount Abu, Deesa, Surendranagar, and Junagarh.

For the monsoon season (June till date), the city recorded 1,029.9mm of rainfall against a normal of 639.7mm, making the seasonal monsoon 61% surplus. For Sept, a total of 192.5mm of rainfall has be-They lose their livelihoods en recorded, with the last occurrence on Sept 19. This is against a normal of 122.8mm, making the monthly actual rainfall 69.7% surplus.

While no official reply was forthcoming from MoHUA Meanwhile, the city on Suneven after three days, sources day saw a slight rise in the maxsaid meetings were on with imum temperature. It was re-Delhi govt and allotment of corded at 34.7 degrees Celsius, the houses would begin soon. normal for the season, compa-Meanwhile, Paras Tyagi red to 33.6 degrees Celsius a day from Centre For Youth Cultuearlier. Humidity oscillated re Law and Environment pobetween 88% and 61%.

inted out that DUSIB had ac-According to IMD, the quired over 7,000 acres of maximum temperature may further rise to 35 degrees Celland in Delhi from different departments for providing sius on Monday and to 36 deghousing to the urban poor, rees Celsius on Tuesday.

The air quality in the city remained 'satisfactory' on Sunday. The air quality index (AQI) on a scale of 0 to 500 was 76, compared to 67 a day earlier. TNN

2 Afghan nationals held with 560gm of drugs

apprehended two Afghan nationals and confiscated from them 560 grams of cocaine and heroin shop in Vikaspuri before entering the drug trade.

worth Rs 2 crore. The accused, Hashimi Mohammad Waris and Abdul Nayib, were arrested in Tilak Nagar, west Delhi, following a tip-off. A police team led by ACP Anil Sharma and inspector Parveen Rathi conducted the raid and caught the suspects.

New Delhi: Delhi Police's Crime Branch has ding in India on refugee status since Jan 2020. He previously worked as an assistant in a chemist

Waris was introduced to the drug trade through a friend, collecting and delivering narcotic drugs in Delhi-NCR for \$100 per delivery. Abdul Nayib, also an Afghan national and registered refugee, arrived in India with his father in Jan 2020. Nayib met Waris at the chemist shop and was lured in-



Govt to clamp down on illegal pick-up and drop-off by inter-state buses to declog roads

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has formed guidelines for bus operators, especially regulating the pick-up and drop-off of passengers to prevent them from making unscheduled halts and congesting roads.

According to the transport department regulations, tourist permit buses, inter-state tourist buses, and contract carriage buses must only pick up and drop off passengers at designated ISBTs. No pick-ups or drop-offs can be made from any other place in Delhi.

The ISBTs are at Kashmere Gate, Anand Vihar and Sarai Kale Khan.

The department had earlier identified five locations where buses frequently broke rules: Majnu ka Tila, Akshardham, Anand Vihar, Sarojini Nagar and Dhaula Kuan. Several buses halted on flyovers or on the carriageway in these areas, obstructing traffic as well as endangering the

lives of passengers.

Also, the department has instructed that tourist permit buses, inter-state tourist buses, and contract carriages shall only carry passengers with pre-booked tickets and shall maintain a list of passengers in either electronic or physical form, including each passenger's origin and destination.

"The instructions are that they must only pick up and drop off passengers at designated ISBTs, shall only carry passengers with pre-booked tickets, and shall maintain a list of passengers in either electronic or physical form, including each passenger's origin and destina-

tion," a senior official said. The official said private buses were granted permits to operate as contract carriages, which stipulate that they must begin and conclude trips at predetermined points. "Although they have the authority to pick up or drop off passengers at various locations, the operators should possess the list of people who would be boarding at these stops. Consequently, the buses would only halt at intermediate points for a limited number of passengers," he said.

"However, these buses have been operating as stage car-

➤ All-India tourist

Inter-state tourist buses

Contract carriage buses

> Pick up/drop off only at

booked passengers ***

list with origin/destination

> Tax evasion (operating as

Operating without permits

> Overloading passengers/

Maintain passenger

Common violations

Operating as stage

courier services)

carriages

goods

Regulated bus types

permit buses

Key regulations

designated ISBTs

> Carry only pre-

riages, meaning they stop for extended periods at numerous locations, permitting passengers to board. This leads to

Designated Violation

Majnu Ka Tila

Red Fort

Khan

Kashmere Gate

> Regular inspections by

transport department

violators since Aug 5

> Crackdown on

and Delhi Traffic Police

ISBTs

Enforcement

found out that some of these buses were operating as courier services and transporting goods. This was a loss to the traffic congestion," he said. state exchequer as taxes are The department had also not paid for transportation.

The circular also stated **VIOLATIONS TO LEAD TO IMPOUNDING** that the transport department

hotspots

Anand

Vihar

and traffic police would conduct regular checks of buses. Battery-operated tourist vehicles must adhere to the

permit conditions. The violations of the regulations would lead to impoun-

ding and suspension of permits, the rules said.

Another official said: "This order was issued to ensure a smoother traffic flow and for overall public safety, including

for pedestrians and motorists." TOI had earlier reported that Akshardham flyover had become a congestion point due to private buses turning it into a 'makeshift stand' and illegally parking for long hours. Several buses were halting on the flyover, obstructing the movement of traffic as well as endangering

No barriers: Dwarka Expressway to become first highway with 'Free Flow Tolling' system

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New Delhi: In the next few months, the Dwarka Expressway will have a "Free Flow Tolling" system, making the highway the first in the country without physical toll plazas or barriers.

Advanced FASTag readers, which can scan tags fixed on vehicles even if they are moving at 100 kmph, and high-power cameras to read registration numbers will be installed on overhead gantries across lanes for deducting toll amounts automatically.

TOI has learnt that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is preparing the proposal to be implemented in this 28-km urban expressway.

It will give an insight into the compliance aspect and also to prepare the roadmap for better implementation of satellite-based tolling, sources said.

Though gantry-based tolling is being done on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, there is a toll plaza in Meerut to check the payment of user fee. In the case of the Dwarka Express-

way, there will be no toll plazas. The NHAI is also looking at passive mechanisms to recover unpaid toll. On the expressway, the gantry for

tolling will be put on the Delhi-Gurga-

on border. The NHAI and the road transport ministry are yet to take a call on the toll charge that will applicable on this corridor.

the lives of passengers.

Meanwhile, the NHAI has urged the ministry to make changes in the Vahan system, a repository of registered vehicles, to recover unpaid toll from vehicles with no FASTag or faulty/blacklisted tags.

It has also proposed to add a section — 'unpaid user fee due' — in the Vahan portal to display the due amount similar on the lines of 'unpaid traffic challans'.

The Vahan portal would display the due amount and the vehicle's photo for evidence when the owner logs

in, the NHAI has proposed. As per a proposal, such vehicle owners would not be allowed to trans-

HELPDESK FOR THE BATTERY SHOW INDIA: +91 9324590377, 9021352528 fer registration or get NoC and fitness HELPDESK FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY INDIA EXPO: +91 9236022480, 8850232251 Multi-lane free-flow tolling is becertificate without clearing the dues. Vehicle owners will have the option to ing used in many countries for faster fin 💟 🗅 www.renewableenergyindiaexpo.com | www.thebatteryshowindia.com and hassle-free collection of user fee. Advanced FASTag readers and high-power cameras to read registration numbers will be pay the dues or raise objections to the *This is a trade show. Entry restricted for individuals below 18 years of age and infants in arms. Right of admission reserved with Informa Market This eliminates traffic pile up. installed on overhead gantries across lanes for deducting toll amounts automatically notice within seven days.

Colleagues Remember Braveheart: 'Would Rush To Crime Scene Alone'

THE MYSTERY DIARY ENTRY

> Entry claims

applying pressure

to get work done,

suggesting a possible

motive for the crime

given to crime branch

Cops say they will look

into all angles; case may be

were earlier restricted to out-

skirts, but are now happening

inside crowded restaurants

believe that they can get away

with ease after this scale of

violence shows how brazen

they have become. There

seems a lack of fear of police

and it's a matter of serious

there were not one but three

cops at the spot, but not only

did the WagonR driver man-

age to mow Sandeep down,

but also managed to flee with

ease, leaving his car behind.

The FIR, accessed by TOI,

even cites cops saying that

they heard the driver, Dhar-

mender, screaming: "Let's kill

pointed out that such inci-

dents also showed that the

force needed to strengthen

and modernise policing mea-

sures like street surveillance, area domination, night pa-

trolling and beat policing.

Former top cops agree that an

immediate course correction

was the need of the hour and

that Delhi Police needed a

complete overhaul across its

ranks to make the city safer.

3 die after bike

parked on DME

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rams truck

Retired police officers

this cop today!".

Even in the latest case,

concern," another cop said.

"The fact that criminals

and upscale areas like GK-I.

Jangra was

Latest Incident Another Instalment In Escalating Lawlessness He objected to two

KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

Time of incident

CCTV footage

the suspect's car

bike from behind

Dharmendra halts outside his

house lane in Veena Enclave,

waiting for Sandeep to cross

CCTV footage shows Sandeep

taking a left turn and passing

intentionally rams into cop's

Sandeep is dragged for 10

the car and a parked vehicle

injury and blood loss

metres, then crushed between

Death due to severe head

What probe has revealed?

being locals, knew the cop. They

> One accused's family

Sources say perpetrators,

had previous brush-ins

has a general store;

the other has property

rental business, cops say

> Police have filed an FIR for

murder. One suspect arrested

At 2.16am, Dharmendra

2.15am, 29 Sept, Sunday



What happened

Constable Sandeep. on duty in civilian clothes, notices a WagonR in railway yard parking

Cop finds two men - now identified as Dharmendra and Rajnish alias Seetu consuming alcohol in the car

Sandeep instructs them to leave, leading to an argument



Altercation & chase

Dharmendra refuses to leave, sparking a heated exchange with Sandeep Sandeep threatens legal action, prompting

Dharmendra to vacate the premises

Dharmendra drives ahead, with Sandeep pursuing him on motorcycle

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: When Hitesh's phone rang at 3.30am on Sunday, he thought his brother may have come home unannounced. However, it was a call from Nangloi police station informing that his brother, constable Sandeep Malik, had been wounded on duty.

Hitesh rushed to Delhi from Sonipat, hoping to take care of his brother and ensure he recovered soon. He reached the hospital in Delhi at 5.30am, only to learn that Sandeep was no more.

Hitesh didn't know how to react or inform their mother or Sandeep's wife. Sandeep's five-year-old son was oblivious to everything. In fact, he was angry that his father hadn't spent the Sunday evening with him and even complained to his mother.

The atmosphere at Nangloi police station on Sunday was sombre as cops mourned the death of their colleague. Police personnel and friends shared his picture on social media, reminiscing about their time with him. Senior cops said they were expediting the compensation. They will also write to Delhi govt

for disbursal of the Rs 1 crore compensation, besides service benefits, they said.

2018, Sandeep was a brave and diligent policeman, his colleagues said. The cops described him as hardworking, kind-hearted and cheerful. "He took his work seriously

Even in the latest case, there were not one but three cops at the spot (including Sandeep Malik, but not only did the WagonR driver manage to mow Sandeep down but even managed to flee with ease, leaving his car behind. The FIR even cites cops saying that 'Let's kill this cop today!'

help people," said a colleague.

"We generally patrol in pairs. Despite warnings from us to avoid patrolling alone late at night, Sandeep would

about any disturbance," said a sub-inspector who knew Belonging to the batch of Sandeep closely.

Unfortunately, Sandeep's murder isn't an isolated instance, but, in fact, an addition to the growing lawlessness in the city.

Cops say argument over

drinking in public space led

> But police's daily diary

makes the case murkier

accused was one Jangra,

often rush to the scene when

ever he received information

Diary claims the

a liquor supplier

entry regarding the incident

to cop's murder

they heard the driver, Dharmender, screaming:

and was brave. He would single-handedly catch criminals and help needy people in the area. He was always ready to

"Sandeep knew every household in his beat area, including the number of people living there and any guests visiting," recalled a head constable, who didn't wish to be named.

"The fear of law is evidently waning in the capital. Criminals have become trig-

ger-happy like never before and shoot at will. The city's streets have turned into a playground for rogue elements and police seem to be watching helplessly," said a retired cop. "An unprecedented situation seems to be unfolding wherein even the cops are also not being spared now," the cop added.

Then, there are gang wars breaking out in the city, which

men drinking in car in parking lot: Police

► Continued from P1

around 2.15am. at Veena Enclave in Nangloi. Constable Sandeep Malik was on his routine patrol. On duty but dressed in civilian clothes due to increased cases of burglary in the area, Sandeep was traveling towards the railways road from Nangloi Police Station at 2am.

railway parking lot and confamily after the autopsy. fronted the occupants. "He allegedly objected to two men drinking in their car in the railway yard parking lot. The constable instructed the duo to immediately leave for their residence from there. The suspects named Dharmender try that surfaced on Sunday and Rajnish vehemently re- noon seemed to narrate a diffused. An altercation ensued," ferent story. said a senior cop. Constable Sandeep admonished him and threatened to initiate legal action against him at his residence, compelling him to vacate the premises. Dharmendra was incensed by this incident. The accused began driving ahead in the car, and the constable pursued him on a motorcycle. Upon exiting the area, the accused halted outside the street of Veena Enclave and awaited Constable Sandeep's arrival. The residence of the accused is situated at some distance from

this location. The murder was captured on CCTV camera and the footage confirms that the cop was mowed down without any provocation. At 2.15am, the car reached the street's exterior, reversed slightly and stopped on the side. At 2.16am, when Constable Sandeep approached on a motorcycle and started heading towards the accused's house, the accused

over him, the footage shows. Upon impact, Sandeep re-

leased the motorcycle's han-The incident took place dle, his legs were thrust into the air, and he collapsed onto the bike. Subsequently, when the Wagon R car collided with another vehicle, the cop was sandwiched between the suspects' car and another vehicle. Despite being rushed to Sonia Hospital and later transferred to Balaji Hospital in Paschim Vihar, he suc-He stopped after spotting a cumbed to his injuries. His suspiciously parked car in the body was handed over to the

> The case, however, became even murkier after the content of the police diary entry surfaced on Sunday noon. Though cops were quick to refute a 'mafia angle' behind the incident, their own diary en-

> "Gadi number DL 1C AA 76** ne hit kiya hai.. Murder hai..," reads the entry lodged by local police. The diary entry, accessed by TOI, talks about a man named Jangra, a liquor supplier, being involved. "The car owner goes by the surname Jangra..He has a liquor business... Was pressuring to get work done," reads the cryptic entry.

> The diary entry also talks about another cop, Khushi Ram from Ranhola police station being at the spot besides two companions on the bike.

On liquor mafia, police claimed: "It is clarified that so far no mafia angle has come into light. A murder case has been registered under section 103 of the BNS."

The cops didn't comment on the diary entry. An officer said that they would be able to comment on this only after the second suspect, who is also the prime accused, is interrogated and his version cortailed him and swiftly ran

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DU to open admission window for remaining seats today

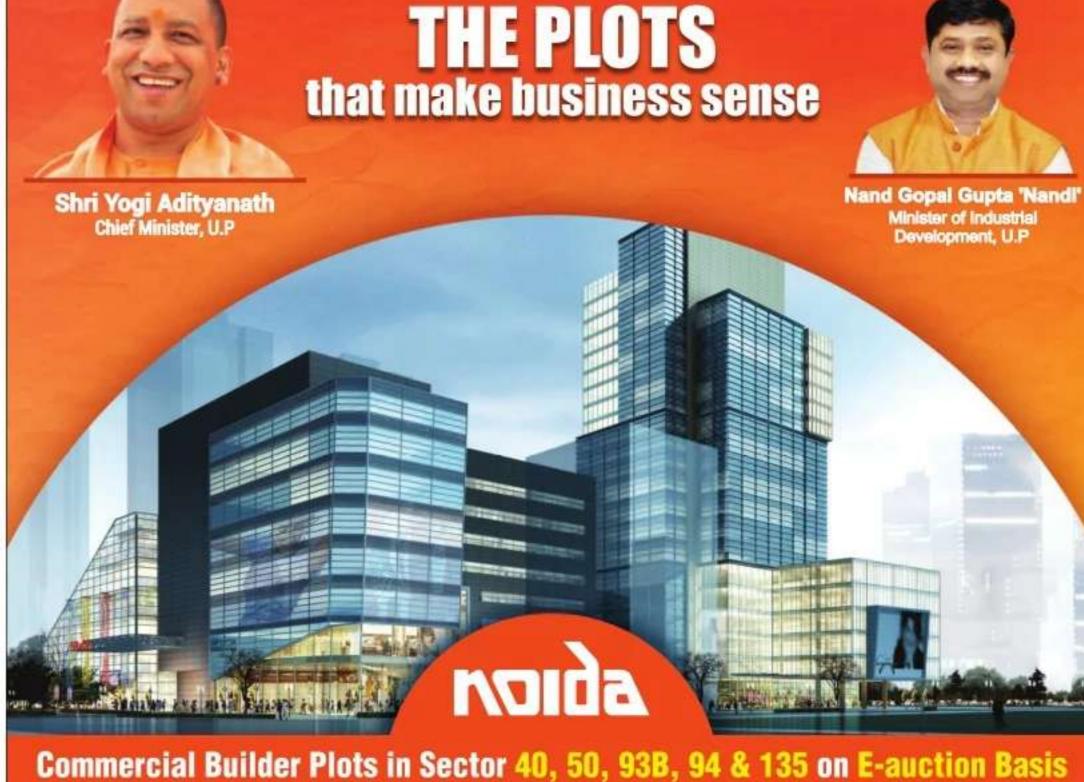
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi University conducted a mop-up round for admissions to its undergraduate courses for filling up the remaining vacant seats in select programmes and colleges.

According to a university notification, admissions in the mopup round will be based on the merit score of the qualifying examination and the programme-specific eligibility. Candidates can visit their dashboard and select from the available programmes and colleges from 5pm on Sept 30 till 11.59pm on Oct 2. Colleges will conduct selections and grant admissions from 2pm on Oct 3 to 5pm on Oct 5. The final date for payment of fees is Oct 6 by 5pm.

The list of available seats under this round was published at 5pm on Sept 27. Candidates can view the vacancies on the official DU admissions website. Final registrations were received till 11.59pm on Sept 29. Only candidates who were not admitted to any programme at the university could register for this round. The CSAS platform has been suspended during the mop-up round.

According to the university notification, at the time of granting the admission, colleges will check the minimum eligibility, programme-specific eligibility, category documents and other criteria stated in the bulletin of information for this year's admissions.



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CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE, SECURE NOIDA

NHAI has made highway at protected pond site: Activists

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New Delhi: A pond in a village in Delhi's southwest district that is listed among natural wetlands to be recognised and protected has now been nearly consumed by a highway built by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). NHAI built the Urban Ex-

tension Road-II over the pond in Goyla Khurd village, which was among the list of over 1,000 ponds to be protected. According to activists who brought the matter to

light, it is a violation of orders of the Supreme Court and high court, as well as the wetland rules. A reply by NHAI in the

matter, however, stated that

they had all required permis-

sions for the project. According to CYCLE India, an NGO, the elevated road passing through the village also passes through a village pond that has shrunk in area since construction began. Paras Tyagi of the NGO said the construction of the road over

the waterbody is itself illegal. Sharing details of the pond and construction, Tyagi pointed out that the satellite images show that the construction over pond land was



RULES BENT?

done in 2022 after the land was acquired in 2009.

According to revenue do-

cuments, the village pond with an on-paper area of 1.45 hectares (approx. 3.5 acres) has Khasra number 9/29 (10-9) and was among land parcels acquired from the village with a total area of 183 bighas and 10 biswa. For this, 26 people from the village had placed monetary claims. However, the pond was not claimed by anyone, as per the documents. The NGO said it was unclear if the money went to the gram sabha or someone else.

Tyagi, however, pointed out that 80% of the pond is now gone.

'It appears that contempt and the remaining are gone.

of court has become a norm in Delhi. For all these years, it is shocking that the officials blatantly ignored the orders of Delhi High Court in 2007. It clearly mentioned a Supreme Court ruling of 1996 that said pond land can neither be acquired nor can the land use be changed. Why did the officials purposely design the road right through the pond land when land acquisition could have easily provided them with alternative land nearby? Delhi Wetland Authority was constituted in 2019, yet it failed to stop this illegality that took

place in 2022," Tyagi said.

NHAI said. According to the Delhi state wetland authority, the city has 1,367 waterbodies, of which 322 were recently added. Earlier in Aug, data shared by Delhi's revenue department with the Integrated Drain Management Cell (IDMC) in Delhi had shown that out of the 1,367 waterbodies, a physical on-ground assessment of 1,291 showed that only 656 waterbodies were found. It me-

On complaint by the NGO, NHAI in a reply dated Sept 17 said that all due process was followed. "The highway has been constructed after receiving all required statutory permissions," a reply from

Ghaziabad: Three men were killed after their two-wheeler collided with a truck that had been parked on the side of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME) near a petrol pump early on Sunday. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera in the area. and an 11-second clip of the incident was also circulating on

social media platforms on Sunday. CCTV footage reportedly shows that the truck was illegally parked on the DME for around 23 minutes before a speeding scooter collided with the vehicle from behind. ACP (Masuri) Siddharth Gautam told TOI that the inci-

dent took place around 3am on Sunday. The trio were travelling on the lane from Delhi to Meerut when the collision occurred. "Passersby informed the police, and immediately the police team reached the spot. Cops took them to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, but all three succumbed to their injuries," he said, adding that autopsy reports are awaited.

The ACP noted that entering,

two-wheelers are not allowed on the DME and, to stop them are issuing fines of Rs 20,000

HC for fresh assessment by AIIMS for disabled candidate denied admission

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Delhi High Court division bench has ordered AIIMS, Delhi to constitute a threemember board which will include a doctor with disability for a fresh assessment of a candidate with disability seeking admission to an MBBS course. The candidate, Kabir Paharia, who cleared NEET, was declared ineligible by an earlier board that did not include a doctor with disability.

This was despite the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) mandating in March 2022 that all disability certification centres must mandatorily include a doctor with disability. The fresh assessment report is to be submitted to court on Oct 1.

Kabir Paharia's disability is that three of the fingers on his left hand are half grown fingers as are two on his right hand. This has been declared as bilateral upper limb disability. "On his left foot, two toes are half grown. This has had no effect on his mobility, and he even plays football. But this has been referred to as locomotor disability by the medical boards," said Kabir's father, Manish Paharia. He added that Kabir was able to tie his own shoelaces and sketched very well, which was further proof of his fine motor skills.

Kabir had cleared class X with 91.5% and class XII with 90% marks without the help of a scribe to write the exams, and he scored 542 out of 720 in NEET.

When the medical evaluation in Safdarjung Hospital deemed him unsuitable to pursue medical education due to his disability, the decision was challenged before a single judge bench of the Delhi High Court. The court ordered an independent



Kabir Paharia, who cleared NEET, is seeking admission to an MBBS course

assessment by a medical board of AIIMS Delhi. The AIIMS board, which did not include any doctor with disability, also decided that he was not eligible to pursue MBBS, following which the single judge bench upheld his ineligibility. Kabir challenged this before a division bench.

The earlier AIIMS board stated that Kapil "will face certain difficulties in the course of time pursuing MBBS because of the significant involvement of both hands with missing multiple fingers leading to limitations in acquiring and executing certain essential skills".

The AIIMS medical report does not specify the particular "essential skills" that the appellant is lacking on account of his disability and the National Medical Commission (NMC) did not consider any possibility of a reasonable accommodation being provided to the appellant, argued Kabir's counsel. The NEET disability certificate fails to take into account any of the assistive devices that the appellant currently uses or can use in the future such as prosthetics and bionic arms, he added.

The NMC guidelines on admission of students with "special disabilities" under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 stipulates: "Both hands intact, with intact sensations, sufficient strength and range of motion are essential to be considered eligible for medical course." However, in 2018, the Supreme Court had ordered the Gujarat government to give MBBS admission to Muskan Shaikh who was declared to have 75% disability after her right hand was amputated following an accident when she was in school.

In April 2022, the Delhi High Court had directed the NMC to revise its guidelines considering the advancements of science and technology. The guidelines were prepared by Dec 2022. "These guidelines have several problems, but they are not in the public domain and have been in cold storage since then. And now NMC is telling the court that the revised guidelines will be applicable only from next year. How many candidates with disabilities must suffer before new guidelines will be applicable?" asked Dr Satendra Singh, a disability rights activist and faculty in GTB Hospital.

"Hamilton Bailey, whose surgical textbook remains foundational for medical professionals, had lost the index finger on his non-dominant hand. There are several surgeons including orthopaedic, vascular, obstetrics and gynaecology, and general surgeons who have disabilities ranging from the loss of a fingertip to an entire hand. People with disabilities find unconventional ways to adapt," added Dr Singh, who founded the organisation Doctors with Disabilities: Agents For Change.

Vehicle theft gang

New Delhi: Police have claimed

to have dismantled an inter-state

syndicate of vehicle thieves who-

se mastermind allegedly was a

key functionary of a regional po-

Mohammad Anas, is a resident

of Meerut. He was apprehended along with five other accompli-

ces, bringing a cessation to their

profitable enterprise that exten-

Meena said that Anas had pre-

viously contested elections

from the Kithore assembly se-

would acquire stolen vehicles

from his associates at predeter-

mined rates. "A Toyota Fortuner

would garner Rs 1 lakh, while a Maruti Breeza would fetch Rs

50,000. Other high-end automobi-

les, including Swift Dzire, were

also integral to the syndicate's il-

Once in Anas' possession,

licit trade," the DCP elaborated.

these vehicles would be peddled

to prospective buyers in Meerut

and Muzaffarnagar, frequently with altered chassis numbers to

feit number plates, duplicate

keys, and specialised mecha-

nical implements from the syndicate. The group's modus

operandi entailed employing

advanced software to unlock

vehicles. Police have solved 11

cases of motor vehicle theft

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with the arrests. TNN

Law enforcement seized five stolen luxury cars, counter-

obscure their stolen origin.

According to police, Anas

at in Meerut but had lost.

DCP (southwest) Rohit

ded across Delhi-NCR.

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70-year-old Lajpat Nagar Colony Hospital gets much-needed fillip

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avements, roadsides, and surrounding areas of Lodhi Road and

engrossed in their study materials, on the

ambitions. The areas adjacent to a private

final day of the examinations on Sunday.

These candidates, hailing from various

states across India, had converged in

school at Lodhi Road and Lodhi Estate

were the hubs of activity for the past

week or so, with aspirants occupying

every available space, from tea stalls to

graffiti walls and even beside garbage bins

Delhi to pursue their civil services

Lodhi Estate were teeming with UPSC

Civil Services Mains 2024 aspirants,

New Delhi: Lajpat Nagar Colony Hospital, which is behind the bustling Central Market area, is currently undergoing some long-overdue upgrade after serving the community for nearly 70 years.

The hospital, constructed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in the 1950s, is on the verge of inaugurating a new block, which is expected to be accessible to the public by Dec.

"The old building constructed in 1955 The accused, identified as had developed several cracks. Seepage was a common problem. The repair was not the solution, so all the services operating here were first accommodated in the second block constructed in 1993, and then the reconstruction work started last year. Rs 3.5 crore has already been spent on this new two-storey building so far," an MCD official said.

> The overall project includes construction of a double-storey building with 14 rooms, a four-metre-wide verandah, washrooms, a lobby and other facilities.

> At present, 95% of the work is complete. The project also includes improving the open space or ground in front of the premises, constructing a toilet block for visitors, improving the front side of the boundary wall with sandstone cladding, and installing paving tiles along the reception side in hospital, the official added.

> "The work will additionally cost Rs 40 lakh, and the entire project was taken up using funds provided under the plan head by Delhi govt," the official sad.

> In phase II, there is a plan to construct the third and fourth floors of the double-storey building and that requires spending at least Rs 5.9 crore.

> The hospital's 10-bed day care attracts 700 patients on average daily, including patients from Badarpur, Sriniwaspuri, Kalkaji and Nehru Nagar jhuggis. During a recent visit to the site, TOI saw work was in progress for levelling the open area.

> MCD plans to shift all OPDs, including medicine, ENT, gynae, eye, dental and

general physicians, to the new building. The maternity and child welfare cen-

tre will also be relocated to the ground floor. "We have sufficient equipment, and at present there is no plan for further expansion. The old building will continue to have a pharmacy, testing lab, X-ray facility and DOTS centre. Besides, the administrative block will also function here on the second floor. If required, normal repair will be carried out here too after shifting," an official said.

The project plan also included widening the entry and making a guard room after removing the M&CW building. At the other entrance, the generator room will be removed to develop a toilet.

The hospital serves as a medical centre for MCD pensioners who travel from distant areas to procure free medicines and consult doctors.

Kamleshwar Sharma, a retired MCD teacher in Lajpat Nagar, frequents the hospital. "We have good doctors here, and if medicines are not available as per prescription, then we get it noted at the phar-

macy, and the supply is provided later." Another patient from Sriniwaspuri,

whose husband works with MCD, said: "The place might not be plush and advanced like a private facility, but doctors and staff are friendly and helpful, which makes it worth the visit." The hospital operates for seven to eight hours daily.

Text and photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay

Visitors have, however, highlighted the need for additional improvements, such as increasing the number of support staff. "The civic body needs to provide support staff (including ward boys) as well as multi-tasking workers (such as chowkidars and sanitation workers) at the hospital," a visitor said.

TOI also found the outer wall of the staff quarters damaged in places and requiring repairs.

Lajpat Nagar Colony Hospital is one of seven such facilities established in Delhi to cater to refugee colonies established in Delhi.

Other hospitals were established by MCD in Tilak Nagar, Patel Nagar, Malviya Nagar, Moti Nagar, Timarpur, etc. Although Delhi govt operated these hospitals for a period, four of them were eventually transferred back to the MCD, said an MCD official.



NEED FOR OVERHAUL: The old building constructed in 1955 had developed several cracks

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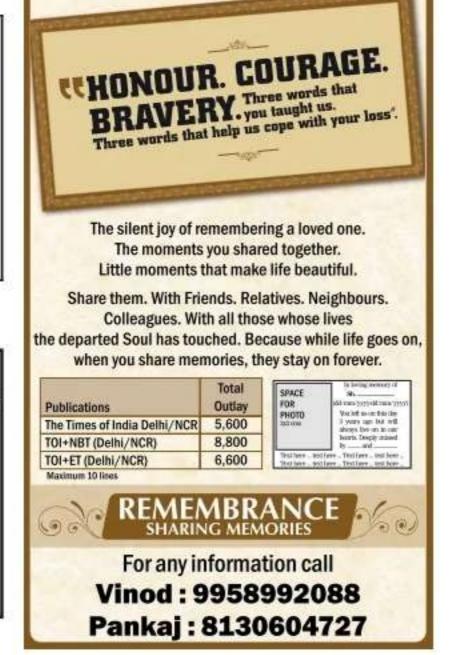
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DDA enhances housing schemes with a fresh finish and green spaces

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New Delhi: Following an encouraging response to the flats offered in three recent housing schemes launched last month, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has prioritised developing green spaces around the housing areas and giving a fresh finish to

unsold inventory where needed. The authority also plans to work with local bodies to ensure cleanliness in these areas.

"DDA's horticulture department is busy developing greens around the housing pockets to improve the quality of life for buyers. Besides, additional final touches are being given to housing blocks to add value. Apart from pursuing Municipal Corporation of Delhi for taking up the cleaning task in flats or areas under their jurisdiction, we are leaving no stone unturned to ensure green and clean surroundings in areas under our jurisdic-

tion," said an official. Officials reported that at least 1,650 out of nearly 9,000 flats offered in phase I of the Sasta Ghar Housing Scheme

and Madhyam Var-

me 2024 are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. These flats are located in Jasola, Narela, Rohini, Loknayakpuram, Ramgarh, and Siraspur across various categories. Moreover, over 130 out of 169 flats offered through e-auction in the Dwarka Housing Scheme have been sold. These flats are in Sectors 14, 16B, and 19B of Dwarka under the Penthouse, HIG, Super HIG, and MIG categories.

"Over 1,200 LIG and 440 EWS flats were sold out in Sasta Ghar and Madhyam Vargiya Housing schemes, with Rohini leading where all 708 LIG flats were sold, while around 250 flats were booked in Narela. Ramgarh also received an impressive response; out of the 183 LIG flats in the scheme, 153 flats were sold. Among the EWS segment, around 300 flats were sold out in Narela, and all 139 flats offered in Loknayakpuram were also booked," informed officials.

"Lieutenant governor VK Saxena, who is constantly reviewing the status of housing schemes, also lauded our efforts in this direction and prioritised the need for serving the poor and not-so-well-off sections by offering EWS and LIG flats at a modest rate," said an official.

In Narela, the authority is working on developing educational institutions, a metro rail corridor, and improving road network connectivity, drainage, electrical connections, water supply, and sewerage networks.

Buyers can book flats through DDA's website www.dda.gov.in or call 1800110332. They can also find details about the flats, including location, category, nearby amenities, photos, videos, and directions, through the link https://eservigiya Housing Sche- ces.dda.org.in/hs.html.

Part Of T3's Domestic Pier Likely To Handle International Traffic

Terminal 3 May Get A New Int'l Pier In 3 Years To Cater To Massive Growth

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New Delhi: Come next summer, a part of Delhi Airport T3's domestic pier could be handling international traffic to manage the massive growth of the latter. GMR Group-backed Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) has sought govt clearance for various aspects like security to begin this work, which could take up to six months from when started. "Their request is being considered," said highly placed officials. T3 can currently handle 2.2 crore international passengers annually, and this capacity needs to grow quickly given the demand for travel, as domestic has been taken care of for the next few years with the new

T1 (when fully operational). DIAL is also learnt to be considering adding a new pier at T3 for international flights. This plan has been discussed with top aviation authorities. "The airport operator is looking at having the new pier (Pier E) ready in about three years. If that happens, T3 will have two international piers and one domestic pier," said officials. So, late 2027 or early 2028 may see India's busiest airport the only one in the country with an elevated taxiway and

READY TO TAKE MORE LOAD



BY NEXT SUMMER Part of T3 domestic pier to be converted to int'l

IN 3 YEARS A new pier | Have air train may be added at T3

ready for T1-T2/3 transfers

T2 to be demolished based on how Noida Airport impacts IGIA traffic > Could be around for 4-5 more years > T2 will then make way for new T4

four runways - get the much-awaited air train and a 33% bigger T3.

(when fully operational after planes on order. the currently closed portion is repaired), along with T2 and a part of T3, are sufficient to handle domestic traffic for the next few years, augmenting international capacity (handled only from part of T3) is be-

coming imperative as traffic is growing. Air India and Indi-Go are adding foreign flights While the recently built T1 rapidly and have hundreds of

After T3's Pier E is ready, the final phase of IGIA's expansion will see one big development — the 1986-era T2 being razed to make way for a new terminal. The actual timing of T2's demolition will

impact of Greater Noida Airport, which opens next summer, on traffic trends at IGIA, say people in the know. While it is estimated the existing T2 may be around for 4-5 more years before it's pulled down, how long it lives will depend on how things shape up at

be decided after gauging the

NCR's other airport. Noida International Air-

port (NIA) will open with one terminal with an initial capacity of handling 1.2 crore passengers annually (CPA) next summer. Its T1 will subsequently be expanded to handle 1.8 CPA, taking its total capacity to 3 CPA. The second phase is expected to kick in quickly. Then, the second runway and T2 will be built, which in two phases of development will see NIA's capacity go first to 5 CPA and then 7 CPA.

Depending on IGIA's traffic requirements in the next few years - whether domestic grows faster or international - DIAL has three terminals to juggle with. As of now, T1 is seen as remaining only domestic (IndiGo wants it to handle international traffic too) for the foreseeable future and T3 as the only one for international flights. T2 will remain adaptable as the need arises before it is demolished.

T2 had become operational in 1986 as a purely international terminal and remained that way till T3 opened in 2010. After being mothballed for a few years, it was again kicked into service, this time as a domestic terminal. DIAL had, in fact, mulled two short-term options for augmenting IGIA international capacity — converting T2 or part of a domestic pier at T3 before opting for the latter.

One dead, three injured in fire

New Delhi: A man died and three others were injured in a fire incident that occurred in Bharthal Village of Dwarka on Sunday.

Rakesh, 32, a resident of Bharthal, was among those critically injured. His neighbours, Faiyaz, 22, and Sameer, 23, were severely burned. Maya Ram, 36, a resident of Bijwasan, Delhi, was hurt as well. Maya Ram succumbed to his injuries. A mobile crime team inspected the incident site and an FIR was registered. TNN

Ceiling collapse leaves two dead

New Delhi: Two people died and two were injured when a portion of the ceiling of a building under construction collapsed in Kanjhawala. According to police, the incident was reported at 5:39 pm. Local police and fire department were immediately alerted. With the assistance of local residents, a rescue operation was launched and the injured taken to hospital. TNN



DMRC does its bit in cleanliness drive

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) employees, their family members, and construction site workers participated in 'shram daan' (voluntary labour) at about 110 locations to support the 'jan andolan' movement for a cleaner India. "DMRC is participating in the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' initiative on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission by organising various activities across metro stations, residential colonies, construction sites, and depots," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC. Additionally, DMRC has adopted 70 Cleanliness Target Units outside its premises. TNN



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CM announces new road AAP govt has pushed assessment & repair plan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Chief minister Atishi on Sunday announced a road assessment and repair plan. All ministers have been designated with the task of identifying roads that are in poor condition in the next week, after which the Public Works Department (PWD) will carry out repairs.

This is not the first time govt has come up with largescale road repair announcements. Plans such as 'pothole-free city' and 'one-week-one-road' were announced previously but abandoned after some time.

Atishi said the PWD has been given the target of repairing its 1,400-km roads in Oct. "We hope that by the end of Oct, i.e. Diwali, we will be able to give 'pothole-free' Delhi roads to all Delhiites. As Arvind Kejriwal has written in his letter, the people of Delhi are troubled by these broken roads," she said.

In 2022, former PWD minister and deputy CM Manish Sisodia also gave out instructions to make the city 'pothole-free'.

Atishi said that during the special session of Delhi assembly on Friday, Kejriwal gave her a letter regarding the broken roads of Delhi. "He requested govt to repair the roads on a war footing. In view of this, an all-minister meeting was called. In this meeting, a comprehensive review of PWD roads was done to find out which roads are completely broken and need to be rebuilt," she said.

She added that in the meeting it was also discussed which roads have some portions broken, where longer stretches of 100 to 200 meters of road need to be built, and which roads have small potholes that need to be filled.

ATISHI SAYS

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Atishi, who also holds the PWD portfolio, said that from Monday onwards, the entire cabinet will hit the streets. "All ministers and I have taken responsibility for different parts of Delhi, where we will personally be on the ground and inspect and see what work needs to be done on which road," she said.

Atishi has taken responsibility for south Delhi and south-east Delhi. Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has taken responsibility for east Delhi, Gopal Rai has taken responsibility for north-east Delhi, Kailash Gahlot has taken responsibility for west Delhi and south-west Delhi, Imran Hussain has taken responsibility for central and New Delhi, and Mukesh Ahlawat has taken responsibility for north and north-west Delhi.

This year, many complaints were attended to by PWD regarding potholes and broken roads. Several stretches of the city's roads are in poor condition. Between Aug and Sept, PWD received nearly 9,000 complaints of waterlogging, potholes, broken roads, as per a complaint status report. Last week, Atishi and Kejriwal had hit the ground to take stock of the situation on the ground and assured people that broken roads will be repaired.

Delhi 40 yrs back: BJP

AAP SAYS

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Sunday claimed that AAP govt, during its almost nine-and-a-half-years under Arvind Kejriwal, had remained disconnected from the city's problems and its people.

"As the time for the main examination approached, Arvind Kejriwal has resigned to avoid accountability and has put forward Atishi to face the anti-incumbency wave," he said.

"Kejriwal knows very well that the people of Delhi have already decided to reject him in the upcoming assembly elections in Jan-Feb 2025, as his govt has pushed the city 40 years behind in the last 10 years," he alleged.

He claimed that that the 10 years of "inaction and corruption" under Kejriwal had left Delhi's roads, flyovers, public transport, sewer and water supply, ration cards, social pensions, schools and hospitals in a state of utter disappointment. "However, Kejriwal has resigned at the last minute to escape his responsibilities," he said. "The situation of govt today is like that of a student who doesn't study all year but tries to cram everything the night

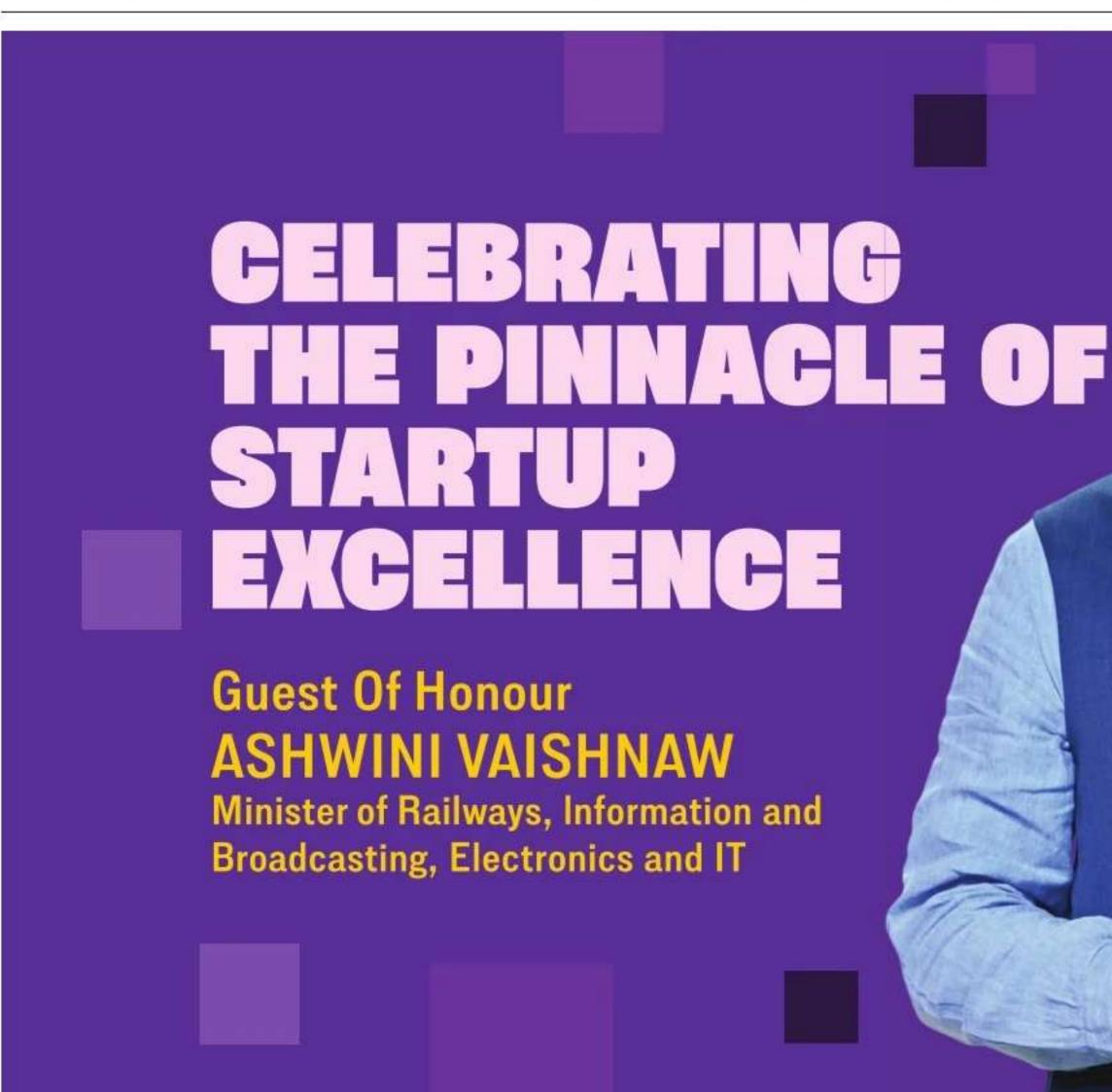
before the exam," he alleged. "Like a weak student, Atishi govt is now trying to repair the

roads left in poor condition by Kejriwal administration. However, she must realise that in the 90 days before the election notification, she will not be able to handle the anti-incumbency against Arvind Keiriwal," he said. "As she reaches out to the public, beyond the poorly maintained roads, she will also be questioned about water boards, health, education, social welfare services and transportation systems," he said. Sachdeva further said CM's division of road repair work among ministers was a "mere deception".

In a statement, AAP aid: "BJP implicated Arvind Kejriwal ji in a false case and deliberately stalled the work of the citizens of Delhi to tarnish the image of AAP. Now that Keiriwal has been released, he will ensure that all work is done".

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Sarita Vihar flyover to undergo repairs from Oct 1, half of carriageway to be closed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Sarita Vihar flyover ring the period, half portion of the will undergo repairs from Oct 1, for carriageway of the flyover from Ashwhich half of its carriageway will be ram to Badarpur will be closed for trafclosed to commuters, a traffic police advisory has announced.

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on Mathura Road will be carried out by (PWD) from 01.10.2024 to 30.10.2024. Dusame carriageway will remain open," "The repair of Sarita Vihar flyover the traffic advisory said. PWD will carry

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out the repairs that have got delayed by two years.

da and Badarpur with areas in southeast Delhi, and is used by over 1 lakh vehicles. Over the past few months, several po-

as well as the surface of the flyover. Mathura Road and leading towards Badarpur and Faridabad are advised to take Road number 13-A from the slip road

The flyover connects Faridabad, Noi- of Sarita Vihar flyover and take a U-turn from Road number 13-A to reach Mathura Road. "Commuters coming from Ashram towards Noida via Mathura Road tential dates have been discussed, but are advised to take DND flyway from the work has only got delayed. PWD will Ashram Chowk Commuters coming repair seven expansion joints, bearings from AIIMS, Moolchand, Lajpat Nagar and West Delhi and going towards Ba-Commuters coming from Ashramon darpur/Faridabad may take Lala Lajpat Rai Marg/Outer Ring Road-Maa Anandmayee Marg and M.B Road to reach their

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYEE'S STATE INSURANCE (M.B.) SCHEME, W.B. NEW ESIC BUILDING, WING-B, 2nd & 3rd FLOOR, G.B. BLOCK, SECTOR-III, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA-700097

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT **ESI HOSPITAL GOURHATI** P.O. ANGUS, HOOGHLY-712221 e-Tender Notice

E-Tender is invited for the selection of agencies for Washing of Hospital Linens (including Drying, Ironing and Distribution) at ESI Hospital Gourhati, P.O. Angus, Hooghly-712221 vide Tender Ref. No. ESI/GH/LN/NIT-04/2024-25/2157 dated 23.09.2024. Detail information of the tender and terms & conditions will be available from 30.09.2024 in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and submission of the e-tender will be through the same website. Last date of bid submission is on 18.10.2024. Any corrigendum notice in this regard will be published in the website of ESI(MB) Scheme, W.B. Sd /- SUPERINTENDENT, ESI HOSPITAL ICA-T18023(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL "E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF STATIONERY & GENERAL CONSUMABLES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2024-2026" in Medical College & Hospitals Kolkata-73 Vide NIT NO: MCH/E-TEN/11338 Dated 23.09.2024. The reputed companies/cooperative societies/ authorized distributors/ firms/ licensed contractors may visit the Website https:// wbtenders.gov.in & "www.wbhealth. gov.in" on and from 30.09.2024 for further

Bid submission start date (on line): 05.10.24. Bid submission closing date (online): Sd/- Medical Superintendent Cum Vice

Principal, Medical College & Hospitals, ICA-T18014(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Department of Youth Services & Sports **New Secretariat Buildings** Main Block, 6th Floor 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kolkata - 700001 **E-Tender Notice** No. 537-YS/SP/1M-25/2019,

Dated 23rd September, 2024 E-tender invited from reliable, resourceful, bonafide registered agency/ registered firm/ company having at least 5 years of experience as on 01.01.2024 in the field of catering service or supply of food or running canteen, on operational contract on rental basis for running of Food Court at the premises within Netaji Indoor Stadium, Eden Gardens, Kolkata. Details are available in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in Last date of submission of bid is 14.11.2024 at 5 P.M. Sd /- (Special Secretary), Department of Youth Services & Sports

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Irrigation & Waterways Directorate ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER (WBIW/EE/e-NIT-11/EE/M.D.D-II of 2024-25 Dated-26/09/2024)

Electronic submission of Bid is invited by the Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Drainage Division No.-II, Jalasampad Bhawan, 7th floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-91, I. & W. Dte. on behalf of the Govt. of West Bengal from eligible and resourceful contractors having sufficient credential of execution of similar nature of works at least 30% of SI. No.-1 of Amount put to Tender for WBIW/EE/e-NIT-11/EE/M.D.D.-II of2024-25. Details of WBIW/EE/e-NIT-11/EE/M.D.D.-II of 2024-2025 and Tender document may be down loaded from www.wbiwd.gov.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in or seen at Office Notice Board on and from 30.09.2024 at 10.30 hours. The date of download start date on and from 30.09.2024 at 16:30 Hrs. and the last date of Bid submission on 21.10.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. Sd/- EE/MDD-II, I & W Dte., Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T18022(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, HOWRAH

Re-e-Tender (3rd Call) 1) CMOH/How/Estt./3868 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at District Hospital, Howrah. 2) CMOH/How/Estt./3869 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at Belur SGH, Howrah. 3) CMOH/How/Estt./3870 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at Gabberia SGH, Howrah. 4) CMOH/How/Estt./3871 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at Satyabala IDH, Howrah. CMOH/How/Estt./3872 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at South Howrah SGH, Howrah. 6) CMOH/How/Estt./3873 dated 24/09/2024 for providing Security Services at TLJ SGH, Howrah. Re-e-Tender(3rd Call) is hereby invited For Providing Security Services for different health facilities as mentioned above. (Last date of application:-19/10/2024), Tender Starting date:-30/09/2024. Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in, http://www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.healthyhowrah.org.in Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health, Howrah

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No: 12/SE(Prog)/SD&SWM/ KMDA OF 2024-2025

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Online two parts tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Programme Circle, SD & SWM Sector, KMDA, Unnayan Bhawan, 5th Floor, Block-A, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafied and experienced agencies, for the work, St. No., Name of work, Estimated Cost, Earnest Money Deposit, Time of Completion, (1) Construction of proposed covered surface drain from Sasthitala More to Chanditala More at N.S. road under Ward No. 03, and 04 within Bhadreswar Municipality., Rs.3,35,13,245/-, Rs.6,70,265/-, 12 Months, (2) Construction of proposed covered RCC surface drain (1000 X 1200 MM) from S.C. Ghosh Lane through S.K. Palchowdhury street to Shibtala Ghat under Ward No. 07, 10 and 16 within Bhadreswar Rs.1,32,62,386/-, Rs.2,65,248/-, 10 Months, Last date & time of online Bid submission:

23.10.2024 upto 18.55 hours., for details contact the above office or visit both (KMDA-610) www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE Bid ref. no. WBMSCL/NIT-584/2024,

Manager, WBMSCL Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL North Bengal Development Department

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER E.E., NBDD, invites online e-Tender eNIT-37/2024-25. Details seen from the Office Notice Board, NBDD, Uttarkanya, Fulbari, Jalpaiguri, Pin-734015 on any working days and in the website:www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, North Bengal Development Department

Office of the Principal, BSMC,

Tender for supply of Stationary & Misc articles at BSMC, Bankura vide Memo No: 3575 , dt 20/09/2024. Interested bidder visit the www.wbhealth.gov.in

www.wbtenders.gov.in for further details. Sd/- Principal, BSMC, BANKURA ICA-T17996(3)/2024

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IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No. WBIW/EE-II/LDID/e-NIT-04/2024-25

Engineer-II, Lower Damodar Irrigation Division, Singur, Hooghly ICA-T18006(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL North Bengal Development Department NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

E.E., NBDD, invites online e-Tender eNIT-38/2024-25. Details seen from the Office Notice Board, NBDD, Uttarkanya, Fulbari, Jalpaiguri, Pin-734015 on any working days and in the website:www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, North Bengal Development Department ICA-T18029(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL N.B.D.D INVITING e-TENDER Notice inviting e-Tender by the E.E./NBDD Vide NIeT No.35 of 2024-25 of the E.E.,

the above mentioned NIeT in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in

Sd/- Engineer North Bengal Development Department

DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYEE'S STATE INSURANCE (M.B.) SCHEME, W.B. NEW ESIC BUILDING, WING-B, 2nd & 3rd FLOOR, G.B. BLOCK, SECTOR-III, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA-700097

e-Tender is invited for "Supply Installation and commissioning of different costly medical equipment namely: Multipara Monitor, Bi-pap machine, Anesthesia workstation, ABG Machine, Ligasure for vessel sealing, Flexible Uteroscope, Dialysis machine with R.O. plant and different other equipment's for ESI Hospitals under ESI (MB) Scheme, W.B. Detail information will be available in the Govt. website https://wbtenders.gov.in and https://esiwb.gov.in Sd /- DIRECTOR, ESI(MB) SCHEME, W.B. ICA-T18026(3)/2024

Irrigation & Waterways Directorate **Nadia Irrigation Division** Krishnagar, Nadia ABRIDGED NOTICE e-QUOTATION e-NIQ No. WBIW/EE/NID/e-NIQ-

The Executive Engineer, Nadia Irrigation Division, Krishnagar, Nadia, I&W. Dte. on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal invites online quotation from eligible bonafide contractor/supplier having Supply of 2(Two) nos. of Non Air Conditioned Motor Cab/Maxi Cab (Diesel) along with driver including having contract carriage permit on daily hire basics as under jurisdiction of Nadia Irrigation Division. Last date and time of submission of Technical & Financial bid (online) - 23.10.2024 upto 17.30 Hours. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.wbiwd.gov.in & https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Nadia Irrigation Division ICA-T17995(3)/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER 1) Bid reference no. WBMSCL/NIT-

581/2024, Dated-26/09/2024 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for - Repair and Renovation work to established Duty doctors' room Duty Nurses' room for Male and Female, Attached toilet at different floor at G+4 Bolpur Super Speciality Hospital Birbhum (RATTIRER SATHI). Last date of submission of bid (online)-22.10.2024 up to 2:30 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbmsc.gov.in and www.wbtenders.gov.in on 30.09.2024 at / after 02.00 P.M. request for Clarification, if any, may be sent to cpec@wbmsc.gov.in

Bid reference no. WBMSCL/NIT-582/2024, Dated-26/09/2024

West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for - Name of work - Repair and Renovation work to established Duty doctors' room, Duty Nurses' room for Male and Female, Attached toilet at different floor at G+9 Suri Super Speciality Hospital, Birbhum (RATTIRER SATHI). Last date of submission of bid (online)-22.10.2024 up to 2:00 P.M. The www.wbtenders.gov.in on 30.09.2024 at / after 02.00 P.M. request for Clarification, if any, may be sent to cpec@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

destination," the advisory says.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

NIeT-13 of 2024-25 EE/NMD- II

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Highway Division No.- I, invites online etender for the work of : (1) Emergent Repairing of Piprakhali Road under Berhampore Highway year 2024-2025 Bridge at chainage 25.30 km Sub Division of Murshidabad o Berhampore-Hariharpara-Amtala Highway Division No.-I during the (2 Surfacing of Shadikhandier Health Centre Road from 0.00 kmp. to 0.60 km under Islampur Highway vision of Murshidabad Highway Division No.I during the year 2024-2025. (3 Hariharpara to Bhagirathpur Road fron 0.00 Kmp. to 8.50 Km., Dressing and Chilchalling work in stretches under Berhampore Highway Sub-Division of Murshidabad Highway Division No.1 During the year 2024-2025, NIET NO 15 of 2024-2025 (SI NO I to 3) Tender ID: 2024_SH_758347_1/2/3. Bid Submission start date (Online) 04.10.2024 after 11.00 am Bid Submission Closing date (Online) z-22.10.2024 upto 5.00 pm Corrigendum f any will be published in website only Details of NIET and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer Murshidabad Highway Division No.1 P.W. (Roads) Directorate.

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e-TENDER NOTICE e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. On behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIeT 48/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID 2024_PHED_758367_1 to 5 for the work of making and fixing of permanent display board for land demarcation of PWSS site at Kakdwip, Patharpratima Namkhana, Sagar block, restoration work etc. under Alipore Division, P.H.E Dte. in district South 24 Parganas Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 25.10.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T18049(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE

-Tender is invited by The Executive ngineer, Mechanical Electrical Division Berhampore, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No WBPHED/EE/MEDB/NIeQ-21 OF 2024 25 and Tender ID 2024 PHED 758338 1 to 19 for Replacement of defective Power Correction Device in different PWSS Last date for Submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 25-10-2024 upto 10:00 A.M. Dated of Opening technical proposal (online): 28.10.2024 after 11:00 A.M. NB: All others of the above NIeQ will remain unchanged. All details can be seen from the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive ingineer, Mechanical Electrical Division,

e-TENDER NOTICE

West Bengal vide Ref. No.14/2024-2025 and 2024_PHED_758560_1 for Mtc. of different W/S Schemes under Birbhum Division, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date fo ubmission of tender is 23.10.2024 at 15:00 IST. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Birbhum Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T18050(3)/2024

ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NIeT No. 09 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 1834/PD dt.26.09.2024

Engineer, Purulia Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T18047(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WEST BENGAL STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (A STATUTORY CORPORATION)

OF SE, W.B.S.W.C. email: ce-swc@wb.gov.in E-TENDER NOTICE of SE/WBSWC

OF CHANCHAL 1000MT PADDY STORAGE GODOWN ADJACENT TO CHANCHAL RIDF GODOWN IN THE DISTRICT OF MALDA. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION- 23.10.2024. For detailed NIET see https://etencer.wb.nic.in Bengal State Warehousing Corporation ICA-T18046(3)/2024

NIeT No. MWBW/Amber-1 of 2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WEST BENGAL STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION (A STATUTORY CORPORATION)

email: ce-swc@wb.gov.in E-TENDER NOTICE 46 of 2024-25 of SE/WBSWC 2024_WBSWC_757534_2 CONSTRUCTION OF 1800MT NEW

FOOD GODOWN WITHIN BISHNUPUR RIDF CAMPUS DISTRICT SOUTH 24

Bharadwaj Slams LG On City's Law & Order

BJP Hits Back, Calls It Diversionary Tactic

Abhinav.Rajput@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Sunday slammed LG VK Saxena on the "deteriorating" law and order condition in Delhi.

Bharadwaj's criticism came in the wake of three cases of shootouts reported from the city on a single day on Saturday. "Today, the law and order situation in Delhi has gone from bad to worse; when will LG take cognisance of this?" Bharadwaj asked.

"LG, who keeps interfering in the work of Delhi govt, has no interest in fulfilling his responsibilities. The responsibility of law and order in Delhi comes directly under the Central govt and LG," said Bharadwaj.

There are 209 police stations in Delhi. "Has LG inspected even one police station so far," he asked. "I can say with responsibility that the law and order situation in Delhi has never been so bad before. Today, Delhi is known for gangsters, gang wars and big gang lords," he claimed.

Bharadwaj and MLA Durgesh Pathak also visited the spot where shots were fired at a showroom in Naraina. Bharadwaj said Saturday's shootings in three different areas had exposed the city's descent into lawlessness, leaving traders and residents gripped by fear. "AAP will demand immediate action to restore safety and end the reign of terror on Delhi's streets," he said.

area of Naraina, and such areas are at the- to law and order," he said.

ir busiest for business around 7.15pm. At such a time, gangsters stormed into a showroom with weapons and fired 24 rounds. A gun was placed on the head of the person inside."

He added, "We need to provide security to these traders in Delhi and improve the atmosphere here. Tomorrow, we will meet with LG and put an end to this environment."

Pathak said: "This is the main road of Naraina, which connects West Delhi and New Delhi. The Prime Minister's residence is just about 4km away, and in the evening, this area sees a lot of foot traffic. Yet, 24 rounds were fired one after another at this showroom, out in the open."

LG's office did not respond to the allegations. However, Delhi BJP

spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said Bharadwaj represented AAP govt, which had failed in the development of Delhi and maintenance of public amenities. "He is now attempting to mislead the people of Delhi on the issue of law and order to divert attention from the anti-incumbency of his govt, but he will not succeed," he said.

Kapoor whenever ministers from AAP govt visited any market area, traders questioned them about dilapidated roads, waterlogging and corruption in the licensing department of the municipal corporation. "Unable to answer the traders' questions, Bharadwaj and other ministers attempt to mislead traders and the people of Delhi by Bharadwaj said, "This is the main road exaggerating occasional incidents related

Labourer bludgeoned to death by friend

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Gurgaon: Two construction workers were arrested on Sunday for allegedly killing a 34-year-old co-worker while under the influence of alcohol in Sector-95A.

According to the police, Rakesh Kumar and the accused — Dharmender (29) of Ghaziabad, Amar Pal (34) from Delhi's Harsh Vihar — worked at an under-construction building in Prime Land Society. A private security guard posted at

Prime Land Society informed the cops that

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Executive Engineer, Nadia Division,

P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the

work of Sl. 01: Construction of 2 nos.

single row Hume pipe culvert at ch.

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row Hume pipe culvert at Ch. 0.945 km

of Jhawtala Tarakdaspur Road under

Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year

2024-25 (Rs. 15,74,170.00) Tender ID:

2024_WBPWD_758319_1 SI. 02:

Repairing and renovation work at

District Magistrate's Bungalow, Nadia

under Nadia Division, P.W.D. (Rs.

submission start date (online) 26 / 09 /

2024 from 06:55 P.M. Bid submission

end date (online) 21 / 10 / 2024 up to

02:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be

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NIQ O/o the Exe. Engineer Jhargram

Electrical Division, PWDte.

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Tender Id: 2024 WBPWD 758475 1

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Submission Start Date: 01/10/2024 Bid

submission Last Date: 15/10/2024 For

details, visit concerned office or

http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive

Engineer, P.W.Dte. Jhargram Electrical

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Executive Engineer, Nadia Construction

Division, P.W.Dte invites online e-Tender

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units residential quarter Type-1 for

Judicial Officers of Kalyani Court at

Kalyani Court Complex at Kalyani, Nadia

Additional work including Sentry Box

(Two Nos.), Land development

Pathway, Front gate, Underground

Reservoir and Garage with CGI sheet

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P.W.D. during the year 2018-19. (Civil &

Electrical works)." Additional work

during the year 2024-25. Estimated

Amount: Rs. 9,57,360.00 e-N.I.T-06 (1st

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Tender Id: 2024 PWD 758462 1. Bid

Submission start date (online)

03.10.2024 from 2.00p.m. Bio

submission closing (online): 21.10.2024

upto 11.00a.m. corrigendum if any, will

be published in website only. Details of

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Engineer, Nadia Construction Division,

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an unknown injured person was lying unconscious. A police team reached the spot and shifted Rakesh, who had suffered multiple head injuries, to the civil hospital where he was declared dead by the hospital.

Gurgaon police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said, "On Saturday night, they consumed liquor and played a game of cards in an open area behind the under-construction building. Rakesh had an argument with the accused during the cards game, which escalated, and the accused attacked Rakesh with an iron rod."

Rape suspect gets pre-arrest bail for lack of evidence

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court recently granted anticipatory bail to a man accused of rape, unnatural offences, cruelty, and criminal breach of trust. The complaint, filed by his sister-in-law, alleged ha-

rassment and molestation by the man and his family. The court of additional sessions judge Vinod Ku-

mar Meena noted that it was reflected from the reply of the investigation officer that the complainant submitted that her phone had been formatted, so she had no record regarding the WhatsApp chats. The court said that though specific allegations

had been made for molestation in Sept 2022 and Nov 2022, very strangely, no complaint was made. "There is not even a message or email to any fa-

mily member regarding the incident. The WhatsApp chat has not been denied in toto. It is also observed that the complainant and the brother of the accused/applicant are having matrimonial disputes," The court granted bail on various conditions, in-

cluding the furnishing of personal bonds and surety bonds of Rs 25,000. The accused/applicant shall not threaten the complainant or their family members and shall join the investigation as and when called by investigating agencies, it said. The accused man, through his counsel, submitted

before the court that the FIR was nothing but an afterthought to implicate family members of the husband of the woman. The counsel told the court that no custodial interrogation was required and the accused/applicant was willing to join the investigation. On the other hand, the additional public prosecu-

tor appearing for the state, opposing the anticipatory bail application, submitted that the allegations were serious and anticipatory bail should not be granted. The complainant woman submitted before the

court that she had been harassed and molested by the accused and his family. She added that her mother-in-law used to take

her mobile and the messages might have been sent to her brother-in-law by her mother-in-law. She said that she used to send cordial messages to her brother-in-law as per the instructions of her husband.



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financially & technically sound Firms/Companies/Agencies for enlistment under WBSETCL for supply of Computer, IT articles and peripherals. For details visit the Company's website www.wbsetcl.in on & from 30.09.2024. Last date of submission of application is up to 12:00 Noon, 05.11.2024 ICA-T18034(4)/2024 Date: 30.09.2024

from

ICA-T18060(3)/2024

NIT No.: GM(HR&A)/TENDER/TPAS/2024/74

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WEST BENGAL KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD

(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Textile Department) 12, B.B.D. Bag, Kolkata - 700 001 Website: wbkvib.org.in / Web Portal: Banglarkhadi.in ABRIDGED e-NIT

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Name of Work Amount (Rs.) Online Notice Inviting Quotation for Inviting Rate to Supply and Rs. To be Quoted Installation of different type of (Including all Fire Extinguisher (Cease Fire or Taxes, GST, Similar Make) at Center of Cess etc.) Excellence Ashoknagar, North 24 Parganas, under WBKVIB during the year 2024-25

For all details and online tender submission visit https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-T18021(3)/2024

selling counterfeit auto products New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested a

man for allegedly

selling counterfeit

products of an

Man arrested for

automobile company since 2018. The accused, Sachin Singh (34), was apprehended from Karol Bagh, police said. "He was running a business selling duplicate automobile products with fake spare parts and barcodes. A case was registered under Copyright Act. The officer said that a complaint from an authorised representative of an automobile company

Bid submission start date 26-Sep-2024 from 02.00 pm onwards. Bid submission closing date 22-Sep-2024 upto 02.00 pm

was received in Crime Branch and a team was formed to nab the accused. "A raid was conducted and Singh was nabbed," officer said. PTI

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Mediation Centre, 109, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel No. 011-23071432).

PID: 214897/2024 FOR R[2] IN SLP(C) NO. 27228/2023 (SEC IX)

MAHARASHTRA. LLYAS. YAKUB. SHAIKH. PID: 214898/2024 FOR GARIB NAWAZ COMPLEX, 3RD FLOOR, R[3] IN SLP(C) NO. ROOM NO. 301, AMBERNATH, DISTRICT- 27228/2023 (SEC IX) THANE-421502, MAHARASHTRA. PID: 214899/2024 FOR

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA EXTRA-ORDINARY

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 27228 OF 2023

WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

VERSUS

EKNATH VITHAL KAMBLE, SAINATH WADI, R. NO. 362, AIROLI, SECTOR NO. 1, THANE BELAPUR ROAD, NAVI MUMBAI-400708.

MAHARASTHRA. 4. V. THANGAVELL NADAR. SUBHASH NAGAR, MAHALAXMI KIRANA STORE, KAMBADEVI ROAD, DHARAVI, 90 FEET ROAD, MUMBAI- 400017,

MAHARASHTRA. SHIVAJI SHANKER KHANDAGALE. PARSIWADI KAMLADEVI CHAWL, ROOM NO. R[7] IN SLP(C) NO. 6/7. GHATKOPUR (WEST), MUMBAI-400086. 27228/2023 (SEC IX) MAHARASHTRA.

BHASKAR L. SURYAVANSHI, BHIMGARGANA PID: 214902/2024 FOR CHWL, NAGWADI, P.L. LOKHANDE MARG, R[9] IN SLP(C) NO. CHEMBUR, MUMBAI-400089. MAHARASHTRA.

MOHAMMED TAMIL ABDUL MASJIT. **NEW GAUTAM NAGAR PLOT NO. 1.** SHIVAJI NAGAR ROAD, NEAR RAJA MEDICAL STORE, GOVANDI

MUMBAI-400043.

MAHARASHTRA. SHANTARAM, G. DAWAL, 109, GAYA BLDG, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM NO. 55, R[II] IN SLP(C) NO. MASJIT BUNDER, MUMBAI-400009, MAHARASHTRA.

BAVRE NAGAR, PIPE LINE, SAIPAN CHOWK, PATIL CHAWL, GHATKOPAR (W), 27228/2023 (SEC IX) MUMBAI-88. MAHARASHTRA.

VILAS. BALAVANT CHAVAN,

PID: 214908/2024 FOR 10. ISRAVELL. M. NADAR, R[15] IN SLP(C) NO. NAIDU CHAWL, R. NO. 2, SUBHASH NAGAR, POKHRAN ROAD NO. 2, 27228/2023 (SEC IX) THANE WEST 400601.

MAHARASTHRA. WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. GUNNAM VENKATESWARA RAO, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 15th December, 2023, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-"1. Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General states that the issue raised

in the Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal needs consideration by this Court for the reason that the MoU dated 06th June, 2006 covers 25,000 contractual employees and the ramifications of this order are wide spread. However, in view of the fact that only 59 respondents are before this Court in the present batch of petitions and the monetary involvement is limited to approximately 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One crore only), the petitioner is ready and willing to release the said amount in favour of the respondents, without prejudice to its rights and contentions as raised in the present

2. Delay condoned. 3. Issue notice.

4. Mr. Amit Shukla and Mr. Shashibhushan P. Adgaonkar, learned Advocates on-Record who are on caveat, accept notice and seek time to file a counter affidavit. 5. Counter affidavit be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder affidavit be filed within four weeks, thereafter.

6. Subject to depositing the amount payable to the private respondents with

the controlling authorities within a period of four weeks from today for being

released in favour of the private respondents, operation of the impugned judgment shall remain stayed till further orders. 7. In the meantime, the petitioner shall file an affidavit furnishing the number of contractual workmen who would be affected by the impugned

judgment and the monetary ramifications involved within four weeks with a copy to the other side.

8. List after service/pleadings are complete." NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief will be posted for hearing before this Court along-with tagged matters in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the

resultant appeal be not allowed. Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed

before the Court in due course. You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order

or for vacating interim order if already granted. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 24th September, 2024

Copy to Mr. Gunnam Venkateswara Rao (adv.) b-15 (basement) Jangpura Extension, New Delhi- 110014 Tel 011-43080477

ASSISTANT REGISTRAP

Mr. Shashibhushan P. Adgaonkar (adv.) b-66, Lajpat Nagar-ii, Opposite Arya Samaj Mandir, New Delhi - 110024 ASSISTANT 'REGISTRAR Important Notice

Services Committee and the Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society to eligible litigants. For further information, please contact the Secretary, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee or the Member Secretary, Supreme Court Middle Income Group Legal Aid Society, 107-108, Lawyers' Chambers, R.K. Jain Block - Near Post Office, Supreme Court Compound, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001 (Tel Nos. 011-23116353,23116354 (Additional Building Complex) and 011-

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Dated - 26/09/2024 Supply and Installation of High mast and additional Street Light pole with allied Electrical Installation works for Gangarampur SSH, Dakshin Dinajpur (Under Rattirer Sathi). Last date of submission of bid (online)-21/10/2024 up to 3:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbmsc.gov.in and www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 01/10/2024 at 05.00 P.M. request for Clarification, if any, may be sent to cpee@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

BANKURA, Pin: 722102. Principal, BSMC, Bankura, invites Ewebsite

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Berhampore, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T18051(3)/2024

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On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No. 2911 by the Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, P.H.E. Dte. [2024_PHED_756848_1 to 421. Bid proposal submission end date 06.11.2024 up to 6:00 P.M. Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive

NIET No. 23(2nd CALL of 2024-25

Tender ID- 2024_WBSWC_757711_1 REPAIRING AND RENOVATION WORKS Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL W.B. MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION TENDER NOTICE

WBMDFC invites e-tenders for the work of "Supplying, fitting, fixing tiles plastering, painting etc work at Salt Lake Sector-1, Kol-64. The Last date of submission of bid is 22.10.2024 upto 3.30 p.m. Corrigendum or addendum, i any, will be uploaded only in the Corporation's website. For further details please visit our website www.wbmdfc.org and http://wbtenders.gov.in Toll Free No 1800-120-2130. Sd/- Managing Director ICA-T18018(3)/2024

OF SE, W.B.S.W.C. NIET No. 45 of 2024-25 of SE/WBSWC & Tender ID- 2024_WBSWC_757534_1 &

PARGANAS. (II) CONSTRUCTION OF 1960MT NEW FOOD GODOWN WITHIN DIAMOND HARBOUR RIDF CAMPUS DISTRICT SOUTH 24 PARGANAS, LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION- 23.10.2024. For detailed NIET see https://etencer.wb.nic.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation ICA-T18044(3)/2024

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SANTOSH DESAI



Now that Covid is comfortably in our rearview mirror (fingers crossed), it is interesting to look back on what has changed in the long run and what hasn't. So

many predictions were made at the time about the sweeping effects that this pandemic would have on our lives. And there is no question that humanity collectively went through a traumatic experience that it had no precedent of. But despite this, has anything significant really changed?

Things that were already changing have accelerated in speed and deepened in impact. Our embrace of the digital world, which accelerated significantly during the pandemic, seems to have continued for most part. Shopping online feels far more natural now, even among audiences that were slow to warm to the idea.

However, not all online businesses have sustained the momentum; in cases where the adoption of digital means was purely a substitute for the real thing, the effects of the pandemic have ebbed Education is a prime example, and the edtech sector is testament to the fact that once it was possible to go back to schools and colleges, the spurt in online learning has died down. However, what it has left behind is a greater openness to digital modes of education, again something that had already begun to happen.

The other big impact of the pandemic was normalising working from home. The technology was always available, but its adoption skyrocketed in a time when there was no other option. Working from home changed something fundamental in our mental model of work. It was previously taken for granted that work could happen in a certain way, and maintaining the distance between office and home had become an article of faith. This despite the fact that distinction had been trampled upon by technology, which ensured work permeated every moment of our lives.

Today, we see an ever-increasing number of businesses going back to the pre-pandemic mode of working from the office. Employers have been pushing for this, for they believe that having

a scattered workforce reduces focus and intensity. The employees are not so gung-ho about returning to the office, having experienced the freedom that working from home afforded them.

This is not a problem that will resolve itself soon, for the younger generations that are entering the workforce are even more certain that they want to retain as much personal freedom as possible while employed. Chances are that the movement towards more flexible work conditions, which had begun well before the pandemic, will continue, perhaps at a slower pace, but inexorably, nevertheless.

In each of these cases, it is not that things have not changed at all but that the shifts don't feel fundamental. There has been a shift towards more

What we learn from our experience with the pandemic is that while human beings are quick to adapt to sudden unfamiliar situations, that is by no means our preferred state. Eventually, we only end up retaining new behaviours if they deepen existing shifts that were already underway or if they expose an area of simmering discontent

comfortable clothes, but again, this is balanced by a renewed desire to dress up, something that was denied to us during the pandemic.

Being cooped up indoors for a long time seems to have left a deep impression; the desire for outdoor experiences has certainly returned with a vengeance. Increasingly, as more functional needs get met digitally, the outdoors have taken on a more recreational role. Eating out is perhaps the biggest beneficiary of this trend, with families tumbling out of their homes in search of newer culinary experiences.

The pandemic also created a need for looking at optional ways of living away from the madness of cities. The lure of smaller towns where the pace of life is more relaxed has become more real, with more people evaluating this as an option.

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A place like Goa has felt the full force of this need, with so many people from larger metros seeking refuge here, often to the detriment of the local populace.

A subject like mental health also seems to have become more mainstream. For a lot of the people, the experience of being confined, accompanied by the anxiety induced by a phenomenon that they had no previous experience of nor the mental wherewithal to deal with, created mental issues they had not encountered before. A subject that was often dismissed as the weak person's inability to cope suddenly became more real and personal.

It was generally assumed that the pandemic would change our attitude towards making us more careful and receptive to preventative healthcare. I am not sure that this has happened; it seems that we have slipped back into old ways. Perhaps we are a little more careful about the idea of diseases that are contagious, but a significant shift in attitudes has perhaps eluded us. The other much heralded change, that of a more equitable distribution of household responsibilities between the genders too, seems to have gone back and embraced familiar patterns.

What has emphatically not changed is our love for travel. Again, the quantum of 'revenge travel' that we saw in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic seems to show no signs of abating. A lot of social conversations tend to focus on food or travel. Similarly, the need for other people's company continues to be as robust as it always was.

What we learn from our experience with the pandemic is that while human beings are quick to adapt to sudden unfamiliar situations, that is by no means end up retaining new behaviours if they deepen existing shifts that were already underway or if they expose an area of simmering discontent. The changes we have seen are those of degree rather than direction. Overall, it is fair to say that what the pandemic underlines is that change does not come easily to human behaviour. Even when subject to extraordinary pressure over a reasonably long period of time, the human tendency is to go back to familiar modes of living our lives. There is something stubborn about our happiness and misery; we seem loath to change either. We adjust instantly, but we don't change that easily.

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Mayor accuses LG of political bias, pleads SC to set aside panel polls

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New Delhi: Accusing lieutenant governor of bias, mayor Shelly Oberoi has approached the Supreme Court to challenge the election of the chairman and the sixth member of MCD's standing committee, held on Sept 27, which was won by BJP. AAP had boycotted the election, alleging that the process was in contravention of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act.

Seeking immediate interference of the apex court, Oberoi alleged that the LG's action was an attempt to "usurp" the powers and duties of the office of Mayor and render elected representatives of the NCT govt redundant, which should not be allowed.

The Mayor alleged that repeatedly invoking the extraordinary powers under Section 487 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act without any public interest involved in it rendered the elected representatives of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi redundant and caused irreparable damage to the democratic fabric of the NCT of Delhi.

She pleaded for quashing of elections to the posts of the chairman, deputy chairman and one member to the standing committee from the ward committees held on Sept 9 and the election to the post of the sixth member of the standing committee of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi held on Sept 27

AAP, which won 134 councillor seats out of 250 seats in the 2022 polls has been at loggerheads with BJP which had won 104 seats. The petition alleged that after the polls, the our preferred state. Eventually, we only office of the LG has been "weaponised" to undo the democratic mandate which gave AAP a majority in MCD and the present controversy arose out of illegal and undue interference with the electoral process in two sets of elections by the "illegal invocation" of extraordinary powers purportedly under Section 487 of the DMC Act in the dead of the night while he was on an official visit to Seoul, South Korea.

The petition alleged that the standing committee election was held on the basis of the directions of the LG and the municipal commissioner, an IAS officer, had convened the meeting. It said that the process was illegal as only the MCD Mayor can decide the date, time and venue for the corporation meeting where the standing committee elec-

tion is held.

masked their sinister bond Abhay@timesofindia.com

How these twin brothers

New Delhi: In the bustling streets of north Delhi, a tale of twin brothers, Vikas and Akash, unfolded like a gripping thriller. Born just 10 minutes apart, their faces shared an uncanny 60% resemblance, masking a sinister bond. Unemployed and adrift, they slipped into a world of crime.

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Vikas, the younger brother, had already earned notoriety at Burari Police Station, with 20 cases against his name. Robbery, snatching, burglary, and house theft — his rap sheet read like a catalogue of desperation. But what drew his elder brother, Akash, into this dark orbit?

Their family's humble existence—a security guard father, housewife mother, two labourer brothers and two sisters seemed worlds away from the twins' nefarious activities. Yet, it was within these walls that Vikas's addiction to drugs sparked a chain reaction, dragging Akash down with him five years ago.

As the brothers' crimes escalated, their cunning tactics fooled even the most seasoned cops. They exploited their twinship, switching names and alibis to evade capture. If Vikas committed a snatching, Akash would provide a fake alibi, claiming to be at a familiar location. When they worked together, the motorcycle rider would conceal his face.

Their bike, registered in their father's name, became an instrument of crime. With no discernible pattern, they struck whenever their drug supp-

ly dwindled. Vikas's girlfriend proved

another motivator — snatching to support her financial requirements.

As police closed in, the twins attempted to conceal their twinship, hoping to preserve their anonymity. But police eventually unravelled their web of deceit, linking five cases to the duo.

Now, cops are probing whether the twins drew inspiration from movies or other external influences. One thing is certain: the bond between Vikas and Akash has become a toxic force, driving them deeper into the shadows.

"They had two methods of operation: if one was committing a snatching, the other would be at a shop so that if one was spotted on a CCTV, he could claim to have been elsewhere," said DCP (north) Manoj Meena. "When police visited their homes, both brothers would employ tactics by switching their names. For example, if Vikas had committed a crime, he would pretend to be Akash and vice versa," the DCP added.

The brothers wreaked havoc in densely populated neighbourhoods, including Mukherjee Nagar, Mukundpur, Bhalswa Dairy and surrounding areas. The duo's lightning-fast escapes left cops scrambling to keep up. With their high-speed bike manoeuvres, they effortlessly navigated congested lanes, leaving victims helpless. The incident that did them in, though, involved a woman who was targeted at Burari Chowk in full public view, prompting a manhunt for them. TOI had on Sept 25 reported how cops arrested the twins

after a cat-mouse game.

oath as CJ of High Court



New Delhi: Justice Manmohan on Sunday took oath as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court. LG Vinai Kumar Saxena administered the oath to the 61-year-old judge at Raj Niwas. The ceremony was at-

tended by several dignitaries. Justice Manmohan was appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Delhi high court on Nov 9, 2023, after the then Chief Justice Satish

LG VK Saxena administered the oath to the 61-year-old judge at Raj Niwas Chandra Sharma was eleva-

> ted to the Supreme Court, Justice Manmohan is the son of late Jagmohan, bureaucrat-turned politician who also served as the governor of J&K and LG of Delhi.

On July 11, the apex court collegium recommended that Justice Manmohan, who will retire on Dec 16, be appointed the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, TNN

Justice Manmohan takes Two arrested for firing at sweet shop in Nangloi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police's Special Cell has arrested two sharpshooters associated with the notorious gangster Deepak Boxer for their alleged involvement in a shooting incident reported at a sweet shop in Nangloi on Saturday morning.

The accused were identified as Jatin and Hariom. On Sept 28, two assailants on a black Hero Splen-

dor motorcycle fired several rounds at the counter and employee of the sweet shop. They threatened to extort money, citing directions from jailed gangsters

Deepak Boxer and Ankesh Lakra of the Gogi Gang. Police recovered a semi-automatic pistol with 5 live cartridges, a country-made pistol with 4 live cartridges, and the motorcycle used in the crime.

Interrogation revealed Jatin's links to gangster Lakra, who orchestrated the crime from Tihar jail.

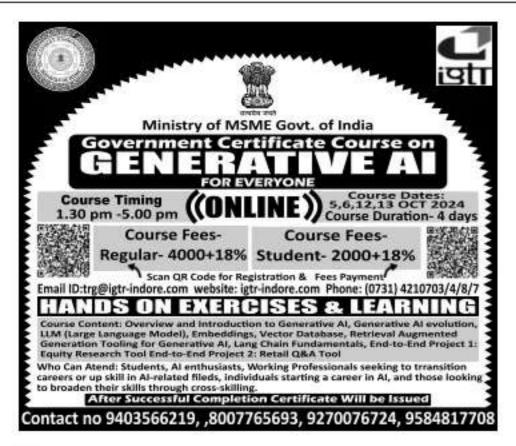
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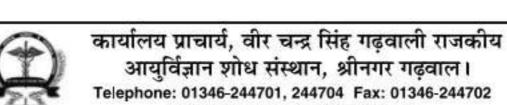
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Parliament, Shah said on Sunday.

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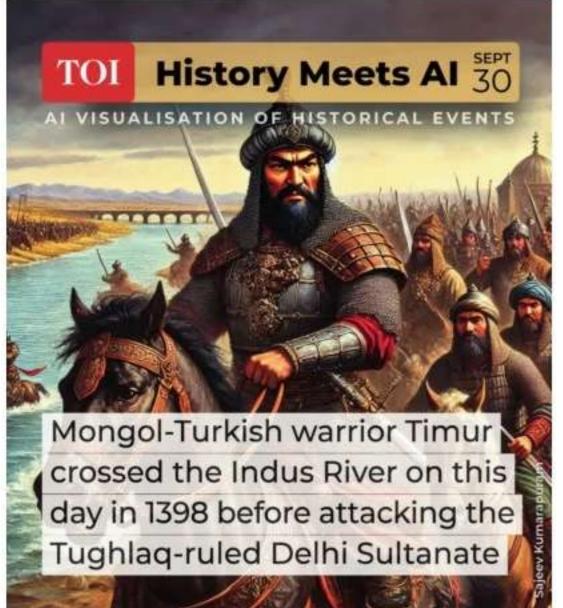
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2-yr-old among 9 killed as bus hits truck in MP

two-year-old child among nine people died and 20 others were injured when a speeding bus carrying 45 passengers rammed into a parked truck on a highway in Madhya Pradesh's Maihar district late Saturday. Police had to deploy JCB machines and gas cutters to evacuate passengers from the mangled remains of the bus headed to Nagpur from Prayagraj. The driver dozed off while the bus was speeding at over 100 km/h," Ritesh Gupta, deputy manager at SBI Rewa, told TOI. Truck's parking lights were off, so the bus driver might not have seen it, said a source. Police have booked the drivers of both the vehicles. TNN

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'Waqf bill passage soon': Shah sets stage for oppn showdown

Promises 5L Jobs With Pension For Haryana's Youth If BJP Wins

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Gurgaon: Home minister Amit Shah on Sunday asserted that the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, will be passed in the winter session of Parliament, setting the stage for a potential showdown with the opposition both inside and outside the House.

"Waqf board law... we will fix it in the next session of Parliament," Shah said while addressing an election meeting in Badshahpur in Gurgaon. Shah's declaration came



even as opposition parties remain stridently ranged against the waqf bill, claiming that it was based on unfounded fears terference with the constitu- tions of the panel have been their tenure. tionally mandated religious marred by multiple clashes

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with opposition members duelling with those of BJP. Many evebrows were raised when the JPC received 1.25 crore mails on the bill, which led senior BJP MP and JPC member Nishikant Dubey to allege a plot to derail the legislation. He has urged the home ministry to order a probe.

Shah, who addressed three rallies in Haryana on Sunday, also said 5 lakh youths from the state would get govt jobs with a provision for pension over the next five years if BJP continued in office for a third term.

He reiterated his promise of "pakki pension wali sarkari naukri (govt jobs with pension) for Agniveers after they completed their four-year stint in the armed forces. On Friday in Rewari, which has strong links with the Army, Shah had said both central and state

"We will provide jobs to 5 rich," he said.

lakh youths without any parchi and kharchi. Congress candidates are talking about the quota system in jobs. They don't believe in merit, we do." he told the gathering.

Jobs have been a recurrent issue in the run-up to assembly elections. Most candidates have made promises regarding jobs in their campaign speeches. Congress, in its manifesto, has promised 2 lakh jobs if it comes to office.

Like his campaign in Re-

wari, Shah once again dubbed Rahul Gandhia "lie machine" and accused Congress of spreading misinformation about the Agnipath. "The scheme was brought to keep the Army young," Shah said. He described Congress as a party of "dalal, dealer and damaad". "During Congress rule, the party worked for onof existing waqf boards and Committee (JPC) headed by govts had made provisions to ly one district and a particuwas unnecessary. They also BJP's Jagdambika Pal is scru- absorb Agniveers in various lar community. In Gurgaon, claimed that it amounted to in- tinising the bill. Delibera- sectors after they completed Cong destroyed hundreds of acres to make Delhi's damaad

The court also ordered the

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them under the Act. The bench

observed that the district ma-

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10 acquitted in 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots case for 'lack of proof'

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Agra: A local court acquitted 10 accused allegedly involved in a murder case during the 2013 Muzaffarnagar communal riots due to "lack of sufficient evidence". During the trial, the complainant and her mother turned "hostile", making it difficult for the prosecution to establish the case.

The incident dates to Sept 8, 2013, when local resident Az Mohd alias Ashu, 30, was beaten to death with sticks and sharp-edged objects in Phugana.

A case was initially registered at the local police station by Ashu's wife, Imrana. In her complaint, she had said, "As we were heading towards the bus stand, Ashu and I were surrounded by a mob." Imrana alleged that Gauray, his father Amarpal, pil, Sachin, Dinesh, Yogesh, naming four individuals.



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prosecution to establish the case

Abhishek, Ruby, Master Shripal and Manoj — all locals — were part of the mob who attacked Ashu.

After the probe, a special investigation team gave a clean chit to one of the accused, Shripal, and filed a chargesheet against the remaining 11. Another accused Sachin, in the meantime,

died in a road accident. The court order was delivered on Thursday and made available late on Saturday. Notably, the complainant and her mother had altered their statements during the trial, Rocky alias Don, Ratan, Ka- with the former initially

Doc found dead inside car in UP hosp, needle mark on hand

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Prayagraj: A doctor, Kartikeya Srivastava, 29, from Uttarakhand's Kotdwar, was found dead inside his car parked on the campus of SRN ed, the DCP said. hospital late on Saturday.

Police found a syringe and two vials of anaesthesia inside the car.

Abhishek Bharti, DCP (city), told TOI: "Kartikeya was spotted by his colleagues inside the car in an unconscious state and was rushed to the ICU," Bharti said, adding that when he could not be revived, his colleagues in-

formed police. There was a needle mark on his hand.

The doctor's colleagues told police that he was depressed for some time. A detailed autopsy report is await-

Kartikeya was working as a junior resident in the orthopaedic department and lived with his parents at a flat in the Georgetown area of Prayagraj. He was seen at the operation theatre on Saturday morning.

Colleagues also told police that Kartikeya had a problem in his leg and was not able to stand for long hours.



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gent Gangster Act against three local residents last month, the state govt, admit-

ted, transferred the official. The three men, Asif, Anas and Chahat (only first names available), were charged under the Act at Didauli police pulled up the official for showing 'sheer negligence amid procedural lapses' while giving his nod for slapping the stringent law against three local residents

Allahabad HC had

court sought a response from Singh Deshwal granted the

rate petitions seeking the quashing of two FIRs and a "gangster chart" registered against them by the local police and administration.

accused had filed three sepa-

Notably, "gangster chart" is a record which police along with administration prepare by naming a person or persons as the leader or member of a gang before charging them under the Act. On Sept 24, after examining the matter, HC division bench of justices Vivek Kumar Birla and Arun Kumar

lar district where the DM and SP did not properly prepare the gangster chart in accordance with laid down rules.

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23 terror hits in J&K so far this year, down from 222 in 2014

'Better Security Situation Boost For Poll Turnout'

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New Delhi: The marked improvement in security situation in J&K since the last assembly elections — with terror-related incidents this year down to one-tenth of the levels seen in 2014 — has been a major contributory factor in the good turnouts witnessed in most parts of Kashmir region, according to J&K administration This, an official said, is significant as these are the first assembly polls in J&K after the nullification of Article 370

Union Territory in 2019. However, polling percentages in all but one district of Jammu division, where voting is over, have dipped since 2014. A plausible explanation could be the recent spike in terror activities in the region, among other things. Till Sept 27, 15 terror attacks and encounters had left 11 civilians and 17 security personnel dead in Jammu region.

and its reorganisation into a

that went to the polls in the first two phases on Sept 18 and 25, eight recorded average turnouts lower than in 2014

CURBING MILITANCY 2024 (Till Sept 27) Terrorist incidents in J&K - 2014 vs 2024 222 23 ______ 15 Jammu 8 Kashmir Terrorists killed Civilians killed Security personnel killed 35 Kashmir 15 Jammu 11 Jammu 10 Jammu 4 Kashmir 5 Kashmir 29 23 110

these 13 districts are in Jammu region, three are in Kash-

Jammu districts where polling has been conducted in Phase 1 and 2 has shown a rise in voter turnout as compared to the 2014 polls, while four of the seven such districts in Kashmir recorded an upward trend in polling percentages. A comparison with 2024 LS polls shows that all but one district-Reasi in Jammuregion — witnessed a lower

turnout in the current polls. passengers and the bus driver. Also, encounters with terrorists have caused multiple saw 23 grenade attacks, nine miri voters indoors, said an-

Poonch and Rajouri in the recent months.

Overall, terror-related in-Only one among the six cidents in J&K are down from 222 in 2014 to 23 so far this year, with 15 reported in Jammu region and 8 in Kashmir. Security forces' fatalities too have fallen to 25, of which 17 were in Jammu region alone, from 47 in 2014, as have civilian killings from 28 in 2014 to 16 (11 in Jammu region & 5 in ty official pointed out. the Valley) in 2024.

As many as 45 terrorists were killed this year against 110 in 2014. Of these, 35, in-Reasi had witnessed the cluding 18 foreign terrorists called by the separatists, biggest terror attack of the and 17 local terrorists, were who rather joined the demo-Of the 13 J&K districts year in July, with firing by ter-neutralised in Kashmir cratic exercise as candidates, rorists on a bus killing eight while Jammu saw the end of or the usual law and order 10 terrorists.

assembly polls. While five of security forces casualties in IED strikes and 41 hartal other officer.

Terrorist killed in Kathua gunfight

c ecurity forces gunned down a terrorist in Kog-Mandli village of Billawar tehsil in Jammu division's Kathua district Sunday during an ongoing gunfight that began the previous evening, reports Sanjay Khajuria.

Another shootout was reported Sunday evening from Manial Gali in Rajouri district during a search operation based on specific intelligence about the presence of terrorists in the area. "The operation is ongoing. The area has been cordoned off. No casualties reported so far," a police officer said.

calls, 2024 has witnessed zero such incidents. "Four of the seven districts — Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama and Sri-

nagar, all once terror hotbeds -fared better in terms of voter turnout as compared to 2014 assembly polls," a securi-Even the campaign and

the two polling days so far were peaceful and incidentfree, with no poll boycotts disruptions like stone-pelt-As compared to 2014 that ing that would keep the Kash-

Kharge falls ill during rally, PM calls up to wish him recovery

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday to enquire about



health after the opposition leader felt unwell while addressing a rally and required medical assistance in Jasrota

of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district. After receiving medical attention, Congress president

Kharge said he was "not going

to die" until Modi was re-

moved from office. Congress functionaries said Kharge was stable after a check-up by doctors. Sources said the Prime Minister called up the Congress chief and

wished him good health. Kharge felt dizzy while addressing a poll rally and was helped to a chair by his colleagues and later underwent a medical check-up. "I am 83 years old, I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive until PM Modi is removed from power. I will listen to you. I will fight for you," he said in

his speech. Before this, Kharge had to put off his rallies in Harvana's Ambala and Gharaunda on Sep 23 due to health reasons. Congress had then issued a statement that he had been advised rest.

Lone, Afzal Guru's bro in fray for last phase of polls ► Continued from P 1 netween May 4 and Sept 28, J&K recorded 22 security force fatalities -

Election authorities have deployed over 20,000 staff across 5,060

polling stations with 29 polling stations near the Pakistan border

and Surjit Singh Slathia. In the first phase on Sept 18, voter turnout was recorded at 61%, followed by 57% in the second on Sept 26. This final phase covers critical areas for both BJP and opposition parties.

BJP, Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance, and PDP fiercely debated key issues such as Pakistan, Article 370, terrorism, and reservation. These elections, the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, come after a decade-long hiatus from ashe said, vowing to uphold the sembly polls in J&K.

PM Narendra Modi led People's Conference chief BJP's campaign, highlight-Sajad Gani Lone is running ing NDA govt's achievements from both Kupwara and Handover the past decade and wara. His main opponent in promising the restoration of Kupwara is NC's Chowdary statehood, which he reiterat-Ramzan, a former minister. ed is a "temporary" Union Former DDC chairperson Sa-territory status. Union home fina Beg is contesting from Baminister Amit Shah, defence ramulla. Other prominent minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president J P Nadda, and UP deputy CMs Tara Chand (Con-CM Yogi Adityanath accused gress) and Muzaffar Beig, Congress-NC and PDP of folalong with BJP's Sham Lal lowing a "Pakistani agenda"

and promoting terrorism —

charges these parties denied. Congress functionaries, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Sachin Pilot promised to re-

hul's rallies in Jammu city and Sopore focused on reforms and progress. Sopore, famed for its apple orchards, became notorious for militancy in the 1990s. Hurriyat's hard-line separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani was thrice elected from the constituency. Voter turnout in the 2008 assembly elec-

tions was only 19%, though

participation surged to 45%

store statehood and offer a

"people-friendly" govt. Ra-

in the 2024 LS polls. Election authorities have deployed more than 20,000 staff across 5,060 polling stations, including 240 special booths, with 29 polling stations near the Pakistan border. Over 39 lakh voters are eligible to cast their ballots. The results will be declared on Oct 8.

With better ties, Pak would've got more aid from us: Rajnath

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Srinagar: Union defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said India would have offered more aid to Pakistan, had the neighbouring country maintained good relations with it.

Addressing an election

rally in the Gurez assembly trusted allies too stepping segment of Bandipora district in north Kashmir, Singh said India would have given a larger bailout package to Pakistan than that sought by Is-

neighbouring nation maintained friendly relations with Delhi.

"Modi ji had, in 2014-15, announced a special package for development of J&K, which has now reached Rs 90,000 crore. The amount is much bigger than what Pakistan was seeking from the IMF (as bailout package)," Singh said. Singh referred to former PM Atal Bihari Vaipavee's famous statement that "we can change friends, but we cannot change the neighbours."

money from other countries to run a terrorism factory on

its soil," he added. He said India would crossover and respond if Pakistan carried out any terror attack on Indian soil. "Pakistan, which has used terrorism as a tool against India, has been isolated at international for with some of its

> back. Even Turkey, which used to support Pakistan, has not mentioned Kashmir at the UNGA," he said. "Whenever

have investigated ter-

lamabad from IMF, had the ror acts, we have found Pakistani involvement. Our successive govts have tried to make Pakistan understand that they should stop terror camps but to no avail. Pakistan is frustrated after the revocation of Article 370 in Kashmir and is making attempts to revive the days of terror. They do not want democracy to take root here. India is strong enough to take on Pakistan on its soil," he said.

Reiterating the promises made in the BJP's election manifesto, Singh said, "As the defence minister, I as-Singh said while the Cen- sure you that if (BJP canditre gives money to J&K for date) Faquer Mohammad development, Pakistan has Khan wins, more people been misusing financial aid from Gurez will be recruited for a long time. "It seeks in the Indian Army."

Conservative vision of past govts blocked roads for women: PM

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Pune: Conservative thinking within successive govts for long after Independence kept women away from various fields until BJP-led NDA righted this wrong over the past decade, PM Narendra Modi said Sunday while laying the foundation for a memorial to social reformist Savitribai Phule in Pune.

"Our govt brought about a change in mindset and opened all sectors to women. The nation's development is possible only

Modi said at the virtual event. Without naming any political party, the PM accused previous govts of delaying women's empowerment with a regressive outlook. "They continued to ban the entry of women into sectors like the

every sector is encouraged,"

armed forces. Girls were not allowed in sainik schools. Many women would be forced to give up their jobs during pregnancy. Those govts failed in providing even basic necessities like toilets."

Modi said one of the biggest beneficiaries of Swach Bharat Abhiyan initiated by BJP after he became PM in 2014 were girls and women.

"Toilets in schools helped reduce the dropout rate. Posts in the armed forces were opened for women officers. We also brought stringent laws for their safety." Modi also contrasted the status quo for many decades since 1947 with what pioneers like Savitribai did many decades prior to that. "Education for girls and women was difficult in our country before In-

> dependence due to the social structure. Reformists like Savitribai led the way in adverse conditions." The memorial to

Savitribai, who startif women's participation in ed Pune's first girls' school in 1848, will be built at Bhide Wada in Budhwar Peth, The PM said the monument would inspire generations to take her legacy forward.

Criticising the erstwhile UPA govt at the Centre for the Pune Metro project's delay, Modi said, "The idea was floated in 2008 but became a reality in 2016. The previous govt could not build a single Pune Metro pillar in eight years. We built a modern network in the city."

CM Eknath Shinde, Union minister Murlidhar Mohol, and deputy CMs Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar were in Pune for Sunday's events.

Mufti calls off campaign over Nasrallah death, **BJP hits back**

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Srinagar: Srinagar city and adjoining areas, particularly Shia localities in Kashmir valley, saw widespread protests against the killing of Hezbollah secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah



day Sunday. Spontaneous shutdowns

for the second

many areas, including Budgam, Baramulla, Bandipora and Srinagar, while PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and NC MP Syed Rahullah and Peoples Conference functionary Imran Ansari called off their campaign for the final phase of assembly elections. NC candidate for Sonawari, Hilal Akbar Lone, also cancelled his campaign.

BJP criticised the PDP chief for showing solidarity with Nasrallah and accused her of supporting terrorists. Former Union minister Anurag Thakur said NC, PDP, and Congress are aware of the situation in Gaza, but are unable to see what's happening to Hindus in Dhaka.

Large demonstrations were reported from Budgam town and dozens of localities in north Kashmir. Protesters shouted slogans against Israel.

Poll bonds: Cong ups attack on FM, seeks 'objective probe' TIMES NEWS NETWORK

four in Kashmir valley and 18

in Jammu zone, including

J&K police head constable

Bashir Ahmed in Kathua on

Sept 28 and CRPF inspector

Kuldeep Singh in Udhampur

on Aug 19. Kathua, Udhampur

and Samba fall on a key axis,

serving as a conduit for terror

ists entering Kashmir valley.

mains heated, with 415 candidates in the fray. Ajaz Ahmad

Guru, brother of Afzal Guru

the 2001 Parliament attack

—hanged in 2013 for his role in

is contesting as an independ-

ent in Sopore. Ajaz sought to

steer away from separatism.

"I am different from my broth-

er in action and vision, I wish

to focus on development rath

er than separatist ideologies,"

contenders include former

Constitution.

BATTLEGROUND

The electoral contest re-

New Delhi: Congress on Sunday demanded the resignation of finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman after an FIR was registered against her and others in Karnataka pertaining to the now scrapped electoral bond scheme. The party also sought an "objective probe" supervised by the courts to prevent "distortion or subordination".

The case was registered against Sitharaman and others including ED officials and office-bearers of BJP at the state and national levels on Saturday. The complaint was submitted by Adarsh R Iyer, co-president of Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishath (JSP), alleging that the accused "committed extortion under the guise and garb of electoral bonds".

At a press conference, Congress's Abhishek Manu Singhyi and Jairam Ramesh said the FIR against the FM and others was registered at the direction of a special court in Karnataka and Congress had nothing to do with it. They demanded that Sitharaman resign on "moral, legal and political grounds".



Congress's Jairam Ramesh and Abhishek Singhvi said Sitharaman must quit on 'moral, legal, political grounds'

Singhvi said his party hoped that that through the judicial process, those involved in this "corruption" would be summoned and their statements recorded and on that basis they would be arrested.

Talking about the case registered in Bengaluru, Singhvi said Sitharaman was accused number one in the FIR, besides ED, BJP functionaries and others as they had allegedly "conspired together to extort money from companies through the electoral bond scheme".

"The finance minister cannot do this on her own. We know who is number one and number two (in govt) and this was done on whose directions," he said.

Shinde backs Badlapur killing, says arms not 'showpieces'

Pune: Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde Sunday responded to the opposition's remarks questioning the killing of Badlapur sexual assault case accused Akshay Shinde in a police action, saying: "Were the police supposed to treat their firearms like show pieces? Had police not reacted the way they did, the opposition would have still blamed the police," reports Anurag Bende.

Shinde was in Pune to attend the virtual inauguration of a stretch of Pune Metro line and the foundation laying ceremony of other projects by PM Narendra Modi. The events, to be held on Sept 26, were cancelled over a heavy rain alert for Pune. The opposition targeted govt over the delay in the opening of the stretch with MVA members demanding that the line be opened for the convenience of citizens.

"The opposition constantly changes its stance. After the PM's visit was cancelled, the opposition blamed govt for causing inconvenience to citizens. Had we gone ahead with the event despite the rain, they would have still blamed us. In the Badlapur incident, MVA members kept changing their stance, but the people of Maharashtra will show them their place," he said.

Govt aid for Mahayuti netas up despite finance, revenue dept objections

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Mumbai: Last week, the cashstrapped state govt allotted a 5hectare plot in Nagpur's Koradi area to a trust headed by state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule despite strong objections from the finance and revenue departments, which said it did not fit within the rules. The same week, the state cabinet cleared financial assistance to cooperative spinning mills led by two functionaries linked to the Mahayuti alliance despite nance department.

In both cases, the finance dept had opposed the proposals but was overruled by the state cabinet. The state cleared assistance worth Rs32 crore to Shyamprasad Mukherjee cooperative spinning mill linked to rural development minister Girish Mahajan in Jalgaon's Jamner taluka. It also allowed the Babasaheb Naik Cotton Producers cooperative spinning mill in Yavatmal, linked to Ajit Pawar's NCP MLA Indranil Naik, to return state loans and assistance worth almost Rs 69 crore in instalments, past the due date.

In the case of the Shyamprasad Mukherjee spinning mill,



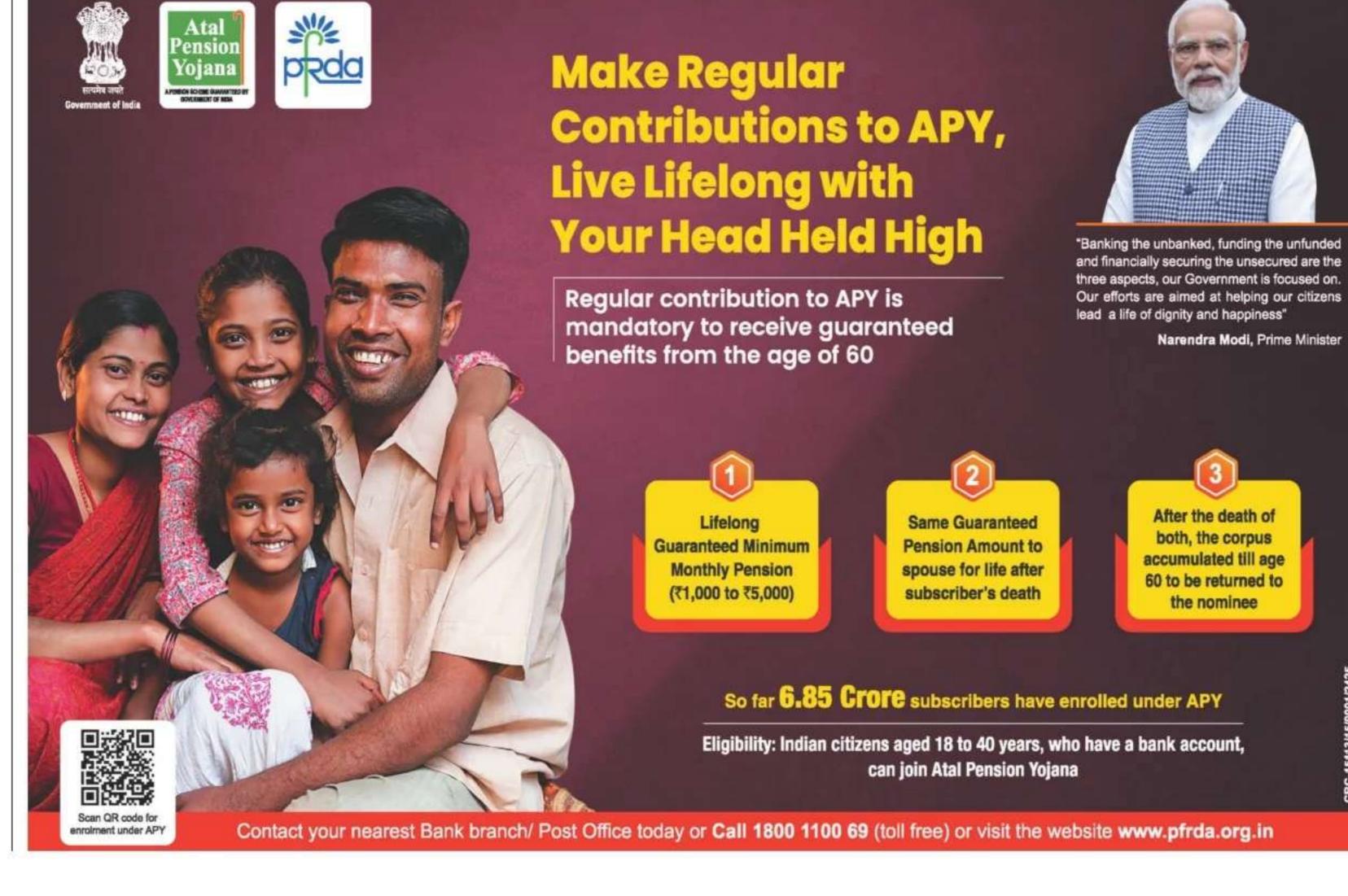


Spinning mills linked to Girish Mahajan (BJP) and Indranil Naik (NCP) received state assistance

in view of the pending dues of mills which were given state financing so far. It said state had provided share capital assistance worth Rs 1,932 crore to 141 cooperative spinning mills up to the red flags raised by the fi- March 2024. However, only Rs 37.7 crore had been returned to state. In view of this, the finance department said the state should recover its dues before offering new financial assistance.

Data also shows the total financial assistance provided by state govt to cooperative spinning mills amounted to Rs 4,953 crore till March 2024, of which only Rs 178.6 crore had been recovered.

In the case of the Babasaheb Naik Cotton Producers spinning mill, the cabinet allowed the mill to repay state dues worth around Rs 69 crore in instalments past due date. It has been permitted to repay the dues in instalments of Rs 3 lakh per month for two years. After that, the finance department said it it will have to repay in instalcould not agree to the proposal ments of Rs 25 lakh per month.



Life support call to put undue stress on docs: IMA

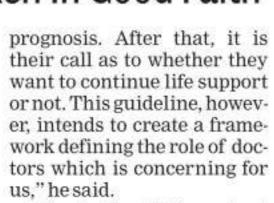
Says Decisions On Terminally III Patients Are Taken In Good Faith

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New Delhi: Putting the onus of deciding whether life support should be withdrawn from a terminally ill patient or not would impose undue stress on doctors, Indian Medical Association has said.

According to Dr R V Asokan, IMA's national president, such clinical decisions have always been taken in good faith by doctors.

"Our job is to inform the patient or her or his family member about the condition and explain to them about the



by the health ministry for public comments on the issue suggests life support can be withdrawn from a terminally ill patient if both the primary board and the secondary medical board constituted by a hospital and the family or surrogate of the patient give their consent. It is applicable to pa-

Saxena had been subjected

to "constant verbal abuse

and humiliation by senior

officers during daily meet-

ings" for failing to achieve

targets. The note said he had

contemplated suicide on

five occasions in the past

couple of months but had

managed to resist the urge.

friends claimed to have

heard the recordings in

which he was subjected to

humiliation and abuse by

his seniors, and alleged

that these ultimately drove

him to suicide. Jhansi SP

Gyanendra Kumar Singh

said the body had been sent

for post-mortem. Police

said that they would lodge a

case if the family submit-

Saxena's brother and



The draft guideline put out tients who are terminally ill, not expected to benefit from life sustaining treatments (LST) that include (but are not limited to) mechanical ventilation, surgical procedures, parenteral nutrition or

> ygenation (ECMO). According to the guideline, the primary medical

Two Badrinath

pilgrims die of

cardiac arrests

Dehradun: A 21-year-old man

from West Bengal and an 88-

year-old woman from Uttar

Pradesh died from cardiac ar-

rests while en route to the Ba-

drinath temple on Saturday.

With this, the death toll during

this year's Char Dham Yatra

has reached 207, primarily due

to heart and respiratory ail-

ments, reports Shivani Azad.

ment department said 99 peo-

ple died in Kedarnath, 55 in

Badrinath, 38 in Yamunotri,

and 15 in Gangotri this year.

Last year, around 200 deaths

were reported during the ya-

tra. Authorities have ex-

pressed concerns the toll

could rise if pilgrims do not

follow the health depart-

The state disaster manage-

extracorporeal membrane ox-

board (PMB) which must assess the inappropriateness of life support should consist of the primary physician and at least two subject experts with ence. After that, the decision is to be verified further by the secondary medical board (SMB) which should consist of one registered medical practitioner (RMP) nominatsubject experts.

A member of the PMB cannot form part of the SMB. Additionally, the govt guideline suggests, the hospital may constitute a clinical ethics commembers for audit, oversight and conflict resolution.

who heads the cancer centre at

AIIMS, was also involved in the development of the govt guideline. She said, "In medicine, we all have learnt how to diagnose and how to treat but at least five years of experi- no one has taught us what should be our approach when end is inevitable. Thus, we keep treating a person even if we know that there is no chance of recovery. And finally the person may not survive ed by the CMO and at least two even after we have provided all sorts of technologically-advanced treatment with best equipment at hand. Those could have been used for someone who could be cured."

"This policy can help in mittee of multi-professional better understanding of diagnosis and prognosis. Patients and family members will be Dr Sushma Bhatnagar, able to make informed choices." she added.

BJP expels ex-minister, 7 other rebels in Haryana

Chandigarh: Former Haryana minister Ranjit Singh Chautala and seven other leaders were expelled by BJP for six years on Sunday, after they decided to contest the Oct 5 Assembly polls as

independent candidates. Harvana BJP said its chief Mohan Lal Badoli had expelled the leaders with immediate effect.

Besides Chautala, Sandeep Garg (contesting the polls from Ladwa), Zile Ram Sharma (Assandh), Devender Kadian (Ganaur), Bachan Singh Arya (Safidon), Radha Ahlawat (Meham), Naveen Goel (Gurugram) and Kehar Singh Rawat (Hathin) were expelled.

Chautala decided to quit BJP after he was denied the

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Cong throws out 2 for anti-party activities

ongress on Sunday expelled

its two functionaries for six years for indulging in anti-party activities. As per an official letter, Virender Gogria and Somvir Ghasola were suspended with immediate effect. On Sept 27, Congress suspended its 13 functionaries for six years for anti-party activity. AGENCIES

poll ticket from Rania, the seat he represented in the assembly when he was an independent MLA. The 90member Haryana assembly is scheduled to go to polls on Oct 5 and the counting of votes will be on Oct 8. AGENCIES

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End date and time of submission of RFP: 28-10-2024 till 3:00 P.M.

Ahead of Mann ki Baat 10th anniv, PM highlights efforts to save water

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Sunday marked the soon to be celebrated 10th anniversary of his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' by praising the success of initiatives taken as part of his campaigns for water conservation and Swachh Bharat.

Linking the completion of the 10-year journey of these efforts with the festive occasions of Navratri/Dussehra, the PM hailed it as a "divine coincidence"

"Ten years ago Mann Ki Baat started on the day of Vijayadashami on Oct 3. And, what a divine coincidence it is that this year on Oct 3, when 10 years of Mann Ki Baat are completed, it will be the first day of Navratri," Modi said.

Talking about people's initiatives, he cited examples of local efforts for both water conservation and under the clean India mission, which is going to complete 10 years on Oct 2. He mentioned how some women have given a new lease of life to the Ghurari river in Uttar Pradesh's water-stressed Bundelkhand region and regenerated a pond in Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh.

Modi also expressed his satisfaction over the continual rise of FDI in the country facilitating the success of 'Make In India' that completed 10 years this month.

He urged people to take forward the 'vocal for local' campaign by adopting locally manufactured products. "Any such product, that has been made with the sweat of an Indian artisan, that is made on Indian soil, is our pride — we always

Dated 28.09.2024

Managing Director

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PM Modi appreciated the efforts of the residents of Jhala village in Uttarkashi district for the cleanliness drive called 'Dhanyavaad Prakriti'

PM pat for U'khand village's swachh mission

M Modi, in his 'Mann Ki Baat' address, appreciated the efforts of residents of Jhala, a village near the India-China border in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, where the youth have launched a cleanliness drive called 'Dhanyavaad Prakriti' (Thank You, Nature). The campaign aims to maintain the cleanliness of the village as a way of expressing gratitude to the environment, reports Gaurav Talwar. "In this border village, a group of young individuals dedicate two hours every day to collect the garbage scattered in the streets, which is then disposed of at a designated site located outside the village." The initiative has not only improved the cleanliness of Jhala but also raised environmental awareness among the residents, which the PM said is "a laudable and inspiring effort".

have to lend glory to this pride," Modi said.

The PM also noted the US' gesture of returning 300 ancient artefacts smuggled out of India. "When we are proud of our heritage, the world also respects it, and as a result of that, today many countries of the world are returning to us such artefacts that were taken away from here".

'Efforts being made to preserve languages'

The PM also shared in his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme the inspiring story of

Ramjit Tudu from Odisha whose determination to send messages in his mother tongue "Santhali" on his mobilephone led him to create a digital platform where literature related to the language can be read and written in 'Ol Chiki' the Santhali script.

He said a campaign has been started to give a new identity to Santhali with the help of digital innovations. "Ramjit Tudu, resident of Mayurbhanj, Odisha, is running a campaign to create an online identity for the Santhali language," Modi said.

Finance co manager ends life, cites 'work pressure'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jhansi: Amid a social media storm over the death of 26-year-old EY employee Anna Sebastian Perayil due to purported work pressure, a 43-year-old area manager of a private fifirm allegedly hanged himself at home in UP's Jhansi on Sunday.

According to a purported suicide note, Tarun Saxena had been grappling with the "relentless pressure of meeting ever-increasing business targets" set by his employer. He allegedly took the extreme step soon after attending an early morning conference call. According to the note,

ted a formal application. ment's protocols.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (2nd Call)

(Only Through KPP Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders in Two Cover System from Eligible contractors for the following works.

Of	ffice of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor Cauvery Bhavana, KG Road, E	Bengaluru- 560 009.
SI	A serve of Alexa VI (service)	Amount put to Tender
No.	Name of the works	EMD Amount
IFT	No:BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-I/DCE(M)-1/TA(S)/5008/2024-25	Date: 27.09.2024
	Providing and laying 300/230mm Dia RCC SW Sewer line facilities to Vishal Mart Surrounding areas, Rajeev Gandhi	

1. Nagara, St Mary's Church and Surrounding areas coming under the Jurisdiction of HSR Layout service Station of S-1-2 Sub division. IFT No:BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-1/TA(S)/5010/2024-25

Providing and Laying 100mm, 150mm, Dia DI Water pipeline

in place of 75/100mm dia, 150mm Dia CI Water pipeline improve Water Supply as BBMP had Proposed Roads wih White Topping under GOK grants 1) K H Road from Lalbagh east gate to Shanthinagar Depot and 2) J C Road coming

under VV Puram Service Station under AEE(SW-2) Sub Division.

Name of the work

1) Providing and laying of 450mm, 300mm dia RCC sewer line and

replacement of 150mm dia sewer line with 230mm dia sewer line in

5th main, 6th main and 7th main at Jayanagar 5th Block coming under

2) Providing and laying of 230mm dia sewer line from 5th cross to 9th

cross and from 28th main to 33rd main (Sarakki main road) at ITI

layout coming under JP Nagar 1st Phase service station of AEE(S)-

3) Providing and laying of 300mm dia RCC and 230mm dia sewer line

along 2nd main from 9th cross to 15th cross, near mini forest and

surrounding cross roads at JP Nagar 3rd Phase coming under JP

15:00 hrs. The tenders will be opened on 16.10.2024 after 16:00 hrs.

4) Providing and laying of 450mm dia / 600mm RCC NP-3 Class

sewer from IOC Circle to Aralimara Road Subbannapalya via C.

5) Providing and laying of 1200mm dia RCC NP-3 pipeline from MS

6) Providing and laying of 1000mm dia RCC NP-3 class pipeline from

15:00 hrs. The tenders will be opened on 15.10.2024 after 16:30 hrs.

Muniswamappa road, Kalamma road, ITC Road, Banaswadi.

Ramaiah road Flyover to 1st main MRJ Colony Mathikere.

Dasarahalli Lake to NK Halli ISPS.

above signed office during the working hours.

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on 14.10.2024 upto

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-N-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/840/2024-25 Date: 27-09-2024

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-N-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/839/2024-25 Date: 27-09-2024

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(WWM-W)/ACE(WWM-N-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/838/2024-25 Date: 27-09-2024

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on 14.10.2024 upto

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be

obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details contact the

Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block service station of AEE(S)-2-1 Sub-division.

IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-I/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/4767/2024-25

IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-I/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/4766/2024-25

Nagar 3rd Phase service station of AEE(S)-2-1 Sub-division

2-1 Sub-division

IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-I/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/4768/2024-25

For the all above works the last date and time for Receipt of completed tenders will be on 14.10.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. The Opening of tender on 16.10.2024 after 16:00 hrs. Sd/-

Chief Engineer (South)

₹ 2.87 Lakhs

₹ 115.36 Lakhs

₹ 1.73 Lakhs

Amount put to tender

EMD

Date: 25-09-2024

Rs.103.61 Lakhs

Rs.1.55 Lakhs

Date: 25-09-2024

Rs.133.07 Lakhs

Rs.1.99 Lakhs

Date: 25-09-2024

Rs.221.91 Lakhs

Rs.3.32 Lakhs

Rs.140.22 Lakhs

Rs.2.11 Lakhs

Rs.163.71 Lakhs

Rs.2.46 Lakhs

Rs.402.84 Lakhs

Rs.6.04 Lakhs

DIPR/CP/BCPL/2246/2024-25

Sd/- Chief Engineer (WWM-West)

Sd/- Chief Engineer (South)

Date: 27.09.2024

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works:

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bengaluru - 560009

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

RFP No: 03/DMF/2024

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PLANNING AND CONVERGENCE DEPARTMENT Date: 30.09.2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

'CONCURRENT EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONING OF DMF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DMF PROJECTS IN ANGUL, JAJPUR AND JHARSUGUDA'

Planning and Convergence Department, Government of Odisha invites sealed proposal from eligible bidders to carry out "CONCURRENT EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONING OF DMF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DMF PROJECTS IN ANGUL, JAJPUR AND JHARSUGUDA". Bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other requirements of the selection process, can access and download the complete RFP Document from the web sites of the department at https://pc.odisha.gov.in and www.devenetjobsindia.org. The major events under the bid process are:

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

List of Key Events **Critical Dates** Date of Issue of RFP 30.09.2024 Last Date for Submission of Proposal 06.11.2024 upto 5.00 PM 07.11.2024 at 11.30 AM **Date of Opening of Technical Proposal** Date of Opening of Financial Proposal To be intimated later

The proposal complete in all respect must reach the undersigned through Speed Post

Registered Post only latest by 06.11.2024 upto 5.00 PM in a sealed envelope clearly

mentioning on the top of it "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - CONCURRENT EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONING OF DMF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DMF PROJECTS IN ANGUL JAJPUR AND JHARSUGUDA". The proposals received beyond due date of submission will be out rightly rejected. The

authority reserves the right to reject any/all proposals and cancel the selection process without assigning any reason thereof.

Address for Submission of Proposal: Additional Secretary to Government, DMF Support Cell, Planning & Convergence Department, Government of Odisha, Lok Seva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar - 751001, Email: dmfs.cell@gmail.com

Additional Secretary to Government DMF Support Cell, Planning and Convergence Department OIPR-21001/11/0001/24-25

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARRTMENT, NIRAMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28, Arere Hills, BHOPAL PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail-apdpiubhol@gmail.com

NIT No 12/2024/Tender/G/CE(B)/ BHOPAL, DATE 29/09/2024 Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Amount Contract Rs. In Lakhs	Earnest Money Deposit (EM (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Dipocuments (in Rs.)	Completion (in Months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2024_ 1 PWPIU_ 359264_2		ZONAL TENDER FOR PROVIDING EXTERNAL/INTERNAL ELECTRIFICATION WORK IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS\ RESIDENTIAL /NON RESIDENTIAL BUIDING/ DEPOSIT/ SR/AR/MISC WORK UNDER PWD BUILDING DIVISION BHOPAL.	BHOPAL	102.5	102500	12500	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
2	2024_ PWPIU_ 371577_1	ADDITION AND ALTERATION OF BUNGLOW NO C 12 AT 74 BUNGLOW BHOPAL (M.P.)	BHOPAL	77.99	77990	10000	06 Months i/c Rainy Season
3	2024_ PWPIU_ 372093_1 EONSULTANCY FOR SUPERVISION AND QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CM RISE BUILDINGS AT PAWARKHEDA, ITARSI AND SUKHTAWA IN PWD (BUILDING) NARMADAPURAM		NARMADA PURAM	10428	208560	15000	12 Months i/c Rainy Season
4	2024_ PWPIU_ 372094_1	SUPERVISION AND QUALITY CONTROL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION UPGRADATION FOR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN DISTRICT NARMADAPURAM PWD PIU MADHYA PRADESH	NARMADA PURAM	7504.00	150000	15000	24 Months i/c Rainy Season

All details reading to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website http://mptendrs.gov.in

Bid Document(s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/internet Banking Banking.

The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only on line from 10.30 (time) 20.09.2024 (Date) to 17.30 (time) 07.10.2024 (date) other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet. Amendment(s)to NIT if any shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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CHIEF ENGINEER (BUILDING) PWD BHOPAL M.P.

Join 'Create in India' challenge, be a part of new sectors: Modi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Sunday invited people to participate in the 'Create in India' challenge, an initiative launched by the information changing, and sectors like gaming, aniand broadcasting ministry to boost talent in emerging fields such as gaming, animation, and

He also emphasised the importance of buying 'Made in India' products during the festive your talent. There are challenges focused on music, education, season, and thanked listeners of his and even anti-piracy, and professional monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', as it approaches its 10-year anniversary in October.

filmmaking.

urged creators to participate in the 'Create in India' challenge, highlighting the evolving job market and the rise of new sectors. "The nature of jobs is mation, reel-making, filmmak-

During its 114th episode, Modi

ing, and poster-making are emerging. If you have skills in any of these areas, you can find a significant platform to showcase your talent. There are challenges

organisations are supporting these efforts. I encourage you to participate by visiting wavesindia.org," he said.

OFFICE OF THE PROGRAM MANAGER कार्यालय कार्यक्रम प्रबन्धक PROJECT IMPLIMENTATION UNIT-PWD Uttarakhand Disaster Preparedness and Resilience Project (U-PREPARE)

5TH FLOOR, USDMA BUILDING, 36, IT PARK, SAHASTRADHARA ROAD, DEHRADUN-UTTARAKHANI Website: www.u-prepare.com, www.usdma.uk.gov.in, Email: piupwd@ukdisasterrecovery.in Ref. No.:957/01/BR/GEN/2023 Date: 28/09/2024 NOTICE FOR INVITING BIDS

The Government of Uttarakhand with assistance from Govt. of India has applied for financing from the

World Bank towards the cost of the U-PREPARE Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for folowing package of works. Hence bids are invited for the following packages and the complete set of bid documents with BOQ in English may be downloaded from the website https://uktenders.gov.in which will be available on the website from 07/10/2024. All other informations regarding the Bid will be available from 07.10.2024 on website https://uktenders.gov.in

S. No.	Package No.	District	Name of Package	Method of Procurement for Bid
1	10(1)/BR/RFB-IR/ UPREPARE/2024	Chamoli	Construction of 90M Span Pedestrian Bridge & its approach over Kel River at Supligad in District Chamoli	RFB-Item rate Single stage Two bid system
2	10(2)/BR/RFB-IR/ UPREPARE/2024	Chamoli	Construction of 80M Span Pedestrian Bridge & its approach on Paithani Garkot Bridle Road in District Chamoli	RFB-Item rate Single stage Two bid system
3	17A/BR/RFB-EPC/ UPREPARE/2024	Uttarkashi	Construction of 120M Span Pedestrian Bridge over Pilang Gad, Block-Bhatwari in District Uttarkashi	RFB-EPC Single stage Two bid system
4	22A/BR/RFB- EPC/ UPREPARE/2024	Chamoli	Construction of 120M Span Pedestrian Bridge over Mainagad in Pipalkoti-Math- Syun-Bemru Bridle Road in District Chamoli	RFB-EPC Single stage Two bid system

The corrigendum/addendum for the above package will be uploaded on website www. uktenders.gov.in &/or www.usdma.uk.gov.in

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Email id plupwd@ukdisasterrecovery.in may be contacted for any information related to the bids or bidders may visit office during working hours for any clarification.

The tenders may be found under the organization name: PD (PMU, Uttarakhand Green Resilient & Inclusive Development Project) on the website www.uktenders.gov.in

Program Manager PIU-PWD,

U-PREPARE

	Procurement Officer		Availability of	Tender On-line	for bidding		Date of Openin Technical Bid	
2.	Other details are as foll					-		1
8	Scoured bank Protection to OAE No-20B (From RD 0.00Km, to 0.700Km) & OAE No-21B (From RD 0.00Km, to 0.700Km) on Brahmani left.		ACE, EC-II KID 01 OF 2024-25	342.99 (Approx.)	3,42,900/-	"A"	06 (Six) calendar months	(On-line payment)
7	embankment from 2,00Km. to 8,00Km.	RD A	ACE, EC-II UL 02 OF 2024-25	781.54 (Approx.)	7,81,600/-	"A" 4 "Specia	al" calendar months	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
6	Raising & Strengthening of Arilo Kantipur TRE and Protection to Scoured bank of river Kani right near village Jona Sahi, Bala Sahi, Bramhans Sahi, Samal Sahi of Arilo Katipur TRE.		ACE, EC-II IUL 01 OF 2024-25	233.58 (Approx.)	2,33,600/-	"B" & "		10,000.00 (On-line payment)
5	Construction of Brahma Sluice cum VRB Ac connective Genguti Nalla Kandia left embankment.	ross J	ACE, EC-II PD 05 OF 2024-25	253.21 (Approx.)	2,53,300/-	-B- & -	A" (Eleven) calendar months	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
4	Slope Protection to Kar Kantidola TRE on Geright from village Patisa Kantidola.	nguti '	ACE, EC-II PD 04 OF 2024-25	240.04 (Approx.)	2,40,100/-	"B" & "	A" 06 (Six) calendar months	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
3	Protection to Scoured bank on Kochila right embankment from Pangata Bridge to Mallicksahi Ghera.		ACE, EC-II PD 03 OF 2024-25	249.31 (Approx.)	2,49,400/-	"B" & "/	06 (Six) calendar months	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
2	Protection to Scoured Bai OAE 12 (abcd)B on Bait left from Pitelpur Tereisa Muslimsahi.	arani i	CE, EC-II PD 02 OF 2024-25	249.59 (Approx.)	2,49,600/-	"B" & "/	06 (Six) calendar months	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
1	Restoration & Protection Scoured bank Chasakhanda Nandipur on Genguti right near vi Chasakhanda, Nandipur Angelpal	of TRE J linge	ACE, EC-II PD 01 OF 2024-25	243.70 (Approx.)	2,43,700/-	"B" & "/	20	10,000.00 (On-line payment)
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. e-mail id : seec2chandikhole@gmail.com . Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole

Dera chief again seeks parole; Give reasons, EC tells Haryana

Plea Less Than A Month After 21-Day Furlough

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: Rape-murder convict Gurmeet Ram Rahim's latest plea for 20 days of parole, less than a month after he returned to Rohtak's Sunaria Jail after a 21-day furlough, has led Haryana's chief electoral officer Pankaj Aggarwal to ask state govt to explain what "compelling" circumstances, if any, exist for the Dera chief's application to be accepted.

Ram Rahim's petition states he has work to attend to at dera ashram in UP's Barnawa. Aggarwal's query to jails department, sent through additional chief secretary (home) Anurag Rastogi, is in context of model code of conduct for the Oct 5 assembly election. "We are awaiting a response," Aggarwal said.

DERA CHIEF'S POLL CONNECTION Days he was out Corresponding election/event Sept 2024 20 days sought Haryana polls Aug 13, 2024 21 Haryana polls 50 Parliamentary polls Jan 20, 2024 21 Nov 21, 2023 Rajasthan polls Jul 20, 2023 30 Haryana panchayat polls 40 Jan 21, 2023 Haryana panchayat polls Oct 15, 2022 Adampur bypoll Jun 17, 2022 Haryana municipal body polls 21 Feb 7, 2022 Punjab elections

Rastogi, DGP (prisons) Muhammad Akil and chief secretary TVSN Prasad were unavailable for comment on the administration's response. BJP functionaries were tight-lipped, too. Congress spokesperson Kewal Dhingra said though applying for parole was a prisoner's right, the timing of Ram Rahim's plea hinted the Sirsa-based dera's alleged invol-

May 21, 2021

Oct 24, 2020

vement in the election. "Earlier too, he was re-

Son of slain scribe slams oppn silence

nshul Chhatarpati, son of A slain journalist Ram Chander Chhatarpati, expressed shock Sunday over "silence of opposition" on "visible special treatment" by Haryana govt of his father's convicted murderer, dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim, reports Ajay Sura. "We suffered after he killed my father. We are pained every time he is released. Opposition must have spoken out against mockery of the system," he said.

of favouring the dera chief. A spokesperson for the dera termed the plea for temporary release within statutory provisions. The dera chief has been incarcerated in Sunaria Jail since Aug 2017. On Aug 25, 2017, a CBI court in Panchkula convicted him of raping female followers and sentenced him to 20 years in jail. He is also serving time for the murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatarpati.

'Gaurakshaks' attack staffers at Guj goat breeding centre

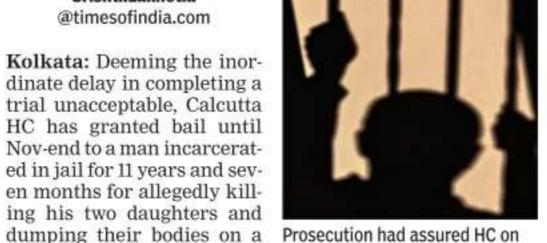
Ahmedabad: An animal husbandry officer and staff of a goat breeding centre in Mota Jampura village of Gujarat's Banaskantha were allegedly attacked by 3 'cow vigilantes' Friday after they accused the officials of cow slaughter, reports Ashish Chauhan.

Dr Vaja Patel, of Lelava village in Dhanera taluka, filed a complaint stating that around 20 people stormed into his office and threatened him and the staff, alleging that they have been "slaughtering cows and selling their bones". Patel claimed the accused used castebased slurs against Shankar Parmar, an SC staffer.

As per the FIR, three men, Mansingh Chaudhary, Raju Panchal, and Babar Panchal. assaulted Patel and the staff.

The FIR says Patel, along with staffers Shailesh Chaudhary and Badaji Thakor, were dragged from their office and confined in a mini-truck for 4 hours. Police charged the accused under various sections of BNS, including rioting.

Faiz.Siddiqui @timesofindia.com



HC grants murder accused bail

as trial inconclusive after 12 yrs

Prosecution had assured HC on May 7 that the trial will be completed within a month

on Sept 24, it informed the court that two more witness-

conclude," division bench of es were yet to be examined. Justices Arijit Banerjee and Apurba Sinha Ray said in The case dates back to 2012. their order on Sept 24. Prosewhen taxi driver Jagannath cution had assured the HC on Rai allegedly saw the head of a May 7 that the trial of Isteenage girl in a municipal vat near Dhakuria station road tiaque Ahamad alias Istiaque Sk, would be completcrossing on Jan 25. He told poed within a month. However, lice that while sitting at a road-

side eatery, he saw two people place a synthetic bag in the vat. A foul smell from the bag aroused his suspicion, and he

peered inside. Based on Rai's statement, a case was lodged at Lake police station against unknown persons, which was later transferred to the homicide squad. Istiaque was arrested on Feb 11, 2013. Simultaneously, based on a letter dated Jan 24, 2012, from Sk Munna, alleging that he had found the body of a girl aged 9 or 10 in a plastic bag on Park Circus railway station platform, a case was registered by Ballygunge GRPS. The two cases

were later clubbed. The prosecution alleged that both deceased girls were Istiaque's daughters from his second marriage

Kullu mosque not illegal, says govt 2 weeks after protest

Kullu: Over two weeks after right-wing Hindu outfits carried out a protest march against a mosque in HP claiming it to be unauthorised, Kullu administration Sunday clarified it was not illegal. Kullu SDM Vikas Shukla said Jama Masjid, located at Akhara Bazaar in Kullu, is owned by Punjab waqf board. "It is a permitted structure," Shukla said.

"The mosque area is 980sqm, of which we found a small deviation of around 150sqm in the mosque construction from the original maps. The waqf has requested regularisation of this deviation. We have forwarded the request to town and country planning director in Shimla," he added.

"The mosque structure is stable and safe. It doesn't pose any danger," he said. TNN

Two Jaipur heritage sites shut for 2 days to wipe out rodents

Emergency parole

Emergency parole

leased from jail ahead of polls.

Hence, this is a matter of con-

cern. His release could lead to

polarisation of votes as he has

a huge following," Dhingra

said. In the event of parole be-

ing granted for another 20

days, Ram Rahim would be

out of jail for a total of 275

days in four years, coinciding

with assembly, municipal,

parliamentary and panchayat

polls on nine occasions in Ha-

ryana, Punjab and Rajasthan.

BJP is often been accused

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Jaipur: Rats out to make a Hamelin out of Pink City's tourist hotspots Albert Hall Museum and Ramniwas Bagh sit up: modern-day Pied Pipers are on the prowl and will unfurl their near-fatal charms over the next two days. These Pied Pipers will be none other than officials of Jaipur Development Authority (JDA), which will seal the two locations on Sept 30 and Oct 1. The aim is to tackle the rodent menace and undertake a comprehensive cleanup of the two sites.

Jain said growing number of compound — which houses early Wednesday. the Albert Hall Museum and



Officials linked the rise in rat population to nearby temples, a dargah and street food leftovers

the rapacious rodents of Jaipur don't have much time to escape the dragnet in the JDA secretary Nishant works. The trap-and-kill operation will roll just after midrats within Ramniwas Bagh night Sunday and last till

JDA's Pied Pipers will other structures — pose the brandish no pipes to herald threat of an infection or, their arrival but go about worse, an epidemic. Unlike their operations furtively, their ancestors in Hamelin, deploying funnel-technolo-

gy for their task. Officials will prepare toxic pesticidelaced "baits", mixing fodder, zinc phosphate and edible oil. The baits will be placed at the bottom of the specially designed funnels, which will then be put inside rat holes. The funnels will prevent chemical spillovers and the rats are expected to take the funnels to reach the baits. Ten JDA teams of three each will be at work.

"These rats are not only digging holes and destroying green cover at Ramniwas Bagh but also damaging historic structures, including walls of Albert Hall. As a result, we have asked our garden wing to take up this initiative," a JDA official said. JDA officials attributed the increase in rats to two nearby temples, a dargah and scores of street food vendors, with piles of leftovers.

30 years after man's killing, FIR filed against wife and 2 sons

Agra: An FIR was registered against a woman, her two sons, and a friend for allegedly murdering her husband and burying his body 30 years ago in Hathras, police said on Sunday, reports Mohammad Dilshad The case surfaced after the deceased's son, now 39, filed a complaint accusing his family of killing his father in 1994. Police exhumed the skeletal remains of the man, and further action is expected following forensic results.

Punjabi, the youngest siblings, approached police on 1 July this year and said he was nine when he witnessed his mother, Urmila Devi, his brothers and a wealthy family friend, Rajveer Singh, murder his father, Buddha Singh.

The body was exhumed and sent for postmortem and DNA testing to confirm identity of the deceased.

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A teen, grazing animals in the field near the track, was taken into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to have placed a pillar on the track while playing. Police registered a case on a complaint by rail path inspector Rajesh Kumar under Section 327 (mischief with intent to destroy or make unsafe a rail, air-BNS and Section 150 (attempted wrecking of a Kasganjroute.

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pur in the North Central Railway zone. The loco pilot had applied brake soon after spotting the cylinder.

On Sept 16, Delhi-bound Swatantrata Senani Express hit a wooden log lying on the rail track between Ghazipur Ghat and Ghazipur City railway stations. On Sept 8, the locomotive of Bhiwani-bound Kalindi Express in Kanpur Nagar had collided with an LPG filled gas cylinder placed on the craft, or decked vessel) of track between Barrajpur and Utripura on Kanpur-

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17 TN fishermen held by Lankan navy, Stalin appeals to EAM

Chennai: Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin Sunday apprised external affairs minister S Jaishankar that 17 fishermen were arrested and two boats seized by Sri Lankan navy and demanded swift measures to secure release of fishermen and their boats.

The fishermen, who ventured from Rameswaram fish landing centre on Sept 28 were apprehended near Neduntheevu Sunday by Lankan authorities, Stalin wrote to Jaishankar. The detention and confiscation of the boats causes serious distress and uncertainty among coastal communities. "I have repeatedly reiterated that concrete and proactive steps must be taken to resolve this festering issue diplomatically. Considering the gravity of the situation, I have also submitted this as one of the requests in the memorandum submitted to the PM on Sept 27."

Stalin requested Centre to initiate strong and effective diplomatic measures to prevent arrest of Indian fishermen and to secure immediate release of all the arrested fishermen and their boats from Sri Lanka, PTI

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Answer key for the last week's quiz: 1.(b), 2.(a), 3.(b), 4.(a), 5.(c)



IIHMR Delhi celebrates its milestones through a commemorative event

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Tn a day filled with reflection, achievements, ■ and cultural vibrancy, IIHMR Delhi, a premier research and education institute in healthcare management, held a commemorative event 'AADHAR 2024'. The event brought together faculty members, staff, and students from both the first and second years to mark the institute's journey and milestones. The occasion was graced by Dr Sutapa Bandyopadhyay Neogi, director, IIHMR Delhi, who highlighted the achievements of the institute over the past 16 years and emphasised its commitment to excellence in healthcare management education and role in shaping future leaders in the industry. The celebrations included a series of cultural performances that showcased the diverse talents of the students.

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o protect students' interests and reduce the stress caused by harassment from unscrupulous dissertation/thesis guides and medical colleges who demand 'donations' for thesis submission, the National Medical Commission (NMC) recently clarified that postgraduate medical students cannot be prevented from appearing in their exams if they have not obtained approval for their dissertation/thesis from the HoD.

Previously, submitting a thesis before appearing in the final exam was compulsory in all premier medical institutions in the country. "However, thesis submission before the final exams was not mandated in the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 (PGMER-23) because some private and government colleges harassed students by deliberately failing them and demanding donations for thesis submission. In some instances, this pres-

sure led to students resigning due to the toxic environment or being unable to take their final exams. Thesis approval had become a tool for blackmail in certain institutions, and in extreme cases, this even resulted in students taking their own lives. However, with the involvement of an external examiner, biases are expected to be minimised, discouraging such practices," says Dr B Srinivas, se-

cretary of the NMC.

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Bet On Pezeshkian

Iran now has a chance to shorten Lebanon conflict by not retaliating for Nasrallah's killing

The killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in a massive Israeli airstrike last weekend has completely changed the security dynamics in West Asia. It represents a huge victory for Israel, which has now practically decapitated the Hezbollah leadership structure, and a body-blow for Iran and its so-called Axis of Resistance. Hezbollah represents the lynchpin of Tehran's Shia militia movement in West Asia. Therefore, Israel's stunning offensive against the strongest non-state military in the region has put Tehran on notice.

Down but not out | That said, Hezbollah as a group is not quite finished. It has a flexible command structure that was specifically created to absorb blows. Plus, Hezbollah is not without a state – it's a parliamentary bloc in Lebanon. There's already talk of Nasrallah's cousin Hashem Safieddine taking over the leadership of the group. But much will depend on how much Iran backs the group at this moment.

Tehran's choice Tehran has been noticeably restrained so far.



Reportedly, there are differences of opinion about how to respond to Nasrallah's death. Conservatives want Iran to strike Israel immediately, while moderates like President Pezeshkian prefer to avoid a region-wide conflagration. Iran directly joining the conflict will be catastrophic. But there are good reasons for Tehran to avoid going down that road. Iran with a conventional army can't carry out tactically advantageous asymmetric operations

against a superior Israeli military. Thus, any direct battle between Iran and Israel will lead to massive casualties on both sides.

Strengthen moderates | US wants to avoid such a region-wide escalation. So does Pezeshkian, who is focused on reviving Iran's economy and resetting ties with US. With Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei having been moved to a secure location following Nasrallah's assassination, this is the perfect opportunity for America to incentivise Iranian moderates. Tehran and Pezeshkian's restraint should be rewarded with Washington renegotiating and re-entering the Iran nuclear deal, and simultaneously lifting sanctions on Iran. This will strengthen Pezeshkian's hand against Ayatollahs.

Normalise Iran | Plus, such a reset of Iran-US ties will help wean away Tehran from Moscow and Beijing's ambit. Also, if Iran is allowed to normalise, it will have no pressing need to deploy regional militias to cultivate strategic depth. True, Sunni Arab monarchies and Israeli conservatives are wary of a regionally successful Iran. But a moderate Iran is far more preferable to a cloistered, vengeful Iran. Washington must step up and incentivise Iran's normalisation. That's the best antidote to West Asian conflicts.

In Pursuit Of Death

Draft guidelines advance the rights of terminally ill patients on life support. Reality is painfully behind

Thile healthcare reach in India leaves a lot to be desired, there is no doubt that everyday more persons have access to life-sustaining treatments than yesterday. But this also means that everyday there are more patients on life support who are "not expected to benefit" from it. While recent years have seen courts and govt recognise such terminally ill patients' right to die with dignity, the actual processes to access this right are so gruelling that it largely remains out of reach. The draft GOI guidelines for withdrawal of life support in terminally ill patients, released for public comment, are intended to increase access to



this right. Will they? In a recent case, both Delhi HC and the Supreme Court turned down the plea of aging parents of a patient who has been in a "permanently vegetative state" for more than a decade, to direct the constitution of a medical board to assess him for passive euthanasia. The courts' logic was that the

patient "does not appear to be on life support". Experts have since pointed out, including on this page, that the courts' reading of the Ryles tube, inserted into the patient's stomach through his nose, is neither the consensus medical opinion nor the legal position in most jurisdictions around the world.

A useful clarification provided by the draft guidelines is that "parenteral nutrition" – nutrients pumped directly into a vein-is in the same category as mechanical ventilation. They also underline that the judicial officer is only to be notified – of a decision made by medical professionals in consultation with the family/surrogate and valid Advance Medical Directives. "Approval is not required." This should help medical boards get over fears of courts. But the medical boards need to exist in the first place. Then they need to step up. Act with gravity, empathy and science.

Not maid for each other

Man of the house and mop on the floor

Milind Ghatwai



Years after WFH became common currency, many saabs are still struggling to redeem themselves in the eyes of the maids. Before the pandemic, the maids were in awe of the saab. At least, that's the impression he had carried from their brief Sunday encounters.

With a stern look, he would flip through weekend supplements. He would frown to show his disapproval when he was forced to put his feet up to let her mop the floor. The maid knew it was an occupational hazard she had to endure once a week or even less. In his absence, the wife often used saab ko achha nahi lagta warning to get the maid to fall in line.

But then he became a permanent fixture at home. Bit by bit, in his vest, shorts, and three-fourths, the saab was unravelled. Unlike shorter clothes, office clothes had once cloaked him in dignity. Contrary to what she had believed, he didn't have much work on hand. She often saw him slouched in his chair until a

call from his bosses startled him. She realised his topmost boss was his wife; constantly correcting, reprimanding and even insulting him at the drop of a bartan.

Slowly, the power equation changed. Now, she looked at him as an irritant when he unmindfully walked through the freshly mopped area. It was her turn to give a disapproving look. It's not that he did not try to convey that he was still the man of the house. Hoping to please his wife, he once scolded the maid for reporting late for work. Instead, he got an earful for exceeding his brief. Before that, he had tried to scold the wife when the maid was around, only to burn his fingers.

Too much familiarity has already bred so much contempt that it looks unlikely for the saab to ever discover his pre-Covid delusions of grandeur. Should the maid be sacked and a new one hired to make a fresh, dignified start? But then hell hath no fury like a maid scorned. Why let your reputation travel far and wide?

Many have returned to WFO. Some are lucky that a hybrid work model allows them to frequently escape to the comfort of the office. Those still stuck at home no longer need a cue from the maid to shrink by drawing up their legs. They know they can't put their feet down anymore.

A Killing & A Tipping Point

Nasrallah's killing was celebrated by Sunni extremists and opposition in Syria. Shia group needs Iran. But Tehran is cautious. West Asia is looking at a sectarian churn

Aydin Sezer



in Ankara

Last Friday's attack on Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and his leadership represents the beginning of an era that could radically alter the military and political balance in West Asia. A senior member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard was among those killed in the same attack. As with Hamas's Ismail Haniyeh's assassination, there is an

Iranian component in the Israeli information-collecting process. This is noteworthy.

Bibi's calculations | This represents a significant turning point not only for the future of Hezbollah but also for all regional geopolitical balances and power struggles. First, Netanyahu is pushing all the buttons in the run-up to the US elections, which means both support for Trump's campaign and finishing what Netanyahu started before the possible election of Kamala Harris.

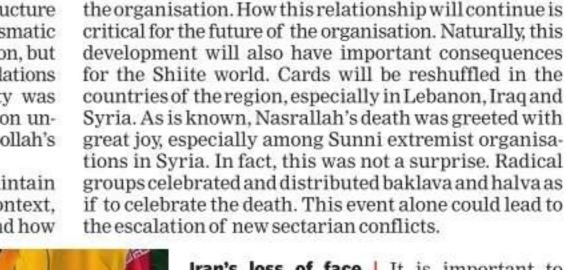
Netanyahu has stepped up his fight against organisations like Hamas and Hezbollah. This strategy is critical both to strengthen his own political future and to enhance Israel's security. The Western world, especially US and UK, continues to provide Netanyahu's govt with all kinds of political and military support. This further encourages Netanyahu and leads him to pursue an aggressive policy. As a result, Netanyahu is rapidly advancing in his project to create a world without Hamas and Hezbollah, which will satiate him and Israel, both politically and in terms of security.

Hezbollah's future | Under Nasrallah's leadership, Hezbollah was a major force not only in Lebanon but in the entire region. His loss will undoubtedly have a huge impact on the strategic vision and operational capacity of the organisation. We have no concrete data on how Hezbollah's new governance structure will take shape. How long will the process of recovery and reorganisation take? In the meantime, how will coordination with Iran and other resistance forces be ensured?

In this respect, it will be difficult for the other components of Iran's Axis of Resistance to formulate a coordinated course of action and strategy in this process.

This will take time. Will the current power structure Hezbollah has achieved under Nasrallah's charismatic leadership - acting as the brains of the organisation, but more importantly developing and strengthening relations with Iran - be maintained? Hezbollah's identity was closely tied to Nasrallah, making a full restoration unlikely. This development will weaken not only Hezbollah's future but also Iran's influence in the region.

Iran needs a strong ally like Hezbollah to maintain its influence in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. In this context, the continuity of Iran's support for Hezbollah and how



Iran's loss of face | It is important to note that Iran is now the main target for Netanyahu and Israel. Especially after the assassination of Haniyeh in Tehran, Iran's ability to respond to Israel remains in question. The ambiguity of the new Iranian leadership's policy towards Israel still prevents us from predicting what Iran might do after Nasrallah's death. Will Iran continue to exert its influence in the region through the Houthis? Will it close the Strait of Hormuz to oil trade to show that it is a regional power? Will Iran accelerate its nuclear weapons programme, claiming that it feels threatened?

Israel could launch more intensive attacks on Iranian targets in Syria. Hezbollah, bleeding in Lebanon, could withdraw its forces from Syria back to Lebanon. If Iran fails to provide Hezbollah with the support it expects, will the new Hezbollah leadership after Nasrallah be able to distance itself from Iran? Or can Hezbollah survive in Lebanon without Iranian support? How would this affect the political

Whatever policy Iran pursues, its influence in both Syria and Iraq will be called into question. In this respect, Iran needs to make a move without delay. Delaying this move will mean that Iran's real power will be questioned. It will also mean that Iran's regional effectiveness will be questioned. At this point, Israel's next moves against Iran will also be keenly watched. Ayatollah Khamenei's relocation on Saturday to protect himself from a possible Israeli attack and his state of alert show that even Iran is expecting a new move from Israel. Tel Aviv will be the main actor in determining the new process after Nasrallah.

The writer is a former Turkish diplomat



it will be shaped under the new leadership is also a power of the Gulf states in Lebanon? matter of curiosity. If Iran fails to provide Hezbollah with the support it expects or if the new Hezbollah leadership is distant in its relations with Iran, this will have a negative impact not only on Hezbollah's position in the region but also on Iran's. Perhaps it will create an opportunity for different cooperation.

Shifts in the Shiite world | Nasrallah's death could lead to new balances in the Shiite world. In Lebanon, Hezbollah's power and influence relied heavily on Nasrallah's personal leadership ability. His loss creates uncertainties over the strategic direction and operational capacity of

Delaware Dundee: Tech, Trade And Trust

Quad has become a cornerstone of the US-India partnership. But US should refine its outreach to India in areas beyond defence and technology, writes India's G20 Sherpa

Amitabh Kant



As the world contends with geopolitical shifts, US remains the formidable economic power, having retained 26% of global GDP and 44% of global market capitalisation while housing just 4% of global population. For India to fulfil its aspirations of becoming 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 and establish itself as a global superpower, robust

Historically, nations that have experienced surges in economic growth, such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China, have integrated high export volumes to US into their economic strategies. If India is to replicate this success, strengthening trade and expanding technological collaboration with US must

economic engagement with US is essential.

be at the forefront of its strategic endeavours.

It is in this context that the PM's recent visit to US - covering aspects ranging from clean energy, healthcare and technology to the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) – is historic for several reasons.

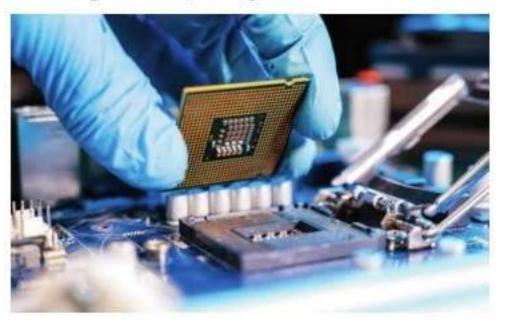
Modi's meetings with tech leaders during his visit are setting a bright course for India's tech future. By teaming up with industry giants like Nvidia and General Atomics, he has laid out an exciting vision of India as a rising hub for AI and big data analytics.

Innovation drives growth, creates jobs, enhances productivity and fosters a competitive environment. India has immense potential to be an innovative nation, and we have much to learn from US, and particularly Silicon Valley, in becoming a product nation. We must invest in applied research, pivot towards marketoriented innovation, and emphasise industry-oriented skill development in higher education. Key to this is establishing research hubs linked to top universities, encouraging collaboration between academia, industry. and govt.

India's first national security semiconductor fabrication plant, Shakti, is facilitated by the India Semiconductor Mission and a strategic tech partnership among Bharat Semi, 3rdiTech, and the US Space

Force. This state-of-the-art facility will supply advanced chips to the US military, allied forces, and India's own defence apparatus starting 2025. This will take the India-US partnership into a deeper realm of long-term strategic collaboration that could redefine the security and tech landscape in the Indo-Pacific region.

For India, this ambition is fundamentally rooted in uplifting the most marginalised members of society, ensuring that progress reaches the last person in line. At the heart of India's inclusive growth strategy is its impressive digital public infra (DPI), which has been transformative in promoting financial inclusion and delivering essential, leakage-free services. Initiatives



like Aadhaar enable access to various govt programmes, ensuring that benefits reach even the most disadvantaged populations. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has revolutionised digital transactions, making financial services more accessible and efficient for millions.

Through its G20 presidency, India was able to advocate for a common definition of DPI and achieve consensus on a G20 framework for digital public infra, enabling nations worldwide to embrace, develop, and scale similar DPI systems. US is recognising the relevance of India's DPI in global efforts to promote equitable access to digital tech. Cooperation in digital frameworks will facilitate trade and innovation while also enhancing global collaboration in fields such as

cybersecurity, privacy standards, and financial technology. By establishing mutual frameworks and guidelines for data governance and digital economy practices, India and US can set benchmarks for other nations.

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or Quad, has become a cornerstone of the two nations' partnership, providing a platform for collaborative security efforts in a region increasingly pressured. The Delaware Quad summit reinforced the commitment of India, US, Japan, and Australia to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific, showcasing their collective will to tackle security challenges.

Modi has also redefined diaspora engagement by actively connecting with Indian communities abroad. Through initiatives that promote cultural exchanges, educational partnerships, and people-to-people interactions, the two nations can build a more empathetic relationship that transcends changing political realities and focuses instead on shared values.

As both countries embark on these collaborative endeavours, US should also refine its outreach to India in areas beyond defence and technology. For instance, investing in India's burgeoning renewable energy sector, including green hydrogen initiatives, could align with both nations' climate goals while yielding significant economic benefits. This aligns with the growing consensus that climate change is the defining challenge of our era – a challenge that demands collective action.

Looking ahead, the India-US partnership can inspire a newly forged network of alliances with likeminded countries. This collaboration - comprising democracies across continents – can be instrumental in addressing shared challenges from pandemics to economic stability.

The window of opportunity is wide open, and it is incumbent upon both nations to seize it. Modi's visit represents a significant step toward harnessing this potential. The semiconductor plant at Shakti is just the beginning; it serves as a catalyst that can propel the bilateral relationship to new heights, setting a precedent for future collaborations and ultimately contributing to a more stable and prosperous international order.

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Hunting For Happiness In A Material World

Narayani Ganesh

To one says, "I do not want to be happy." Everyone is looking for N happiness in different places. Consuming as much as possible is also a source of happiness, points out Prof Samdhong Rinpoche, speaking at the 'Spirit of Tibet' festival held in Delhi recently. Anything that brings temporary happiness like possession of material goods, will only create more greed, and an unending circle of joy and sorrow. Your happiness should not become the cause of unhappiness.

To define happiness is a slippery task as each one of us has a different notion of happiness. Happiness is really a mindset, a mental attitude. Your body may experience disease and pain, while your mind might be happy. Conversely, your body may be fit and healthy, but your mind is filled with unhappiness due to turmoil. Therefore, you need to

discover what makes you unhappy and overcome that root cause.

Very often, the root cause of unhappiness is avidya, ignorance. To cultivate inner wisdom, you need to be disciplined, in mind and body. Happiness is not a set of emotions but a cessation of all negative emotions. When you are at peace, free of contamination, that is happiness. Sustainable happiness comes with nirvana. But most people do not experience nirvana.

Buddhists talk of equality of all sentient beings on three basic grounds. First, no living being wants unhappiness. Second, the basic nature of consciousness in every individual is the same. Everyone has the right to seek happiness and avoid unhappiness. Third, every individual has the potential to evolve to buddha nature.

approach to all sentient beings has to be with a sense of equilibrium. The basis of happiness is understanding equanimity, so that one can feel the oneness that is built into the web of life. Shantideva asks, why worry about problems, why not seek remedies instead?

Since we are all equal, an individual's

Prof Samdhong Rinpoche talked of how unfulfilled desires, fear, anxiety, jealousy and anger are all causes of unhappiness. If anger is the cause of your discomfort, find out the root cause of that

THE SPEAKING TREE anger and try to overcome it. Learn to differentiate between actor and action. The Buddha did not see the person with negative emotions as the enemy; he recognised

kleshas, negativities, as enemy. In other words, hate the sin but love the sinner. Avoid violent action. Only something that is the opposite nature of fire, can put out the fire. Overcome anger with compassion, violence with love. Under the complete influence of negative emotions, the actor has no freedom and so no control over himself. Hence, we need to address the cause and not the symptom. When you react in anger or anxiety,

you become its ally and the first outcome will be violence. Unless you are compassionate, you cannot counter kleshas. Understand your needs. This is important because you are indoctrinated to need or want more than is necessary. Gandhiji promoted control of oneself. This will give you freedom to think and recognise who you are.

When you compare yourself with others, you forget your true identity and personality. Never get brainwashed into believing what others say about you, that you are stupid or a coward. Free

your mind. Be happy.

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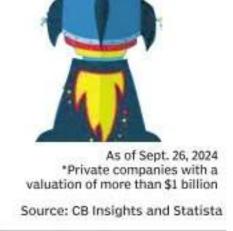
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Govt banks on homegrown cos to push EVs

No Takers For Policy | Lobbying To Force Dilution In UK FTA Plan

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New Delhi: Six months after launching the EV policy, allowing lower duty imports for companies that commit to make in India, the govt has decided against aggressively courting the likes of Tesla, VinFast, Mercedes and BMW due to lukewarm response to the regime. Besides, lobbying by Indian players that have invested in creating a strong product pipeline, as well as by Japanese carmakers, which have been slow off the blocks in getting zero-emissions vehicles and are pitching hard to get hybrids the same status as electrics, has played its part.

The stiff resistance from local incumbents and their aggressive positioning across ministries dealing with automobiles-related issues-from heavy industries to road transport and commerce and industry is also expected to result in a dilution of benefits for electric vehicles that were proposed under the free trade agreement with the UK, sources privy to the discussions told TOI.

The EV policy, seen to have been tailored to Tesla's requirements, has seen the Elon Muskrun company stay away from India as it is grappling with its own problems, and pressure from China. Others have cited multiple lacunae — from high level of investment to local sourcing requirements and "onerous investment commitments"-to argue that the policy was not a privilege being extended to them.

A NON-STARTER

> Tesla stays away from India as it is grappling with its own problems, and pressure from China

> Other EV makers cite 'high level of investment to local sourcing requirements' as reasons for not participating

Several overseas companies, which are already in India, want their past investments to be recognised, saying they cannot make a new factory just to be eligible for benefits under the EV policy. "So far, we have not heard much from the companies on the EV policy and investments. The chances look grim, though we are still hopeful and are maintaining dialogue with companies wherever required," a govt official said.

The lobbying against EVs is led by Maruti Suzuki and Toyota, which together control more than half the car market and account for bulk of the hybrid sales, where they are allies. The Japanese companies are believed to be working behind the scenes, both at the Centre and at the state level, to ensure that hybrids get the same policy regime as electrics. Besides, Tata Motors and Mahindra have argued that by allowing lower duty imports, even at the so-called upper end of the market would adversely hit their plans and investments, a top

'AI' washing machine to smart TV: Premium carts drive festive sales

Brands Roll Out Offers, Flexible Payment Options To Soften Inflation Blow & Nudge Mass Customers To Shop

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ByteDance

Mumbai: Premium products like AI-enabled washing machines, and 'smart' ACs continue to drive festive shopping demands, outpacing the mass segment.

Brands are rolling out offers and flexible payment schemes to soften the impact of inflation and get more customers to shop as the mass segment shows signs of recovery. Besides, a 'bountiful' monsoon is expected to have partially revived rural incomes.

"The premium segment has been the star performer this year, with strong growth across categories. The mass market has been stable so far," Kamal Nandi, business head and executive VP at Godrej Appliances told TOI, adding that the mass segment should pick up through the course of the festive period, which continues till Diwali.

"A good monsoon season positively impacts agricultural returns, which typically **Eyes On Small Town**, Rural Spends

Long-tenure EMIs on premium products and demand for upgrades from metro customers is boosting the growth of premium segment

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year," said Nilesh Gupta, di-

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Long-tenure EMI sche-

ing ahead," Nandi said.

Kalyan Jewellers has seen a dip in demand due to volatility in gold prices season with a 35% year-on-year growth. Its president N S Satish said that LED TV and washing machine sales have surpassed projections since the onset of the season with

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According to Bata, some

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& -3 towns) are opting for

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increasing consumer appetite for premium products. For Bata, demand for premium athleisure and fashion footwear is also coming from tier-2 and -3 cities. Consumers are opting for products that offer superior value propositions even if it means a higher price point, said Badri Beriwal, chief strategy and busi-

ness development officer at

Bata India. "The past few quarters saw some softness in consumer spending but several macroeconomic indicators are now aligning favourably. A good monsoon coupled with inflation coming into control is starting to create an optimistic consumer sentiment," Beriwal said.

Voltas is expecting a ro-

bust growth in demand from tier two and three regions. Besides premium, the entry level market is also moving up at a good pace, said MD & CEO Pradeep Bakshi. Jewellery brand Joyalukkas is offering gold rate protection plan to consumers wherein they can lock-in current rates with a 10% advance besides extending vouchers and old gold exchange benefits. Haier too is offering flexible payment schemes with EMIs starting at Rs 994 to spur demand in the mass markets. Uptick in urban demand and resilient rural regions is supporting festive demand despite inflationary pressures, said a Mondelez spokesperson.



Bank of America suspends 2 bankers in India: Report

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Bank of America has placed two investment bankers in India on administrative leave amid an internal investigation into alleged insider trading within its Asian operations, according to a report in the Financial Times.

The investigation, initiated earlier this year following a whistleblower complaint, is examining whether Bank of

America employees and bankers in its Asian investment bank improperly disclosed information about upcoming secondary offerings. This information may have allowed certain investors to "front run" the stock sales, profiting from non-public information. The details of the allegations and the identities of the individuals involved have not been disclosed. Bank of America refu-

sed to comment on the matter.

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Diversify To Tackle Volatility, Multi-Asset Funds Do Just That

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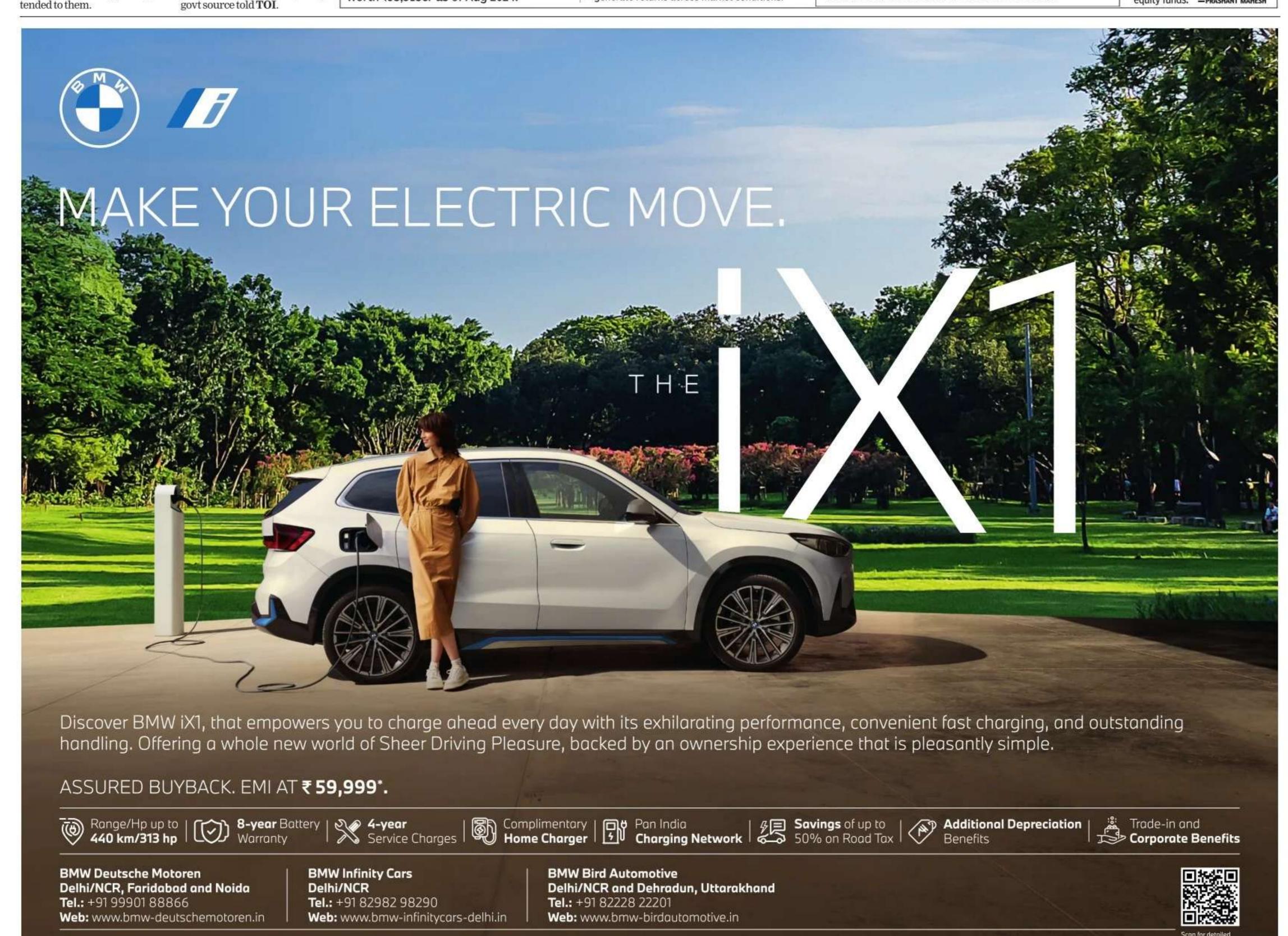
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Tax Treatment?

Multi-asset funds that allocate 65% or more to equity, with the remaining invested in fixed income and gold, are taxed as equity funds. - PRASHANT MAHESH



Govt eyes foreign investment review mechanism

New Delhi: Govt is considering setting up a foreign investment regulatory mechanism for post-investment review and monitoring in the country, according to sources. At present, the consideration is at the discussion level only, they added. It can help ascertain that the FDI is beneficial to the economy and originates from legitimate sources. AGENCIES



Govt looks to seek suggestions on I-T Act

New Delhi: Govt has proposed to invite suggestions on Income Tax Act, 1961, from the private sector and tax experts beginning Oct, as part of an exercise to simplify the direct tax law, sources said. A function is set to be created in the income tax portal. AGENCIES

GST returns data from 2017 restored

New Delhi: GST Network on Sunday said the returns data of July and Aug 2017, initial months of GST rollout, has been restored on the portal. The GSTN had last week said it is implementing its data policy - in which data will be retained for 7 years. AGENCIES

SBI plans offers to boost deposit growth

New Delhi: SBI is considering products including a combo of recurring deposit and SIP to attract despositors, said chairman C S Setty. "Nobody wants to put everything in a risky or a speculative asset," he said. AGENCIES

Rejigged MPC may not alter status quo

New Members Awaited | Next Meet In Oct

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Govt is yet to appoint new external members of RBI's monetary policy committee, which has left forecasters hesitant to make predictions about the next MPC action on Oct 9. However, economists believe that regardless of the committee members, there will be no rate cuts in Oct.

The good news for banks is the improved liquidity in the money markets, which has led to the yield on the 10year govt bond dropping to around 6.75%. Nomura has forecasted that this yield will further decrease to 6.5% by the year end. This has alleviated pressure on deposit rates and subsequently on loan pricing.

Tanvee Jain, economist at UBS, expects RBI to begin rate cuts in Dec, depending on India's growth-inflation dynamics, "Real interest rates have moved higher, as inflation has begun to moderate, raising questions over

whether this is holding back a much-needed capex cycle recovery. Given the domestic inflation outlook is improving (likely to be 0.3% lower than RBI's forecast of 4.5% for FY25) and the global monetary easing cycle has begun, we now expect MPC to lower repo rates by 75bps in this cycle."

Economists don't expect a rate cut in the Oct meeting

Radhika Rao, economist at DBS, said the US Fed's aggressive 50bps cut in Sept shows a global shift. "The MPC is cognizant that the July-Aug CPI moderation was due to an exceptionally favourable base effect, with stickiness in food inflation offsetting a deeper pullback in the headline print. While Oct's meet might result in a pause, we expect the accompanying language to accommodate a pivot later in the year."

Global easing has lowered 10-year govt bond yields to a two-and-a-half-year low, but RBI is focusing on food prices.

Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global, said, "Food prices, especially vegetables, have moved higher after heavy rainfall and flooding that disrupted supply. The impact of higher customs duty on imported edible oils is also reflected in retail prices." Although many anticipated the government to announce the new MPC members' names this week, the announcement has been delayed. The upcoming MPC meeting is scheduled between Oct 7 and 9.

During the previous meeting, two external members voted for a cut in the reporate from 6.5% to 6.25%, while the third external member voted to keep the rate unchanged. The three RBI members, including the governor, voted against a rate cut, citing persistent food inflation, potential spillover effects, and the need to ensure durable disinflation amidst steady growth.

FPIs buy ₹57k cr stocks in Sept, flows hit 9-mth high

New Delhi: Foreign investors have poured Rs 57,359 crore into Indian equities in Sept, making it the highest inflow in nine months, mainly driven by a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve.

With this infusion, for-

eign portfolio investors' (FPIs) investment in equities has surpassed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark in 2024, data with the depositories showed. FPI inflows are likely to remain robust, driven by global interest rate easing and India's strong fundamentals. However, the RBI's decisions, particularly regarding inflation management and liquidity, will be key in sustaining this momentum, Robin Arya,

TOP ₹1L CR IN 2024 Net FII equity inflows (₹cr) 26,565

smallcase manager and founder & CEO of research analyst firm GoalFi, said.

Source: NSDL

*up to Sept 27, 2024

According to the data, FPIs made a net investment of Rs 57,359 crore in equities until Sept 27, with one trading session still left this month. This was the highest net inflow since Dec 2023,

when FPIs had invested Rs 66,135 crore in equities.

Since June, FPIs have consistently bought equities after withdrawing Rs 34,252 crore in April-May. Overall, FPIs have been net buyers in 2024, except for Jan, April, and May.

Several factors have contributed to the recent surge in FPI inflow into Indian equity markets, such as the start of the interest rate cut cycle initiated by the US Fed, increased India weightage in global indices, better growth prospects, and a series of large IPOs, Himanshu Srivastava, associate director manager research, Morningstar Investment Research India, said. AGENCIES

HC upholds ₹780cr award to Rel Infra

Mumbai: Reliance Infrastructure told exchanges that the Calcutta HC ruled in its favour on Friday in a petition by Damodar Valley Corporation challenging a Rs 780-crore arbitration award relating to the construction of the Raghunathpur Thermal Power Project.

The dispute originated from three agreements signed on Dec 6, 2008. The project encountered significant delays, leading to disputes between the parties regarding responsibility for the delays and the associated costs.

Reliance Infra initiated arbitration proceedings, and the arbitral tribunal ruled in favour of Reliance Infra, awarding it about Rs 780 crores. Damodar Valley Corp challenged this award in the Calcutta HC. TNN

Accenture's hiring drive may push other cos

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Bengaluru: Accenture's recent disclosure of their recruitment targets for FY25 has set a positive tone for Indian technology companies who're set to report their Sept quarter earnings next month.

"We are hiring primarily in India, as we are hiring more in technology. This also addresses our pyramid structure We hire all over the world and in technology, which is a big driver for growth as we see for FY25. We will be hiring more in India," Accenture CEO Julie Sweet told analysts in a recent earnings call. Accenture has over 3 lakh employees in India out of the 7.7 lakh globally. The company made a net addition of 41,484 people in the 2024 financial year.

Industry analysts predict that this move by Accenture will encourage other companies to expand their offshore presence as well.

Aditya Mishra, CEO of CI-EL HR, said that the early months of campus hiring reflect the commitment of IT services companies to address the supply side, with positive signals emerging from the demand perspective.

I-T raids on loan agent raise kickback concerns

Tax Authorities Suspect Similar Payoffs In Case Of Credit Card Acquisition Too

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New Delhi: Incometax raids on a direct selling agent (DSA) for loans of NBFCs and private banks in Hyderabad have blown the lid off suspected kickbacks to bank and company executives by the agency and raised calls for a nation-wide check on an industry-wide practice.

The loan agent, booking revenue, mainly via commissions, of Rs 1,000 crore annually, was allegedly showing unusually high expenses, which attracted the tax department's attention. These were shown as non-salary expenses to ensure that the tax liability did not go up. Typically, salaries and incentives to staff make for a substantial chunk of expenditure for loan agents, who earn commissions that can be as high as 2.5% of the loan value in certain cases.

Banks and NBFCs rely on a network of loan sales agents to garner business,

How Dept Zeroes In On Malpractice

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who are paid a fee or commission. Lenders have been aggressively pushing retail loans, whether it is auto, home or others, triggering concerns even in RBI, whose regulatory moves have helped slow down the pace in recent months. Some of the loans in the retail segment were given without adequate security, raising regulatory discomfort.

The search has triggered a red alert and tax authorities suspect that similar payoffs are made in case of credit card acquisition as well as insurers, which faced scrutiny a few years ago. Often a part of the commission earned by the loan agents or, say, auto dealers who hawk loans on behalf of banks and finance companies, is shared with customers who demand steep discounts.

During a phase of good sales when sellers have an upper hand, customer discounts are relatively lower. At these times, agents earn higher margins and a part of it may have been shared with bank or NBFC executives. Some of the kickbacks may have been passed in cash. The issue is being probed further to ascertain more detail, sources told TOI.

DoT, Trai, telcos move to counter spam, pesky calls

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New Delhi: A fresh push is being given to counter spam and unsolicited commercial communication, with the department of telecom (DoT), regulator Trai, and private telcos initiating new programmes to counter the menace that is also leading to cyber frauds and phishing attacks.

Trai and DoT have been cracking down on spammers and blocking numbers that are seen to be engaging in fraudulent activities. Also, they have held meetings with top representatives from telecom companies time and again, asking them to be vigilant on such activities, while stipulating new rules to counter it.

Airtel has recently launched a new AI-led initiative to detect spam and warn its customers, while Vodafone Idea said it is leveraging blockchain technology to launch an SMS spam control system.

Trai and DoT have so far disconnected over one crore mobile connections to check pesky callers and fraudsters. "Till date, more than one crore fraudulent mobile connections have been disconnected with the help of Sancharsaathi. Further, nearly 2.3 lakh mobile handsets have been blocked for involvement in cybercrime/financial frauds," they said recently. In Aug, Trai initiated a ma-

jor crackdown against pesky calls as it asked mobile operators to disconnect the telecom resources of entities that are found misusing bulk connections for making spam calls. It said that such entities will face blacklisting by all operators for up to two years.

And from Oct 1, Trai has also mandated that telecom companies check the transmission of SMSes that contain web links that are not whitelisted. The new rule has also been brought in to curb the misuse of SMS headers and content templates, ensuring a more secure and efficient telecom ecosystem. Also, the regulator has

mandated telecom operators to ensure that all messages from sender to receiver are traceable from Nov1onwards.

TIMES NATION

Only 3 of 36 subdivisions saw deficient rains, lowest since '19

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This year's monsoon season is set to officially end on Monday with India having received the highest rainfall since 2020 and recorded the lowest number of subdivisions with deficient rains three out of 36 — since 2019. Overall, the monsoon is set to be 7-8% higher than the long period average (LPA), in the 'above-normal' category.

This marks the sixth year in a row that the country has seen normal to above-normal rainfall in the season.

In north India, where showers have persisted till the fourth week of Sept, the plains have received better rainfall than the hill states, with the exception of Punjab, which is one of the three deficit subdivisions with a seasonal shortfall of as much as 28%.

Other subdivisions in the plains have received rains in the normal range (-20 to +20 %)of LPA), the exceptions being west Rajasthan (excess rainfall) and east Rajasthan (above normal). Rains in late

HIGHEST RAINFALL SINCE 2020 Region-wise monsoon rainfall (mm) 1600 1305.5 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 2024' * Data till Sept 29

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Sept, particularly in UP, augur well for soil moisture for rabi crops which will be sown from late Oct onwards.

Data: IMD

The region with by far the highest surplus this monsoon is central India. It has received

2024* nearly 20% higher-than normal rainfall at 1,165.6mm, making it the wettest monsoon in the region since 2019. As central India's output closely mirror's monsoon's performance

across the country, this is the

Monsoon Performance

(% Deviation from normal)

sixth straight year of normal to above-normal seasonal rainfall in the region. In 2019, the year of 'excess' monsoon in the country, central India had logged 1263.2mm of rain, 29% above the LPA.

After central India, South logged the second highest rain surplus in the country. The region has recorded 811.4mm of rain since June 1, 14.3% above the LPA. East & Northeast is the only region in the country to show a rain deficit during this monsoon at 13.7%.

This year's monsoon was expected to have been propelled by two largescale factors-La Nina in Pacific and a 'positive dipole' in Indian Ocean. Both failed to material-"While these remained neutral, intra-seasonal factors came into play to aid rainfall,' said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, IMD chief. "An equatorial storm system called MJO remained in favourable phases from the end of June till mid-Sept, leading to formation of higher-than-normal number of low-pressure systems in the Bay of Bengal, which travelled inland and caused rainfall."

EMBRACING AHIMSA

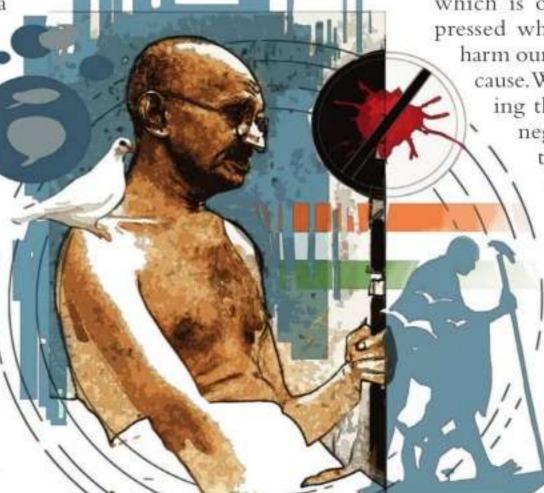
THE SPEAKING TREE

In today's world, marked by rising conflicts and societal divides, the philosophy of nonviolence — championed by Gandhiji holds profound relevance, writes вк вкілмонам

andhi's concept of ahimsa offers a guiding principle for navigating the unruly waves of contemporary challenges. Ahimsa, non-harm or nonviolence, was central to Gandhi's philosophy and instrumental in his approach to social and political activism. Often, parties to conflicts seek to settle matters by force, which escalates the issue or sows the seeds of future strife. Ahimsa advocates for an approach that involves understanding, empathy, and dialogue. It encourages seeking common ground and addressing grievances without inflicting harm. The principle of ahimsa goes beyond the absence of physical violence to encompass social justice and human rights. It allows individuals and societies to confront injustice, inequality, and discrimination through nonviolent means. Gandhi's vision of ahimsa also encompassed the global environment, emphasising respect for all forms of life and the

natural world. In the context of contemporary environmental issues such as climate change, deforestation, and the loss of biodiversity, ahimsa advocates for sustainable practices that minimise harm to the planet. This includes adopting lifestyle changes that reduce unnecessary resource consumption and help us live in love and harmony with nature.

The application of ahimsa on the personal level involves fostering kindness and compassion in our interactions with others. In a world of increasingly prevalent interper-



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sonal conflicts, adopting ahimsa in daily life enhances our relationships and overall well-being. Practising nonviolence involves refraining from physical aggression and avoiding verbal abuse, emotional manipulation, and other forms of harm.

Ahimsa also encourages self-compassion, urging people to extend the same kind of kindness, understanding, and treatment they expect from others. This principle is increasingly relevant in today's fast-paced, high-pressure environment, where stress and mental health challenges are widespread. But many of the benefits of ahimsa can be reaped only when it becomes a part of our lives and does not just remain a concept eulogised in books and seminars.

Ahimsa starts with each one of us. Just as wars begin in men's minds, ahimsa also originates in our minds. We must recognise the roots

due to inner vices such as anger, ego, hatred, and lust. The Bhagwad Gita tells us that vices cloud our judgment, leading to vicious actions and a circle of suffering. The first act of violence is com-

of violence, which arise in the mind

mitted against the conscience, which is often ignored or suppressed when it alerts us to the harm our negative thoughts may cause. When a chain of damag-

> ing thoughts is created, the negative feelings gain intensity and are expressed in various ways, ranging from an angry look to harsh words and wrong or criminal tendencies. The soul loses self-control and ends up scarred.

To regain its self-sovereignty and self-respect, the soul must first recognise its spiritual identity. When we accept and remember that we are souls, children of the Supreme Soul, and

part of one spiritual family, the soul's core qualities of peace, love, purity, and truth come to the fore. Regular practice of soul con-

sciousness brings the realisation that true contentment, lasting peace, and pure love are within. Soul consciousness enables us to connect to and remember the Supreme Soul, our spiritual father. As His love, power, and virtues begin to flow into the soul — healing and empowering us through meditation — vices lose their hold on our

minds, enabling us to transcend destructive emotions, and realise the Self. Ahimsa provides a framework for fostering peace. Gandhi's timeless wisdom reminds us that true peace and well-being are achieved not by force but through nonviolent means.

> (The writer is chief spokesperson, Brahma Kumaris Organisation, Mount Abu)

UP man kidnaps boy to arrange **UPSC funds, held**

Patna: In a bizarre incident, a 25-year-old man from Uttar Pradesh's Deoria kidnapped an eight-year-old boy from his home in Bihar's Gopalganj district for ransom to fund his UPSC exam preparations, reports Manoj Chaurasia. .

Police rescued the boy safely within 48 hours and arrested the accused

The boy's mother, Jeevan Jyoti Devi, said one Amit Kumar entered her house in Majirwan Kalan village on Thursday, seeking shelter from the rain. She offered him a chair to sit. "As soon as I went inside, the man fled with my child. When we couldn't find him, I lodged a police complaint," Devi told reporters on Sunday.

Bullied, Class 9 girl ends life in Jhansi school hostel

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Jhansi: A 13-year-old class 9 student died by suicide at her hostel in a prominent residential school in Jhansi's Barua Sagar area in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday night, allegedly due to depression caused by relentless bullying from two se-

nior hostel inmates. Hostel authorities found her hanging from the railing of the hostel staircase and alerted police. She was rushed to Jhansi Medical College, where doctors de-

clared her dead. "We have registered a case of abetment to suicide against two senior stu-: dents. A thorough investi- girl's father told police.

The girl's parents told police that their daughter had informed them about the bullying by her seniors

gation into the matter is underway," City SP Gyanendra Kumar Singh said.

The girl's parents, who arrived at the scene late at night, told police that their daughter had informed them about the bullying.

The two seniors alleged ly coerced her into bringing them food from the mess and berated her when the quantity was insufficient, which led to her depression, the

Mysuru hosp med officer found dead

Mysuru: A 42-year-old medical officer and gynaecologist of the state-run Cheluvamba Hospital was found dead at her apartment in Mysuru's Lakshmipuram on Sunday. Sources said it was not a case of suicide.

According to sources, Dr Vidhyadhare returned home from work on Saturday evening and went to bed, along with her three daughters. When their mother didn't wake up even after 8am on Sunday, the children alerted their father, also a doctor at KR Hospital. He checked on her and found her dead, police stated.

After postmortem examination, police registered a case of unnatural death following a : complaint by her brother. TNN



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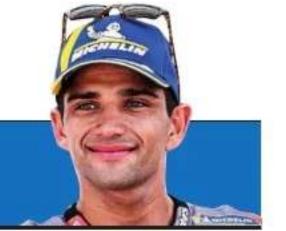
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JORGE MARTIN WINS INDONESIA MOTOGP TO **EXTEND TITLE LEAD OVER FRANCESCO BAGNAIA**



BEFORE IPL, I WAS NOT AWARE I COULD BOWL SO FAST: YADAV

Pace Sensation Mayank Yadav Speaks To TO! About India Call-Up, **Injury Woes And How Sonnet Club Took Care Of His Needs...**

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Kanpur: Mayank Yadav was having his dinner at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) when he learnt the selectors had picked him for the T20I series against Bangladesh. "I wasn't aware of the selection. But I saw my mates here receiving congratulatory calls. I checked the BCCI website and got to know my name was there," Mayank told TOI. He rang up his mother who got emotional, tears started rolling down her cheeks. "Once I put down the phone, I had flashbacks in front of my eyes-from the day I first went to Sonnet Club to the four anxious months spent at the NCA to recover from frequent niggles," he said of his first reaction.

Mayank is just 22 and he has only played one first-class match, 17 List A matches and 14 T20s for Delhi before the four IPL matches for LSG this year. That's not a lot to go by. It's his electric pace which often breaches the 150 kmph mark that stood out.

Excerpts from a conversation:

A lot is said about your pace...

quick. I always thought I bowled at a pace which is normal for anybody. Devender Sharma sir (coach at Sontell me I am bowling 150 kmph but I never believed them. In my first seswhile. The support staff asked me to a good rhythm. But then they told me I was bowling 149 and 150 kmph throughout. That's when I realized I could bowl really quick."

Your injury and rehab at NCA... When I was with LSG, I went to Dr. picked immediately. But the fee was

Dinshaw Pardiwala. He told me my I was not aware I could bowl this side strain was not a regular one. It happens to athletes in high-intensity sports like javelin or there must have been a major impact with an object. net) and people in Delhi cricket would When I went to NCA after IPL, it was found that I was not taking enough protein. Since I am a strict vegetarian, sion at LSG in 2022, I bowled for a I had to be given supplements. I had other niggles when I was about to get guess the speed of my deliveries. I fit. It was agonizing but people at NCA said 140 kmph since I felt I bowled in like Troy Cooley and my trainer Rajnikanth were helpful. I understand

> You are very attached to Sonnet Club... When I went for a trial for a sum-

my body better now.

mer camp there as a 14-year-old, I got

around Rs 35 thousand. My father had a very small business and could not afford that amount. But Devender sir and late Tarak Sinha sir immediately waived the fee for me. They said they would take care of me. I was 15 when Devender sir made me play in a semifinal of a senior tournament. I got four wickets there. I had issues with my line and length but they kept giving me matches till I got consistent. Sonnet is special to me. Even at NCA, I met Rishabh (Pant) bhaiya. He was helpful and talked so much about how the club is doing. That's what Sonnet

You have already worked with Gautam Gambhir and Morne Morkel at LSG...

does to its players.

Gautam bhaiya had once told me that there would be players who get multiple chances to prove themselves and there will be some who will get just one opportunity. I was struggling to even find a sponsor for my shoes despite being in an IPL team and having played for Delhi. Gautam bhaiya's words stayed with me. He and Vijay Dahiya (former coach at LSG) had clearly told me that I would get my first game after one or two years. When the opportunity came this year, I had to make it count. The day after my IPL debut, I got offers for my bowling shoes. As far as Morne is concerned, he doesn't speak much. If he observes anything then he will come and point it out. He will



mostly talk about strategies,

Bangladesh's Mushfigur Rahim inspects the pitch on

BCCI'S CoE OPENS UP NEW POSSIBILITIES

Grand Centre Is All Set To Roll

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Bengaluru: The long-cherished dream of the BCCI to have a world-class multipurpose facility of its own is finally coming to fruition with the inauguration of the National Cricket Academy, rechristened the BCCI's Centre of Excellence, on Saturday evening. The foundation stone for the state-of-the-art facility was laid in February 2022, and 30 months later, the finishing touches are being added.

The facility has been in the pipeline for a long time. In 2010, the BCCI purchased 49 acres of land from the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) to set up its own facility for the National Cricket Academy.

erty hit a legal hurdle when the Karnataka High Court deemed the transaction illegal. With the deadlock continuing, it wasn't until 2016 that the cricket board started identifying properties in other states. The Karnataka government swiftly acted to clear the decks for the acquisition of the property.

After spending 24 years at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, the Centre of Excellence is likely to be operational at the new premises by the year-end.

At the heart of the project are three international standard grounds with modern amenities. Ground A, the main ground, has an 85-yard boundary with 13 red soil pitches. Beyond the lush green boundary line on one side are seating mounds with the ground surrounded by picket fences giving it a county vibe.

While the grounds, the dressing rooms, and administrative facilities are ready for use, the equipment in the gymnasium is yet to be installed.

Speaking to the media, NCA head VVS Laxman, on Sunday, said, "NCA has been renamed as the BCCI Centre



of Excellence. The word excellence is very important for all the sportspersons who are trying to compete at the high-from this initiative." est level. The beneficiaries will be not only the future facilities, Laxman highlight-Three years later, the prop- generation of cricketers but ed, "There is a misconception also the current generation." Laxman stated,

> "It is a dream come true for all the players with three world-class grounds, 45 prac-

tice wickets, and other facilities. I just hope that everyone who comes here will benefit

On the multi-layered use of that the cricketers come here only for rehab. They come to upskill themselves and get ready for the challenges coming their way."

The 16,000-square foot

HIGHLIGHTS

 The facility has three grounds of international standard. The main ground has an 85-yard boundary with 13 Mumbai red soil pitches. The other two grounds with 75yard boundaries feature 11 Mandya soil and nine Kalahandi black cotton soil pitches.

 The centre is equipped with 45 outdoor nets divided into nine clusters comprising surfaces with three different soils and five concrete pitches. Adjacent to the nets is a fielding practice arena and six outdoor running tracks with

 The Indoor facility includes eight turf pitches imported from the UK and Australia alongside an 80-metre common run-up area. It also boasts integrated cameras for

natural grass and synthetic

surfaces.

analysis.*

gymnasium will house the latest equipment including sleeping pods. It also has four athletic tracks, a 25-metre swimming pool and other recovery facilities like a jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath and underwater pool spa. The facility includes a hightech sports science and medicine block with a physiotherapy rehab gym, sports science and medicine labs as well as dedicated space for education and

presentations. There are 24 male and eight female dormitories with a vast dining area. This apart, the facility will house a curated Hall of Fame showcasing the legacy of Indian cricket. The sports science and medicine facility will be open to leading Indian Olympians and other top athletes.

No rain, no game! Day 3 Of Second Test Wiped Off Due To Wet Outfield

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Kanpur: As you approached the Green Park Stadium on Sunday morning, you could see hordes of excited fans pointing towards the blue sky as they briskly walked to watch the third day of the second Test between India and Bangladesh. The smattering of dark clouds could not bog them down. Little did they know that poor condition of the outfield would not allow a ball to be bowled in the day. There was no rain all day. But there wasn't any play either. That effectively means that there is a very slim chance of getting a result and India may lose out on some crucial World Test Championship points.

overs were off but the umpires weren't happy with the outfield which was under covers for nearly two days. The match officials had told both teams to stay put at the hotel until there could be a chance of resuming play after they had gone off the field

post lunch on Day One. The crowd waited patiently and vociferously cheered every time the officials came out to inspect the outfield, every two hours.

Soon, things were to turn rather comical. When the umpires felt the field wasn't ready to start the game even at 12 pm and scheduled another inspection at 2 pm, the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) officials started announcing that the game could not be started because of poor light. It was the brightest in the last three days!

Shiv Kumar, the chief curator, claimed that the light wasn't good enough albeit one could see the umpires were concerned about some damp patches inside the 30-yard circle. "The ground is absolutely fit to play. The moisture has been absorbed by the super sopper. The umpires feel it needs the sun for a natural element of heat," Shiv Kumar told TOI.

At 2 pm, when the sun was beating down on the stadium, the officials called off the match citing a



the third day of the Kanpur Test on Sunday

wet outfield. The Green Park Stadium's facilities have been under scrutiny for a while and UPCA's stubbornness to host the Test here despite the Indian team management's recultance to play here must have left the association embarrassed.

DHUMAL, DALMIYA RE-ELECTED TO IPL GC

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Bengaluru: The BCCI Annual General Body meeting here on Sunday was a low-key meeting with no major decisions taken.

On expected lines, Arun Dhumal and Avishek Dalmiya were re-elected to the IPL Governing Council, while V Chamundeswarnath was nominated by the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) as a player representative and inducted into the IPL GC.

According to a BCCI press release, apart from financial matters like accounts and budg-

et being approved, the General Body also ratified the recommendations of the IPL Governing Council from their meeting on Saturday, which included topics like player retention, right to match and salary cap.

Although the BCCI did not spell out anything on the restructuring of Duleep Trophy, it has been learnt that state units expressed their reservations about this season's format, which was competed among four teams - India A, B, C, and D, picked by the national selectors. Next season, the red-ball tournament is likely to return to its traditional format of a zonal competition. The recently-concluded Duleep Trophy was highlighted by the presence of many star Indian players, but the state units were wary of the 'unfair representation' of players.

GALLERY

Ethiopia's Ketema, Mengesha win in **Berlin Marathon**

Berlin: Ethiopians dominated the Berlin Marathon as Milkesa Mengesha won the men's race and Tigist Ketema claimed victory in women's event. Mengesha ran PB time of 2 hrs, 3 mins 17 secs to finish ahead of Kenya's Cyrbian Kotut and fellow Ethiopian Haymanot Alew. The women's podium was all-Ethiopian. Ketema was more than two minutes ahead of Mestawot Fikir and Bosena Mulatie.

Junior shooters claim two team gold: Indian shooters began their ISSF Junior World C'ship campaign by winning team gold in men's and women's 10m air pistol events, though a potential top finish was lost in the individual category.

Hidalgo beats Rahm in playoff: Angel Hidalgo birdied the second playoff hole to beat Jon Rahm and win the Spanish Open for his first European tour victory on Sunday.

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: India vs Bangladesh, 2nd Test, Day 4, 9.30 am (Jio); Eng vs Aus, 5th ODI, 3.30 pm (Sony, Fancode); FOOTBALL: EPL, Bournemouth vs Southampton, 12.30 am Tuesday (Star); TENNIS: Japan Open, 4.40 pm; China Open, 11 am (Eurosport)

back at EC members

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New Delhi: Internal bickering in the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has reached the doorsteps of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) even as a no-holds-barred attack has been launched by IOA president PT Usha and members of the sports body's executive council members against each other. A day after 12 of the revolting

EC members wrote to IOC's head of Institutional Relations and Governance, Jerome Poivey accusing the IOA chief of running the association in an "autocratic" manner, Sunday was the turn of Usha to blame her colleagues of working against the interests of India's athletes. The appointment of Raghuram Iyer as IOA's CEO and his Rs 25 lakh per month salary (including perks) proves to be bone of contention between Usha and EC members.

"In my 45-year-long career in sports, I have never encountered individuals so indifferent to the aspirations of our athletes and our nation's sporting future. These individuals seem more focused on self-serving powerplay and monetary gain through their prolonged presence and control in sports administration," Usha

wrote in her letter. During Thursday's emergency EC meeting of the IOA, Usha and EC members were engaged in a bitter confrontation over ratifying Iyer's appointment. Poivey had attended the stormy meeting via videocon-

ference as a special invitee.

appointment - made in Jan 2024 was carried out in strict accordance with the IOA constitution. "To now question the process or the alleged exorbitant salary payments made to him is entirely false. It is pertinent to note that his appointment was officially ratified in the Jan 2024 meeting. The said meeting has not only been videographed but also transcribed and minuted, all of which is evidence the fact

SPOTLIGHT

that a majority of the EC members had accepted the appointment of Iyer and requested and nominated me, as part of the EC, to renegotiate the salary component. In reality, despite his official appointment, Iyer has not been paid a single rupee till date. The delay in paying his salary is solely because certain EC members continue to defy the provisions of the IOA constitution, obstructing necessary progress and decisionmaking," she said.

Usha further alleged that some of the EC members have questionable track records, including allegations of gender bias and even cases of sexual harassment against them. "I reiterate that this malicious letter from 12 members of EC is part of a much broader attempt to hinder the progress of Indian sports and undermine the positive developments that we have achieved. We are deeply concerned with the conduct of the IOA president whose autocratic behaviour has Usha reiterated that Iyer's always been regrettable.

IOA standoff: Usha hits | Lanka crush Kiwis for historic triumph first innings. Forced to fol-

Climb To 3rd In WTC Table

Galle: Sri Lanka stormed to a series victory over New Zealand, securing the twomatch Test series with a resounding innings and 154run triumph on the fourth day in Galle on Sunday. This victory, Sri Lanka's most dominant over the Kiwis. also marks their first win against New Zealand in 15 years. The hero of the games, left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya, was named Player of the Series after a masterful performance, claiming 18 wickets



WHAT A START! Debutant Nishan Peiris, who scalped six in NZ's second essay, finished with match haul of nine wickets

across the two matches. Meanwhile, Kamindu Mendis took home Man of the Match honours for his unbeaten 182, anchoring Sri Lanka's colossal total of

602-5. With this knock, Mendis etched his name in history, joining the great Sir Don Bradman as the third joint-fastest player to reach 1,000 Test runs.

Jayasuriya, who took nine wickets in the first Test, was at his best again, snaring another nine wickets in the second Test as New Zealand's batters struggled to cope with Sri Lanka's spin-heavy attack. Debutant Nishan Peiris was the perfect foil, chipping in with nine wickets of his own, including a fivewicket haul in the second innings. New Zealand's woes began early, bundled out for a paltry 88 in their more fight in their second innings, posting 360 – their highest total of the tour and in Galle - but it was too little, too late. With this victory, Sri Lanka has now won three consecutive Test matches and bolstered their hopes of qualifying for the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's next June. PTI

low on, the Kiwis showed

Brief scores: SL: 602/5 decl. (Kamindu Mendis 182 not out, Dinesh Chandimal 116, Kusal Mendis 106 not out) beat NZ: 88 (Prabath Jayasuriya 6/42) and 360 (Glenn Phillips 78, Mitchell Santner 67; Nishan Peiris 6/ 170) by an innings and 154 runs.

Head stars as Aus beat Eng to seal **ODI series win**

Bristol: Travis Head starred with both bat and ball as world champions Australia beat England by 49 runs in a rain-marred fifth and final One-Day International at Bristol on Sunday to complete a 3-2 series win.

Slow bowling proved to be England's undoing as they lost their last 8 wickets for 107 runs to be dismissed for 309. Head took an ODI best 4-28. Australia openers Matthew Short (58) and Head (31) made a blistering start to the chase with an opening stand of 78; and when rain stopped play, Australia were well ahead of the target required. AGENCIES

No Indian team for Asian Rowing Championships

RFI Decision Follows Lack Of Govt Funding For Camps Due To Court Order

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Pune: Indian rowing has fallen victim, unwittingly, to the cat-and-mouse game being played over the implementation of the National Sports Code by various entities. One of the fall outs of the Rahul Mehra vs Union of India 2022 case, still pending in the Delhi High Court, is that the government cannot release funds to the national sports federations (NSFs). There is no bar, however, on letes directly. As a result, the sports ministry had stopped funding the NSFs for holding camps and other activities.

The situation has reac-

hed a critical point where the Rowing Federation of India (RFI) has taken an unprecedented decision of not sending a team to the Asian Championships, to be held in Uzbekistan, Samarkand, from October 10 to 14. "We are not going to send a team without a camp of at least four months," RFI president Rajlaxmi Singh Deo told TOI.

Junior (U-19 & U-23) Championships (in Shenyang, China) two weeks back, and we finished ninth overall with just one bronze (in U-19 men's single scull). It was one of the worst performances by an Indian team. In 2022, the RFI had funded five junior athletes and even then they won two silver," a deeply anguished Rajlaxmi said.

The last time India didn't send a team to the Asian Championships was in 2016. That was when the Army Rowing Node, which provides the cream of the Indian talent, and the RFI were at loggerheads. Rajlaxmi said court order seemed to have : providing support to the ath- "We sent a team to the Asian forced a change in strategy in Bengaluru, which is why Singh, responded.

on the part of the ministry. "The emphasis is now on exposure trips. But we can't send a team without camps," she said. "We are told to select the team from rowers training at different SAI centres. But to make a strong and fast crew, I need to bring them to the camp. How can we pick a team of fours and eights if the rowers are in different centres?

"The dynamics of rowing are different. Most events covered by TOPS are individual events like badminton, fencing, etc. Among team sports, hockey gets funding and they have camps throughout the year

they have been able to win medals. Can they win a medal if they have 21-day camp?"

Lawyer Mehra clarified that the court has not stopped the government from holding camps by itself. "SAI can't give it (money) to the federation. (But) SAI can make an application to the court, that we want to do it for the players and their support staff," he said.

TOI made repeated requests for comment and sent a detailed questionnaire to TOPS chief executive officer Pushpendra Kumar Garg. Neither him, nor SAI deputy director and media in charge, Prashant

LEAVE IT TO SALAH

London: Liverpool manager Arne Slot is not getting carried away with his side topping the Premier League standings after their victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers. Slot's side have 15 points from six league games, one point more than reigning champions Manchester City and last season's runners-up Arsenal.

Saturday's victory was the latest in a string of solid results for Liverpool, who defeated AC Milan 3-1 in the Champions League, beat Bournemouth 3-0 in the league and then crushed West Ham United 5-1 in a League Cup third-round tie.

However, Dutch coach Slot insisted it did not mean Liverpool were definitely title challengers. "I always try to be realistic and Juergen's work has been incredible, everybody knows this," Slot said of former manager Juergen Klopp, who stepped down after last season. "Two years ago was the last time they played in the Champions League and they finished fifth. Now we have to prove that we can compete in the Champions League and the EPL.

"After 19 games, it'll tell me something but not after six."

Ibrahima Konate scored his first ever Premier League goal at Molineux while Mohamed Salah converted a penalty. Wolves had equalised after some sloppy defending from Konate. The French centre back teased midfielder Ryan Gravenberch during their post-game



Tottenham put three past 10-man United

Manchester: Tottenham piled more pressure on Erik ten Hag's position as Manchester United manager with a dominant 3-0 win at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Spurs made a flying start interviews that he deserved to when Brennan Johnson tapped be named man of the match in from Micky Van de Ven's However, Slot was not utes. Tottenham should have added to their lead long before laughing. "Konate? Then maybe he forgot the moment we United were reduced to 10 men when captain Fernandes was conceded a goal," the Dutchshown a straight red on 42 min.

Dejan Kulusevski finally doubled the visitors advantage two minutes into the second half before Dominic Solanke scored the third.

Ten Hag began the season under scrutiny after surviving an internal review at the end of last season. A third defeat in United's first six league games of the new campaign leaves the Red Devils down in 11th and storming run after three min- time surely running out for their beleaguered boss. United face daunting trips to Porto in the Europa League and Aston Villa on league duty.

Villa denied by Ipswich: Villa missed the chance to go second in the EPL as Liam Delap's double rescued Ipswich in a 2-2 draw at Portman Road, AFP Barcelona: Osasuna shat- from the edge of the box, before Lamine Yamal pulled one back tered La Liga leaders Barce-

Flick takes 'blame' as Osasuna

spoil Barca's perfect start

lona's perfect start to the sea-

would take the blame.

Bryan Zaragoza's strike.

son with an emphatic 4-2 victory on Saturday and their coach Hansi Flick said he The Catalans won all sev- but they were not able to build en of their opening fixtures but Flick's heavily rotated side came badly undone in the first half we made a lot of Pamplona as Ante Budimir scored a brace either side of Pau Victor had given Barca is maybe one reason for that,"

the game before Budimir bagged his second from the penalty spot. Abel Bretones added a sensational fourth

with a fine effort of his own. Victory would have

matched Barcelona's best ever start to a league campaign with eight consecutive wins, on their four-point lead on second-place Real Madrid."In mistakes, it's not normal we play like this -- we had a lot of changes in the team and this a lifeline to pull them back into Flick told reporters.

> "I think it was necessary. We had so many matches, a lot of players had so many minutes, I have to take care er. The coach, missing several

about that. This is my responsibility. If you want to blame

someone then take me." League match against Young Boys on Tuesday, Flick felt he field and Victor in attack. had to shuffle his pack, especially after Barca lost at Monaco in their European open-

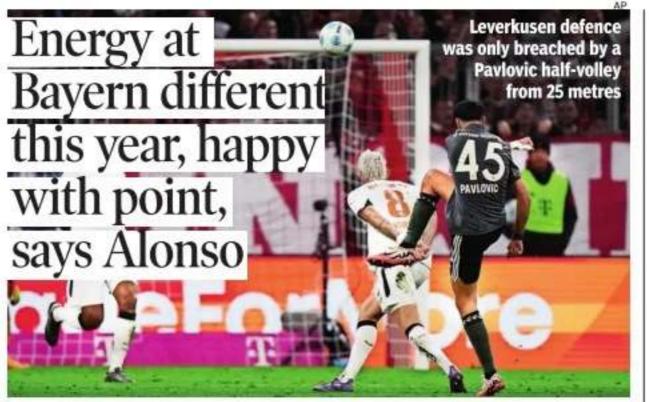
key players through injury. handed starts to inexperienced defenders Gerard Mar-Ahead of a Champions tin and Sergi Dominguez as well as Pablo Torre in mid-

SETBACK: Coach Hansi

players were injured

Flick rested Yamal (in pic) and Raphinha. Several

The coach rested Spain Euro 2024 starlet Yamal and Brazilian winger Raphinha among other regular picks. AFP



Munich: Bayer Leverkusen boss tres out which beat goalkeeper his players after a tenacious defensive display in the 1-1 Bundesliga draw at leaders Bayern Munich where his defence was breached because of an extraordinary goal.

After Robert Andrich gave Leverkusen the lead, Bayern's Aleksandar Pavlovic levelled with a stunning half-volley from 25 me-

Xabi Alonso said he was proud of Lukas Hradecky to leave the visitors third in the standings.

> Bayern had 18 shots to Leverkusen's three but Alonso's team managed to take home a point. "The energy and belief at Bayern is different than last season, they are going full throttle with and against the ball. That was tough We can be happy with the point," Alonso said. AFP

US back in control of Presidents Cup

Montreal: The United States put themselves in prime position to secure a 10th consecutive Presidents Cup as they built an 11-7 lead over the International Team on Saturday in Montreal where they won the morning fourballs and afternoon foursomes.

The pre-tournament favourites entered the weekend tied 5-5 with the Internationals after trading session sweeps over the first two days but the Americans pulled away by going 3-1 in fourballs and winning foursomes by the same result.

With 15-1/2 points needed to retain the Presidents Cup, the United States will like their chances going into Sunday's 12 singles matches at Royal Montreal Golf Club.

"The work's not done. We've got to come out tomorrow firing. I know they will," Patrick Cantlay said after his birdie putt at the last gave the Americans a four-point cushion. "There's still 12 points up for grabs. There's another day left."

World number one Scottie Scheffler missed two short putts early as he and Russell Henley were 3 down after just six holes but the American duo clawed back and held off Hideki Matsuyama and Im Sung-jae 3&2. REUTERS

Diksha to lead home challenge

Wednesday.

Liverpool (159 goals, 72

assists), with only Wayne

Rooney with Man United

United (271), Harry Kane

with Spurs (259), Thierry

Henry with Arsenal (249)

and Frank Lampard with

Chelsea (237) registering

man said. "That was the rea-

son we conceded as he wasn't

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in a Champions League match

more for a side.

and not the Dutchman.

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New Delhi: Diksha Dagar, who played at from Oct 24-27 at the DLF Golf and Counthe recent Paris Olympics, will spearhead the Indian challenge along with other top local names at the Hero Women's Indian Open. Diksha, who al-

ready has two wins on the Ladies European Tour and finished third at this event last year, will face a formidable lineup of international stars that include seven winners from the current LET season and three former Indian Open champions.

The Ladies European Tour sanctioned tournament's 16th edition will carry a prize purse of \$400,000 and will take place try Club. The Indian players will be also aiming to build on their impressive performance in the 2023 edition, where three Indian golfers finished in the top 10.

The list of current season winners includes the trio from Eng-(2019), Camille Chevalier (2017) and Caroline Hedwall (2011) have also entered the tournament. TNN

Divyansh eyes 2019 World Cup final repeat in Delhi Sabi.Hussain@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Having lost out in the Olympic trials and thereby missing the flight to Paris earlier this year, Divyansh Singh Panwar, the 21-year-old air rifle shooter, has his eyes firmly set on the upcoming New Delhi ISSF World Cup Final, to be held at the Karni Singh Shooting Range (KSSR) here next month.

The Jaipur lad – an Olympi-

an, national record holder, for- many things because it is not mer world record holder and world no 1 and four-time ISSF World Cup gold medal win-

> ner in Olympic events believes a repeat of his 2019 performance – a double gold - at the Putian World Final in 2019 as a 16-year-old will put him on route to a second

shot at Olympic glory in LA 2028. Speaking from his training base at KSSR, Divyansh said, "I have stopped thinking about too humanly possible. I have changed my technique over the last 12 months and now shoot faster and focus on two-three things only. It is giving me better results as well."

Divyansh will be one of the only four Indian shooters in the 23-strong squad to have received a direct entry into the prestigious event. Talking about the trials where he finished fifth in a closely-fought battle, he said, "I gave it my all. The others shot

phenomenally well as well." The Cairo World Cup gold Divyansh won in Feb this year was

his first individual WC gold and came with a world record (later broken), raising hopes after two fairly placid years in 2022 and 2023. It was his third individual WC medal after he won his first in Beijing, a silver, in 2019. He also won a bronze at the New Delhi WC in 2021. His best year till date has to be 2019, where he not only won a double gold in the WC Finals beating the likes of present 3 Posi-

tions Olympic champion Yukun Liu and Chinese rifle legend Yang Haoran, but also won his first individual WC medal as well as the gold in the Asian Championships.

Going into the Tokyo Olympics, Divyansh was what they call a "sure medal" in India. But things didn't turn out the way he wanted. "I have put the past behind me. I also got into a bit of bad company in between. The last World Cup Final took me to Tokyo. I am looking at this one to take me to Los Angeles," he added.

Youths went for SSC job test, lost their way: Meiteis

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The missing youths, identified as Oinam Thoithoi Singh and Thokchom Thoithoiba Singh, are from Thoubal district.

Official sources said a third youth named Ningombam Johnson Singh, who had been part of the same group, has been rescued and is now safe after being handed over to police by central forces. Efforts are underway to locate the remaining two.

Meitei groups believe that the youths lost their way. A Joint Action Committee (JAC) formed to demand their release filed a missing report with Thoubal district commissioner Saturday. They explained that the youths had attended a physical test for SSC (GD) recruitment at New Keithelmanbi on Friday and may have taken the wrong path, leading them to Kangpokpi. Since Friday, all attempts to contact the duo on their mobile phones have failed.

A video has since surfaced showing the two youths pleading for help. "As a Meitei, we would appeal to pabung Biren (CM Singh). If you consider us as your sons, please save our lives. We request pabung Biren to please fulfil their demands at the earliest. If you are a true Meitei, please save our lives," said one of the missing youths in the one-minute video, where the pair could be seen appealing for their release.

Heavy rain puts Vadodara on the edge again

Vadodara: It was almost a rerun of the deluge Vadodara had last month, as heavy downpour disrupted normalcy on Sunday. 3 inches of rain pounded the city in two hours, between 2pm and 4pm.

Many areas, especially in the eastern parts, got waterlogged within an hour. Vadodaracity recorded 96 mm of rain, between 6am and 8pm. TNN

land, Annabel Dimmock, Alice Hewson and Amy Taylor; Perrine Delacour of France; Belgium's Manon De Roey; Swiss Chiara Tamburlini and Shannon Tan of Singapore. Three former champions, Christine Wolf

TIMES NATION Massive 'winter stocking' under way at China border

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s the Indian Army transitions from 'the ▲ summer to winter posture', with massive 'winter stocking' underway for the additional troops forward deployed along the frontier, General Upendra Dwivedi and the commanders-inchief of the force's seven commands will also review the operational situation at a meeting to be held in Gangtok (Sikkim) on Oct 9-10.

Talk of a possible breakthrough in the military confrontation in eastern Ladakh has been fuelled by a flurry of bilateral politicaldiplomatic talks over the last couple of months. These included the 30th and 31st meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) on July 31 and Aug 29, which were followed by a meeting between national security adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese foreign minis-



Army is maintaining 'a high level of operational preparedness'

ter Wang Yi on the sidelines of a BRICS meet at St Pe-

tersburg on Sept 12.

The rival military corps commanders, however, held their 21st round of talks way back on Feb 19. China had then once again rebuffed India's push for defusing the two major continuing faceoffs at the strategically-located Depsang Plains, which is towards the crucial Daulat Beg Oldie and Karakoram Pass in the north, and Charding Ninglung Nallah track junction near Demchok. "Disengagement at Depsang

and Demchok, if it happens, will only be the first step. Till the subsequent de-escalation and de-induction of troops take place for restoration of status quo ante, the threat will remain," a senior

officer said. The creation of buffer zones after the earlier troop disengagements at Galwan Valley, Pangong Tso-Kailash Range and Gogra-Hot Springs up till Sept 2022 as well as the confrontation at Depsang and Demchok has meant that Indian troops cannot access 26 of their 65

patrolling points (PPs), which begin from Karakoram Pass in the north and go down to Chumar in the south in eastern Ladakh.

"Even the buffer zones were meant to be only temporary arrangements. China continues to make unreasonable demands and is playing the long waiting game. India has to be careful about not falling into China's trap," the officer said.

There is, of course, the realisation that with the military stalemate persisting, politico-diplomatic talks can break the deadlock. "If the two sides agree to a broad framework, the actual disengagement modalities at Depsang and Demchok can be worked out at the military level," he added

The Army, meanwhile, is maintaining 'a high level of operational preparedness', with readjustment of troops along with adequate reserve forces and logistics in each sector of the LAC, to deal with any contingency.

Posts flagged as 'inciteful' without any basis: X to HC

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nion ministry of electronics and IT (MeitY) had issued X a notice this Jan listing several accounts, including Hindutva Watch, to be blocked on the ground of their "potential to incite violence and disrupt public law". In its objections, X said the ministry had flagged posts on Hindutva Watch as "inciteful" without any basis, with some of them six months to a year old.

The ministry still went ahead, directing X to block the account. The social media platform said in its submission that it wrote back to the Centre reiterating the blocking order violated Articles 14 (equality) and 21 (life and personal liberty) of the Constitution and Section 69A of the IT Act. X told HC it had also requested the ministry for a review committee hearing, but the latter did not respond. Eventually, the account was blocked and Hameed intimated that the action was taken to comply with a legal demand, X told HC.

Bhubaneswar: Days after the alleged custodial torture of an Army officer and his fiancée at Bharatpur police station in Odisha's capital, the state govt transferred Bhubaneswar police commissioner Sanjeeb Panda and DCP Prateek Singh, along with 48 other IPS officers, on Sunday, reports Deba-

Crime branch ADG Arun Bothra, who was supervising the probe, has been shifted as railways and coastal security ADG. State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) director Vinaytosh Misra has replaced Bothra as crime branch ADG.

While govt did not cite any reason for the major reshuffle, it comes just days after CM Mohan Majhi emphasised the that was seized," Singh said. : need for time-bound transfers.

Moon temp drop due to dip in Earth's outgoing radiation: Researchers ▶ Continued from P1

Tsing data from Nasa's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO), the researchers observed a consistent 8-10 Kelvin decrease in temperatures during the lockdown months compared to the period in other years."We analysed data for 12 years, but used seven years' data (2017 to 2023) in our study for uniformity — three years before the lockdown year, 2020 and the three years thereaf-

ter," Prasad told TOI. The researchers attribute this temperature drop to a reduction in Earth's outgoing radiation during the lockdowns. As human activity dramatically decreased, there was a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and aerosols, leading to less heat being trapped and re-emitted by Earth's atmosphere.

Researchers observed considerable temperature variations across sites and years. The lowest overall temperature was 96.2 K at Site-2 in 2020, while the highest of the lowest temperatures was 143.8 K at Site-1 in 2022. Generally, 2020 saw the coldest temperatures across most sites, with a noticeable warming trend in 2021 and 2022, once human activity had resumed on Earth.

"Moon acts as an amplifier of Earth's radiation signature. This unique global event provided us with a rare opportunity to observe how changes in human activity on Earth can affect our nearest celestial neighbour," Prasad said

He said the study ruled out other potential factors and that the findings suggested that lunar observations could potentially serve as a tool for monitoring large-scale environmental changes on Earth.

"As an anomalous decrease in lunar night-time surface temperatures during the Covid lockdown period is observed, the effect of other possible factors such as solar activity and seasonal flux variation have also been investigated Results show that none of these factors have any influence on the observed signature, thus supporting our findings to be only due to Covid lockdown," the paper reads.

Cheats posing as 'CBI' dupe industrialist of ₹7cr; Assam duo arrested, ₹5.2cr recovered

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Ludhiana: Cyber cheats from Assam and Bengal duped industrialist and Padma Bhushan awardee S POswal, chairperson of the \$1.1bn Vardhman Group, of Rs 7 crore by purportedly masquerading as members of a CBI team probing misuse of his Aadhaar for passport and financial fraud, Ludhiana Police said Sunday after arresting two suspects from Guwahati the previous day and recover-

ing Rs 5.2 crore from them. Investigators said this was the highest amount seized in a cybercrime case in the country, based on data available with MHA's In-



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nation Centre.

Ludhiana police commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal said Vardhman Group lodged a complaint after Oswal realised he had been tricked into transferring money to two accounts. Till late Sunday, no-: dian Cyber Crime Coordi- body from the company was was authorised by SC.

available for comment. Atnu Chaudhary and

Anand Kumar Chaudhary, the arrested men, were part of a nine-member gang that allegedly convinced Oswal about CBI registering a case against him after finding that his Aadhaar had been used to send a parcel to Malaysia containing 58 fake passports and 16 debit cards.

The web of deceit started with a person claiming to be a CBI officer from Mumbai calling the industrialist, the police commissioner said The imposter then made a video call , wearing a police uniform and seated in an office with CBI's logo in the background. He sent a fake "arrest warrant" to Oswal over WhatsApp, claiming it

The caller got Oswal to transfer Rs 7 crore to two bank accounts for bail proceedings and claimed he was being placed under "digital arrest". After Oswal's team lodged the complaint, investigators promptly initiated a process to get the bank accounts frozen, the police said.

Jatinder Inspector Singh, SHO of Ludhiana cybercrime police station, said the gang member asked Oswal to transfer Rs 4 crore to one account and deposit Rs 3 crore in three transactions into a second bank account.

By the time the accounts were frozen, the suspects withdrew Rs 1.7 crore . "We have already returned to the complainant the Rs 5.2 crore

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Accused of running IOA in 'autocratic' manner, its chief PT Usha slams exec council members, saying they are focused on 'self-serving power play, monetary gain', P15





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Israel Bombs Hezbollah And Strikes Houthis

Expands Attacks Against Iran-Backed Proxies In Region

srael's military pounded Hezbollah targets in Lebanon Lon Sunday as it also appeared to expand its attacks against Iranian-backed proxies in the region by carrying out strikes against the Houthis in Yemen.

7th top Hezbollah commander killed, says Israel military

The Israeli military said on Sunday it had killed another high-ranking Hezbollah official in an air strike as the Lebanese militant group was reeling from a string of devastating blows and the killing of its ove-

rall leader, Hassan Nasrallah. The military said Nabil Kaouk, the deputy head of Hezbollah's Central Council, was



PM Naiib Mikati said attacks may have forced up to a million people to flee in the worst displacement crisis in the country's history

killed on Saturday. Hezbollah confirmed his death, making him the seventh senior Hezbollah member slain in Israeli strikes in a little over a week. They include founding members who had evaded death or detention for decades.

Hezbollah had earlier confirmed that Ali Karaki, another senior commander, died in Friday's strike that killed Nasral-

lah. The Israeli military said earlier that Karaki was killed in the air strike, which targeted an underground compound in Beirut where Nasrallah and other senior Hezbollah figures were meeting. Israel says at least 20 other Hezbollah militants were killed in the strike, including two close associates of Nasrallah, one of whom was

24 die in 2 strikes in Sidon

in charge of his security detail.

Israeli warplanes and drones, meanwhile, carried out deadly strikes across Lebanon on Sunday. The Lebanese health ministry said two consecutive strikes near the southern city of Sidon, about 45km south of Beirut, killed at least 24 people. Separately, Israeli strikes in the northern province of Baalbek Hermel, 21 people were killed and at least 47 injured. The Israeli military said it carried out

another targeted strike on Beirut on Sunday.

Dozens of Houthi targets hit in Yemen, says Israeli military

The Israeli military says dozens of aircraft have struck Houthi targets in Yemen in response to recent attack on Israel. The military said it targeted power plants and sea port facilities in the city of Hodeida. The Houthis launched a ballistic missile attack on Ben Gurion airport on Saturday when PM Netanyahu was arriving. The Houthi media office said the Israeli strikes hit the Hodeida and Rass Issa ports along with two power plants in Hodeida city, which is a stronghold for the Iranian-backed rebels. The Houthi-run health ministry said four people were killed and 29 wounded in strikes on Sunday.

The Houthis claimed that they had taken precautionary Ammer, deputy director of the

'Israel settled score with Nasrallah killing'

Jerusalem: PM Netanyahu said Saturday that Israel had "settled the score" with the killing of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah. "We settled the score with the one responsible for the murder of countless Israelis and many citizens of other countries, including hundreds of Americans and dozens of French," he said in his first statement since Nasrallah's death.

Netanyahu said that as long as "terrorist" Nasrallah was alive, he could have "quickly restore the capabilities we had eroded from Hezbollah" in a series of recent operations. "So, I gave the order—and Nasrallah is no longer with us." The PM said

measures ahead of the strikes. emptying oil storages in the ports, according to Nasruddin

his country was on the cusp of "what appears to be a historic turning point" in the fight against its "enemies".

Former Bibi rival, Gideon Saar, joins war cabinet

PM Netanyahu on Sunday appointed a former rival, Gideon Saar, as a member of his cabinet. The hawkish Saar, who has been one of Netanyahu's most vocal critics in the past years, was due to serve as a minister without a portfolio and take a seat at the PM's security cabinet, Israeli TV station N12 said. Saar had hoped to replace defence minister Yoav Gallant. But the deal fell through. AGENCIES

Houthi media office. He said in a post on X the strikes won't stop the rebels' attacks on shipping routes and on Israel, AP

Trump says Kamala is 'mentally impaired' and should be disqualified

Chidanand Rajghatta TNN

ABOUT LEARNING IS

Washington: The US presidential elections took an ugly and ominous turn this weekend with MAGA supremo Donald Trump calling Democratic candidate Kamala Harris 'mentally impaired' and demanding she be disqualified for letting in foreign criminals into the country to win the elections. Trump made a series of wild and unsubstantiated charges at a Wisconsin rally and a college football game he attended in Alabama, doubling down on his racist rhetoric and taking political discourse into unchartered territory.

"Joe Biden became mentally impaired. Kamala was born that way... And if you think about it, only a mentally disabled person could have allowed this to happen to our country," Trump told an interviewer who egged him on the si-criminality was determined. delines of a game where 100,000 spectators gave him a raucous reception when he was shown on the jumbotron.

The Harris campaign in turn trolled him with an ad that called him a 'loser' for running away from a second debate after he self-destructed in the first. Trump has previously called Harris 'crazy', 'nuts' and 'dumb as a rock', and endorsed allegations that she is successful only because she slept her way to the top. He has claimed the Jamaican-Indian origin VP adopted black heritage for electoral gains.

But his latest line of attack suggesting that she should not be allowed to run on grounds of mental disability, coming amid growing legal challenges to the poll process in places where Democrats are expec-

nimise administrative expen-

ditures, cash-strapped Pakis-

tan on Sunday announced to

posts, close six ministries, and

merge two others, as part of

reforms agreed upon with

IMF under \$7 billion loan deal.

an aid package and released

over \$1 billion as the first tran-

che after Pakistan committed

to cut expenditures, increase

tax-to GDP ratio, tax non-tra-

ditional sectors like agricultu-

re and real estate, limit subsi-

dies and transfer some fiscal

responsibilities to provinces.

IMF on Sept 26 gave nod to



Trump at a rally in Wisconsin

ted to win, marks sinister turn in the most fractious US election in modern history.

Trump's ramped up attack on Harris was triggered by new data purportedly provided by a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) official to a Republican lawmaker, which showed more than 650,000 non-citizens with criminal history, including some 13,000 individuals accused or convicted of homicide, are currently in the US. The data did not say when or from how far back the alleged criminals came in, or how the purported

But Trump and his MAGA cohort are going with the narrative that the Biden-Harris administration is willfully bringing in criminals to "destroy America" and win the polls. Trump is now more graphic in his language, ostensibly to put fear into voters. "They will walk into your kitchen, they'll cut your throat... they will rape, pillage, thieve, plunder and kill," he foamed.

The data was made public just before Harris went to the border in Arizona to make the case that having staunched the migrant crossing from Mexico, she will get tougher on the border issue, and it is Trump who is sabotaging it for electoral gains. Trump said it was "bad timing for (Harris) to show up to the border, after not going for four years".

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sed with IMF, which would be

the last for Pakistan. "We need

it will be the last programme,"

he said, and emphasised that

in order to join G20, the econo-

revenues, noting there were

300,000 new taxpayers last ye-

ar, and 732,000 new ones so far

this year, increasing the total

number from 1.6 million to 3.2

million taxpayers. non-filers

category will be abolished, he

said, and those not paying tax-

es will no longer be able to pur-

chase property or vehicles. PTI

He dwelt on increasing tax

my must be formalised.

US boosts air support & hikes troop readiness for West Asia

Washington: The US military said on Sunday it was increasing its air support capabilities in West Asia and putting troops on a heightened readiness to deploy to the region as it warned Iran against expan-

ding the ongoing conflict. The announcement came two days after US Prez Joe Biden directed the Pentagon to adjust US force posture in West Asia amid intensifying concern that Israel's killing of the Iran-backed Hezbollah chief could prompt Tehran to retaliate.

"The US is determined to prevent Iran and Iranian-backed partners and proxies from exploiting the situation or expanding the conflict," Pentagon spokesperson Major General Patrick Ryder said in a statement. He also cautioned that if Iran or groups Tehran backs "use this moment to target

ests in the region, the US will take every necessary measure to defend our people." The Pentagon statement offered few clues as to the size or scope of the new air deployment, saying only that "we will further reinforce our defensive air-support capabilities in the coming days."

American personnel or inter-

White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said Sunday that the US is watching to see what Hezbollah does to try to fill its leadership vacuum, "and is continuing to talk to the Israelis about what the right next steps are." The US state department has yet to order an evacuation from Lebanon. But last week, US officials said the Pentagon was sending a additional troops to Cyprus to help the military prepare for scenarios like evacuation of Americans from Lebanon, REUTERS

Hashem Safieddine, likely chief of Hezbollah, has deep Iran ties

wo days after the Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah was killed by Israeli bombs south of Beirut, the armed group has yet to provide information about his funeral or name his successor. Offi-

cials in Lebanon, Israel and

the US expect Nasrallah's replacement to be Hashem Safieddine, one of his cousins.

Safieddine is one of Hezbollah's prominent figures and

has deep religious and family ties to the Shia Muslim movement's patron Iran. He bears a striking resemblance to his charismatic maternal cousin Nasrallah. He is aged in his late 50s or early 60s. A source close to Hezbollah said the greybearded, bespectacled Safieddine was the "most likely" can-

didate for party's top job. The US and Saudi Arabia put Safieddine, who is a member of Hezbollah's powerful decision-making Shura Council, on their respective lists of designated "terrorists" in 2017.

While Hezbollah deputy chief Naim Qassem automatically takes over the Hezbollah leadership after Nasrallah's death, the Shura Council must meet to elect a new secretary-general.

Safieddine has strong ties with Iran after undertaking religious studies in the holy city of Qom. His son is married to the daughter of General Qassim Suleimani,

Iran's Revolutionary Guards' foreign operations arm who was killed in a 2020 US strike in Iraq. Safieddine has the title of Sayyed, his black turban marking him, like Nasrallah, as a descendant of the Prophet Muhammed. Unlike Nasrallah, who lived in hiding for years, Safieddine has appeared openly at recent political and religious events. Usually presenting a calm demeanour, he has upped the fiery rhetoric during the funerals of Hezbollah fighters killed in clashes with Israel. AFP

Lebanon-based Hezbollah chief Hassan

Nasrallah's killing by Israel could trigger for an all-out war between the two sides that could potentially drag in Iran and the US...

A DECAPITATING BLOW?

Nasrallah's assassination is a severe blow to the group, not a decapitating one. But analysts say Hezbollah will need some time to absorb the shock and recover. It is not the first time Israel has killed a Hezbollah chief. Nasrallah took over from Abbas Mousawi, who was killed by an Israeli helicopter attack in 1992. But Hezbollah today is very different from the ragtag organisation it was in the '90s. In recent years, Nasrallah has presided over an armylike group estimated to have tens of thousands of fighters and a sophisticated arsenal capable of reaching anywhere inside Israel. It is a chief part of a cluster of Iranian-backed factions 'Axis of Resistance'

COUNCIL



Hassan Nasrallah Secretary general of Hezbollah Killed Sept 27

JIHAD COUNCIL Ali Karaki | Top commander in southern Lebanon

Killed Sept 27 Fuad Shukr | Widely regarded as group's top military commander Killed July 30

Ibrahim Ageel | Oversaw military operations and founded group's elite commando unit Killed Sept 20



general



Executive council Ibrahim Amin Al-Sayyed Political council

Mohammad Raad | Head of parliamentary bloc

WHO WILL SUCCEED NASRALLAH? There is no one nearly as influential and respected

among the group's remaining brass as Nasrallah. The man widely regarded as his heir is Hashem Safieddine, a cousin of Nasrallah who oversees the group's political affairs. It is not known if he survived Friday's attack, and the Hezbollah statement announcing Nasrallah's death on Friday made no mention of a successor. The group's Shura Council will have to meet in the coming days or weeks to choose its new leadership

The attack site where Hezbollah chief Nasrallah was killed on Friday in Beirut





IRAN'S DILEMMA

In his first remarks following Nasrallah's death, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave no indication of how Tehran will respond. Iran is the main backer of Hezbollah and other anti-Israeli militant groups in the region, but it has largely avoided clashing directly with Israel. Hezbollah, however, is Iran's chief ally and proxy group, and Tehran may have to respond to retain its credibility with its partners in the axis. Any direct Iranian involvement risks dragging Israel's chief ally, the US, into the war, just over a month before the US elections and at a time Iran has signalled its interest in renewing negotiations with the US over its nuclear programme. Analysts says one possible scenario is a coordinated response from the entire axis



VIDEO SHOWS USE OF 2,000-POUND BOMBS

A video published by the Israeli military shows that planes it said were used in the attack carried 2,000-pound bombs. In the video, eight planes are seen fitted with at least 152,000-pound bombs, including the American manufactured BLU-109 with a JDAM kit, a precision guidance system that attaches to bombs. These bombs, a type of munition known as bunker busters, can penetrate underground before detonating. Two senior Israeli defence said that more than 80 bombs were dropped over a period of several minutes to kill Nasrallah, but did not confirm the type of munitions used

AROUND THE WORLD

Minister for finance Mu-



Cash-strapped Pak cuts 150k

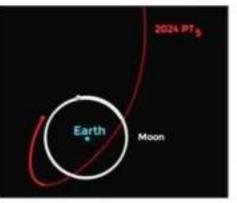
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abolish about 150,000 govt to implement policies to prove

OUIRKY TRADITION Actor Damian Lewis (encircled) drives a flock of sheep across the Thames river on Sunday in homage to a centuriesold tradition. Lewis is among thousands of people granted the title of Freeman of the City of London, which in medieval times came with the right to bring livestock across the river to market without paying tolls. More than 1,000 freemen exercised that right on Sunday in the annual London Sheep Drive, many wearing black hats and red cloaks

Earth gets a 'Mini Moon' for 57 days



esides the regular Moon.

as the asteroid will revolve

around Earth only for 57 days.

It will jettison Earth's gravity

and disappear in deep space

by late Nov. Anil Kumar, head

Earth now has a 'Mini Moon' with an India connection — it's part of the 'Arjuna Asteroid' grouping, reports Surendra Singh. This 'Mini Moon' is an asteroid — named '2024 PT5' — which is the size of a school bus. As it whizzes past Earth Sunday (Sept 29), it will be pulled by our planet's gravity. However, Earth's double delight of possessing two 'Moons' will be short-lived

Objects Tracking and Analysis, confirmed the 'Mini Moon' is part of the 'Arjuna Asteroid' grouping. Like the swift arrows of Arjuna, the name reflects the asteroid's swift movement through the solar system and its unpredictable nature.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Since time zones are calculated based on longitudes that converge at the poles, the north pole doesn't have a time zone. Al time zones are correct and wrong at the place where the sun rises and sets only once every year. The south pole on the contrary is surrounded by the landmass of Antarctica and each scientific station typically operate in the time zone of their home countries

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Austria's far-right party heading for its first national election win: Projections

Vienna: Austrian voters handed a first ever general election victory to far-right Freedom Party Sunday, vote projections showed, illustrating rising support for hard-right parties in Europe fuelled by concern over immigration levels.

The Eurosceptic, Russiafriendly FPO was projected to secure 29.1% of the vote over Chancellor Karl Nehammer's conservative Austrian People's Party (26.2%) and centreleft Social Democrats (20.4%), one projection showed after polls closed. A separate projection had FPO coming first, Kickl, 55, who has used the winning by a bigger margin than final polling had indica-



FPO is led by Herbert Kickl, who has used the term 'Volkskanzler' or chancellor of the people, which was used by Nazis to describe Adolf Hitler. Kickl opposes giving Ukraine aid and wants sanctions on Russia withdrawn

ted, though it will need to cobble together a governing coalition if the president asks it to. Leaders of parties, however, united to reject the idea of forming a coalition with FPO.

term 'Volkskanzler' or chancellor of the people, which was

used by Nazis to describe Adolf Hitler in 1930s. He has rejected the comparison. Kickl opposes providing aid to Ukraine and wants sanctions against Russia withdrawn saying they FPO is led by Herbert hurt Austria more. FPO's win follows far-right gains in countries including Netherlan-

ds, France & Germany, REUTERS

Nepal flood toll 170, over 40 still missing

Kathmandu: Residents of Nepal's flood-hit capital returned to their mud-caked homes on Sunday to survey the wreckage of devastating floods. Nepal's home ministry said 170 people had been killed across the country with another 42 still missi ng. Entire neighbourhoods in Kathmandu were inundated over the weekend with flash floods and causing extensive damage to highways connecting the city with the rest of Nepal. Parts of the capital reported 322.2mm rainfall, pushing the level of Bagmati river up 2.2m past danger mark, experts said. Nepal has also shut schools for three days. The rainstorms are due to a low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal. AGENCIES

Taiwan on alert over 'multiple waves' of missile firing in China The ministry said starting

Taipei: Taiwan's defence ministry said Sunday it was on alert after detecting "multiple waves" of missile firing deep in inland China, days after Beijing said it had carried out a successful test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean.

RISING TENSIONS

Democratically governed Taiwan, which China views as its own territory, keeps a close watch on Chinese military drills given Beijing's regular activities around the island, but only rarely releases details of what it sees taking place inside China.

from 6.50am, it had detected "multiple waves of firing" by China's Rocket Force and army in the provinces and regions of Inner Mongolia, Gansu, Qinghai and Xinjiang, which all lie at least 2,000km from Taiwan. Taiwan's forces "continuously monitoring relevant developments, and air defence forces have maintained a high level of vigilance and strengthened the

China's defence ministry did not answer calls seeking comment. The Rocket Force is in charge of China's conventional and nuclear missile arsenal. REUTERS

ir alert", the ministry added.

Is mathematics the path to AI chatbots that don't make stuff up? San Francisco: On a recent af- chatbots may give the right ansled Harmonic, is part of gro- produce reliable information.

ternoon, Tudor Achim gave a wer, too. The difference was brain teaser to an artificial intelligence bot called Aristotle. The question involved a 10-by-10 table filled with a hundred numbers. If you collected the smallest number in each row column, he asked, could the largest of the small numbers ever be greater than the smallest of the large numbers? The bot cor-

that Aristotle had proved that its answer was right. The bot generated a detailed computer program that verified "No" was the correct response.

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non called hallucination. Achim, CEO and co-founder was not surprising. Popular make stuff up — a phenome- of a Silicon Valley startup cal- ir own answers and learn to As Aristotle checks its own been solved," Tenev says. NYT

wing effort to build a new kind of AI that never hallucinates. Today, this technology is focused on mathematics. But many researchers believe they can extend the same techniques into computer programming and other areas. Because Maths is a rigid discipline with formal ways of proving whether an answer is right or wrong, companies such as Harmonic can build AI technologies that check the truths as well as mathematical.

Some researchers feel they can eventually build an AI system that is better at math than any human. That's the goal of Achim and his co-founder Vlad Teney. Their company Harmonic has raised \$75 million in funding from Sequoia Capital and other investors. Others believe these techniques can extend further, leading to AI systems that can verify physical

trustworthy data that can be used to teach AI systems. Researchers call this "synthetic data"—data produced by AI that can be used to train AI. Researchers believe this concept will be a vital part of AI development. Achim and Tenev believe that after years of training, Aristotle will be better at Maths than any human. "We want it to solve problems that have never

neratingenormous amounts of