



## RESULT: JEE (Adv.) 2023

# ALLEN TRANSFORMING DREAMS INTO REALITY

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Power of **ALLEN**



**AIR 4**

**Raghav Goyal**  
Classroom



**AIR 6**

**Prabhav Khandelwal**  
Classroom



**AIR 8**

**Malay Kedia**  
Classroom



**AIR 9**

**Nagireddy Balaaji Reddy**  
Distance Learning

**AIR 16**  
  
**Harshit Kansal**  
Distance Learning

**AIR 19**  
  
**Moulik Jindal**  
Classroom

**AIR 20**  
  
**Sameer A. Patil**  
Classroom

**AIR 22**  
  
**Deshank P. Singh**  
Classroom

**AIR 24**  
  
**Jatsya Jariwala**  
Classroom

**AIR 26**  
  
**Mayank Soni**  
Digital-OLTS

**AIR 33**  
  
**Naman Goyal**  
Classroom

**AIR 37**  
  
**Sumedh S S**  
Classroom

**AIR 39**  
  
**Sagnik Nandi**  
Classroom

**AIR 41**  
  
**Navya Garg**  
Classroom

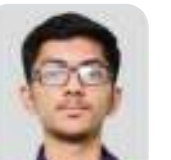
**AIR 44**  
  
**Kaushal Vijayvergiya**  
Classroom

**AIR 46**  
  
**Harshul Suthar**  
Classroom

**AIR 48**  
  
**Niral Charan**  
Classroom

**19 Students in Top 50**  
**64 Students in Top 200**  
**158 Students in Top 500**

Students Qualified  
**6647**  
CCP: 4637  
DLP: 2010

**AIR 49**  
  
**Kunj Bhesaniya**  
Classroom

**AIR 50**  
  
**Abhineet Majety**  
Distance Learning

### ALLEN NAGPUR RESULT

**AIR 87**  
  
**Mrunal Vairagade**  
Classroom  
**City Topper**

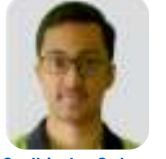
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Classroom

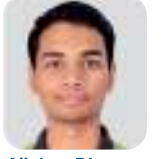
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**AIR 295**  
  
**Sarthak Thakare**  
Classroom

**City Topper 4**  
**AIR 321**  
  
**Tanay Agrawal**  
Classroom

**City Topper 5**  
**AIR 341**  
  
**Pranish Panpalia**  
Classroom

**City Topper 6**  
**AIR 357**  
  
**Nikunj Vasayani**  
Classroom

**City Topper 7**  
**AIR 442**  
  
**Sudhindra Sahoo**  
Classroom

**City Topper 8**  
**AIR 486**  
  
**Ajinkya Dharme**  
Classroom

**City Topper 9**  
**AIR 529**  
  
**Soham Banode**  
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**AIR 673**  
  
**Devansh Dhok**  
Classroom

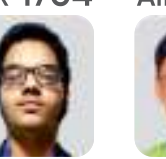
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Classroom

**AIR 813**  
  
**Aashay Saxena**  
Classroom

**AIR 1442**  
  
**Kaushal Bule**  
Classroom

**AIR 1496**  
  
**Mrunal Barapatre**  
Classroom

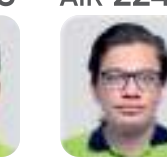
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Classroom

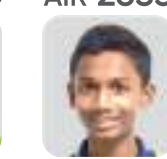
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**Anuj Jha**  
Classroom

**AIR 1803**  
  
**Makarand Rele**  
Classroom

**AIR 1953**  
  
**Shoan Raj**  
Classroom

**AIR 2153**  
  
**Krushnansh Jain**  
Classroom

**AIR 2175**  
  
**Daksh Sawke**  
Classroom

**AIR 2240**  
  
**Milind Sharma**  
Classroom

**AIR 2633**  
  
**Abhishek Singh**  
Classroom

**AIR 2634**  
  
**Om Thakre**  
Classroom

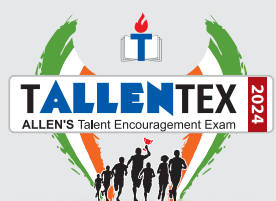
**AIR 2756**  
  
**Abhishek Gawai**  
Classroom

**8 Students in Top 500** | **12 Students in Top 1000** | **24 Students in Top 3000** | **38 Students in Top 5000**

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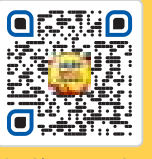
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 Email :- commfishmaha@gmail.com      Web site :- [www.fisheries.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.fisheries.maharashtra.gov.in)

**Empanelment of Supplier**  
**FOR**  
**Procurement of Fish spawn/Fingerling/Yearling from State and other States for increasing freshwater fish production in Maharashtra State (AY 2023-24)**

**COMMISSIONER** of Fisheries, Government of Maharashtra is working under the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, having its Office at Taraporevala Aquarium, Charni Road, Mumbai- 400 002, invites E-tender for Empanelment of Supplier for Procurement of Fish Spawn/Fingerling/ Yearling from State and other States for increasing freshwater fish production in Maharashtra State (AY 2023-24).

Interested fish seed suppliers who have obtained accreditation certification from the concerned authority of the respective State should submit their variety-wise (Catla, Rohe, Mrigal, Cyprinus, Pangasius, GIFT- Tilapia) tariff rates in transportation charge to the fish seed production centers mentioned in Annexure-A. In case the fishermen buy directly from a seed supplier's center mentioned in Annexure-B. **"This Department is only the Facilitator, not the Purchaser"**.

Interested bidders to download the E-tender document from the Maha-tender Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>, any subsequent corrigendum/clarifications will be made available on the Mahatender Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. Bids must be received no later than the time and date mentioned in the Fact Sheet. Bids that are received after the deadline WILL NOT be considered.

| Sr.No.                                                      | Parameters                          | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |                     |                           |                        |                                   |                        |                                                             |                       |                                     |                       |                                             |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.                                                          | <b>File No.</b>                     | FISH/1/020312/03/2023-24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |                     |                           |                        |                                   |                        |                                                             |                       |                                     |                       |                                             |                                     |
| 2.                                                          | <b>Name</b>                         | Empanelment of Supplier for Procurement of Fish Spawn/Fingerling/Yearling from State and other States for increasing freshwater fish production in Maharashtra State (AY 2023-24).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |                     |                           |                        |                                   |                        |                                                             |                       |                                     |                       |                                             |                                     |
| 3.                                                          | <b>Contact Details</b>              | Mr. Ravindra Wayda, Joint Commissioner of Fisheries (Inland), Maharashtra State, Mumbai<br>Mob.: 9890581289 and Email : cummfishmaha@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |                     |                           |                        |                                   |                        |                                                             |                       |                                     |                       |                                             |                                     |
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Sd/-  
**(Ravindra Wayda)**  
**Joint Commissioner of Fisheries,**  
**Inland Maharashtra State, Mumbai**

DGIPR-2023-24/1619

**HDFC BANK** Regd. Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (W), Mumbai 400013. Branch Office: RPM, HDFC Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola 444 001.

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

Immovable Properties Taken over, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, for sale on "as is where is & what is there is basis".

| Names of the Borrowers / Guarantor and Loan A/c No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Outstanding Dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) | Location & Details of Immovable Property                                                                                                                                                          | Reserve Price                                | Date of inspection                                          | Date(s) of E-Auction & Timing                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Kamal Tarders, Busyland Complex, Nandgaonpeth, Amravati.<br>2) Amaral Chandumal Pinjani,<br>3) Dilipkumar Chandumal Pinjani, Both R/o. 41, K. L. Collage Road, Rampuri Camp, Shivaji Nagar, Amravati.<br>4) Anil Chandumal Pinjani,<br>5) Gurumukh Chandumal Pinjani, Both R/o. Main Road, Nr. Mito Chakki, Rampuri Camp, Shivaji Nagar, Amravati. (Loan A/c. No. 83212427 ) | <b>Rs. 1,13,96,468/- as on 13/02/2020</b>       | Busyland Complex, Block No. E, Shop No. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18, At Nandgaon, Devgaon Pargane, Survey No. 18 & 19, Ward No. 03, Near Chaulal Sagar, Nandgaon Peth, Tq. & Dist. Amravati -444 901. | <b>Rs. 1,02,15,720/- EMD Rs. 10,21,572/-</b> | <b>07/07/2023</b><br><br>BETWEEN <b>11.00 AM to 2.00 PM</b> | <b>12/07/2023</b><br><br>At 11.00 AM to 12.00 NOON with unlimited extension of 5 Mins. |

**\*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.**  
**NB:** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer (A.O.) of **HDFC Bank Ltd.**, there are no encumbrances. The particulars in respect of the secured assets specified hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, who, however shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The tenderer(s) / prospective purchaser(s) are, therefore requested in their own interests, to satisfy himself / themselves with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the abovementioned property / properties, before submitting the tender.

**Terms & Conditions of Sale:-** (1) Sale is strictly subject to the terms & conditions stipulated in the prescribed Tender Document / E-Bidding catalogue and in this notice. Further details of the immovable properties / secured assets and Tender Documents / Online Auction Catalogue can be collected / obtained from the **Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. at Retail PortFolio Management., 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola. 444001** on any working day or can be downloaded from <https://hdfcbank.auctiontigger.net>. Properties are available for inspection on the date(s) and time mentioned above in column. (2) Sealed tenders (in the prescribed tender documents / E-bidding catalogue only) along with 10% of the offer amount towards Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be deposited in the office **HDFC Bank Ltd. at Retail PortFolio Management., 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola. 444001** on or before **07/07/2023 till 5 PM**. Payments should be made only by demand drafts/pay orders drawn on a scheduled bank in favour of "HDFC BANK LTD." payable at par at Akola. Tenders that are not fully filled up or tenders not accompanied by the EMD or tenders received after the above date prescribed herein will not be considered / treated as valid tenders, and shall accordingly be rejected. The date of E-auction and time mentioned herein above in column. (2) (1) The bid incremental values for said property will be **Rs. 50,000/-**. (3) Documents: along with tender documents / e-bidding catalogue the tenderer/s should also attach copy of his / her photo identity proof such as copy of the passport, election commission card, driving license, copy of the PAN Card issued by the Income Tax Department, Aadhar Card etc. Please note that proof of residence countersigned by the tenderer / offerer herself / himself also needs to be provided. (4) The Borrower(S) / Mortgagee(S), Guarantor(S) of the Immovable Properties/Secured Assets may, if they so desire, give/sponsor their Best Possible Valid Offer(s) for the immovable properties/secured assets offered for sale provided that the terms and conditions of sale are duly complied with. (5) The tenderers / prospective purchasers will be given an opportunity to increase / improve their offer/s during online auction. The additional terms and conditions for tenderers/prospective purchasers participating in online auction are : (A) e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) is Assisting The Authorized Officer In Conducting The Online Auction. (B) Detailed Terms And Condition For Participating In The Online Auction, Format, Application, Declaration, etc. Can Be Downloaded From Website <https://hdfcbank.auctiontigger.net>. (C) Upon Receipt of The Necessary Documents As Mentioned Above Within The Stipulated Date and time, a Password / User ID will be provided by M/s. E-procurement technologies limited to Eligible Tenderers/Prospective Purchasers To Participate In The Online Auction at <https://hdfcbank.auctiontigger.net>. Necessary trainings will be provided by M/s. E-procurement technologies limited. for the purpose. (6) Statutory dues like property taxes/cess and / or builder / society dues, contribution to building repair funds, transfer charges, any other taxes etc. should be ascertained by the tenderer(s) / offerer(s) / prospective purchaser(s) and the same shall be borne and paid by the purchaser. The stamp duty, legal charges, registration charges and GST if any as applicable in respect of the sale certificate to be executed shall be paid by the purchaser alone. (7) The person declared to be the purchaser shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit 25% of the amount of purchase money to the 'Authorised Officer' immediately and remaining 75% to be deposited within 15 days from the date of auction date, in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold. In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/e-bidding catalogue or inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of **HDFC BANK LTD., Mr. Sunil Kumthekar on 9371619596, Mr. Sachin Bochara on 9850522233 or Email: sunil.kumthekar@hdfcbank.com, sachin.bochara@hdfcbank.com and Officials of M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited ( Auction Tiger ), Ahmedabad. Bidder Support Numbers: 9265562321, 079 61200594 / 598 / 568 / 587 / 538, Email : gujarat@auctiontigger.net and chintan.bhatt@auctiontigger.net**. HDFC Bank reserves its right to accept or to reject highest and/or all offer/s and to cancel entire auction proceedings without assigning any reasons.

**THIS NOTICE SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS 30 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER / MORTGAGOR UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.**

Sd/-  
**Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.**

**Date: 22/06/2023      Place: Akola.**

**SBI भारतीय स्टेट बैंक State Bank of India** **SAMUDRAPUR BRANCH**  
**SAMUDRAPUR (05445) BRANCH, NEAR APMC, GIRAD ROAD, SAMUDRAPUR, DIST-WARDHA, PIN- 442305**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest 2002(54 of 2002) and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) SARFAESI Act, 2002 issued demand notice dates mentioned against each account as stated herein after calling upon them to repay the amount within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) read with Rule 8 of the said rules.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for the amounts (and interest) due thereon.

| Sr. No. | Borrower's/ Guarantor's Name                                   | Branch                   | Description of The Immovable Property Details As Below :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Date of Demand Notice | Possession Notice Date | Amount O/s. (Rs.)                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | MR. DILIP VISHWANATH KSHIRSAGAR & SAU. SAVITA DILIP KSHIRSAGAR | <b>Samudrapur Branch</b> | All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Applicant MR. DILIP VISHWANATH KSHIRSAGAR & SAU. SAVITA DILIP KSHIRSAGAR, (Registered Mortgage), Residential House, PLOT NO 124, MAUZA- BELA, PHN 28 S/N 713/4, TAH. UMRED DIST-NAGPUR AREA 288 00 SO MTR. Bounded By; East:PLOT NO 143, West: LAY OUT 12 MTR ROAD, North: PLOT NO 125, South: PLOT NO. 123                                                | 17.02.2022            | 17.06.2023             | Rs. <b>541486.64/-</b> + interest + Other Expenses |
| 2.      | MR. KAMALAKAR DAJIBA BHURE                                     | <b>Samudrapur Branch</b> | All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Applicant MR. KAMALAKAR DAJIBA BHURE (Registered Mortgage) Residential House PLOT NO 30, NAGAR PANCHAYAT PROPERTY NO 793, WARD NO 14, SURVEY NO 33/2, PLOT AREA 1980 SO FT. UP AREA (GF), MAUZA SAMUDRAPUR, TAHASIL- SAMUDRAPUR DIST. WARDHA PIN 442305 East: EXISTANCE PLOT NO. 31, West: PLOT NO. 29, North:BARASKAR LAY-OUT, South: 9 MTR. LAY OUT ROAD | 06.04.2023            | 16.06.2023             | Rs. <b>547980/-</b> + interest + Other Expenses    |
| 3.      | MR. WASUDEO UTTAM PANTAWANE                                    | <b>Samudrapur Branch</b> | All that part and parcel of me property consisting in the name of Applicant MR. WASUDEO UTTAM PANTAWANE, (Registered Mortgage) Residential House. PLOT NO 15. SURVEY NO 41/2, TOTAL AREA 1660 SQ.FT. REG NO 807. DATE 11.07.2000 MAUZA RENKAPUR, MAUZA NO 170, PHN 28 TAH SAMUDRAPUR DIST. WARDHA _ Bounded By East: PLOT NO 08, West: LAYOUT ROAD, North:PLOT NO. 14, South: LAYOUT ROAD                                     | 06.04.2023            | 16.06.2023             | Rs. <b>434568/-</b> + interest + Other Expenses    |
| 4.      | MR. AVINASH MANIKRAO JAMUNKAR                                  | <b>Samudrapur Branch</b> | All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Applicant MR. AVINASH -MANIKRAO JAMUNKAR (Registered Mortgage), Residential Bouse, PLOT NO 3. SURVEY NO: 123/3 MOUZA SHAHALANGADI, MOUZA NO: 159, PM. NO. 6.: SANT TUKADOJI WARD TAH -HINGANGHAT, DIST-WARDHA PIN 442301, TOTAL PLOT AREA 2178 SQ FT Bounded By - East: PLOT NO 02, West: LAYOUT ROAD, North:LAYOUT ROAD, South: PROFESSOR COLONY          | 06.04.2023            | 16.06.2023             | Rs. <b>675312/-</b> + interest + Other Expenses    |

**Authorised Officer,**  
**State Bank of India**

**Place : Samudrapur**  
**Date : 17/06/2023**

**Chintamani Education Society, Ballarpur**  
**CHINTAMANI COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, POMBHURNA**  
**TAH. POMBHURNA DIST. CHANDRAPUR – 442918 (M.S.)**

**WANTED**

(Recognized by Govt. of Maharashtra & Affiliated to Gondwana University, Gadchiroli) (Granted)

**Applications are invited for the following post of Assistant Professor**

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|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1.      | Botany  | 01           | Full Time       | OBC - 01 |
| 2.      | Zoology | 01           | Full Time       | EWS - 01 |

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**Educational Qualification:-** The Candidates should have following Qualification.

- Good Academic record with at least 55% of marks or an equivalent grade of B in the 7 point scale with latter grades O.A.B.C.D.E. & F. at the master's degree level in the relevant subject from an Indian University or equivalent degree from a foreign University.
- Besides fulfilling the above qualification, candidates should have cleared the NET or SET.

**Notes :-**

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**HOSTED BY BIDENS, PM SAYS**  
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# Deals closed, doors open

Modi says talks, decisions add a new chapter, Biden calls ties stronger, closer, more dynamic

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

FRAMING HIS country's partnership with India among the "most consequential in the world" that is "stronger, closer and more dynamic than any time in history", US President Joe Biden, who held talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday, underlined the new strategic areas of cooperation — from semiconductor supply to sharing critical and emerging technologies, using new ways to diagnose and treat cancer to sending Indian astronauts to space.

Biden by his side in the East Room of the White House, Modi, too, headlined the strategic outcomes in his statement after the bilateral meeting between the two sides.

"Today is a day that has special importance in the history of India-US relations. Our discussions today and the important decisions we have taken have added a new chapter to our comprehensive and a global strategic partnership. They have given it a new direction and a new energy," he said.

Biden said, "Mr Prime Minister, we met many times over the past few years, most recently in Hiroshima at the G7 Summit, and each time I was struck by our ability to find new areas of cooperation. Together, we are unlocking the shared future of what I believe to be unlimited potential."

And with this visit, Biden said, "We are demonstrating once more. Indeed, the United States and India are collaborating on nearly every human endeavour and delivering progress

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden walk into the White House after a State Arrival Ceremony on Thursday. AP

## Asked about discrimination and dissent, Modi: Democracy in DNA

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

WITH US President Joe Biden listening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday said that "democracy is in our DNA", and "there is absolutely no space for discrimination" regardless of "caste, creed, religion and gender".

He was responding to a question about what steps his government is willing to take to improve the rights of minorities in India and to uphold free speech.

At the joint press conference



PM Modi, President Biden address a press meet. Reuters

where both leaders took questions from one reporter from each side, Biden — when asked

on raising issues of human rights and democracy with the visiting Indian PM — said: "Prime Minister and I had a good discussion about democratic values... and that is the best part of our relationship. We are straightforward with each other and we respect each other."

He then echoed Modi, "And I believe that we believe in the dignity of every citizen and it is in America's DNA and I believe, it's in India's DNA."

Prime Minister Modi was asked by a journalist from US

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## GE Aerospace signs pact with HAL to manufacture fighter jet engines for IAF

**AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

IN A landmark deal that gives a massive boost to ties between the US and India, General Electric (GE) Aerospace signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Thursday to produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force.

The announcement of the pact came during Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's State visit to US.

In a statement, GE Aerospace said this pact marks "a major milestone" and is "a key element in strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries". The agreement, the statement said, includes the potential joint production of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India, for which it is working with the US government to receive necessary export authorisation.

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## The signal from DC: Beginning of the end of technology denial regime for New Delhi

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

AS PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's first State visit to the US unfolded and he met President Joe Biden, the announcement of a mega deal between the General Electric Aerospace and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture under licence in India of GE's F414 engine for the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk2 sent a clear message — the beginning of the end of the technology denial regime.

Besides jet engines, deals on procuring drones, a space mission and manufacturing chips in India are among the big-ticket announcements.

But the deal to manufacture engines for fighter jets is



The Indian Express's June 18 report on the jet engine deal

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significant — GE's F414 military aircraft engine powers state-of-the-art fighters like the Boeing Super Hornet and Saab Gripen.

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**DARSHANA PAWAR MURDER**

## Police arrest friend, say 'killed her for rejecting his marriage proposal'

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FOUR DAYS after the body of 26-year-old Darshana Pawar was found at the foothills of Rajgad Fort near Pune with multiple injury marks, the Pune Rural Police said on Thursday that they have traced and arrested her 28-year-old friend Rahul Handore, who allegedly confessed to committing the murder after his marriage proposal was rejected by the victim.

Handore was arrested at the Andheri railway station in Mumbai on Wednesday night, the police said. He had been travelling mostly by train since the



Darshana Pawar

murder on June 12, reaching West Bengal, Chandigarh and Goa, apart from various locations in Maharashtra, they said. "He made contact with some family members a few times during this period," Pune Rural SP Ankit Goyal said.

According to the police,

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**G20 EDUCATION MINISTERS' MEET IN PUNE**

## Modi calls for global effort to leverage AI, tech in education

**MOIN SHAH**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Wednesday highlighted the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in learning, skilling and education, stating that it offers immense possibilities for the future, even as he acknowledged the challenges that come with technological advancements and stressed the importance of finding the right balance.

In a recorded message played during the G20 education ministers' meeting in Pune, he called upon the G20 to play a crucial role in leveraging technology for the betterment of education

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## list thrust areas of education

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
PUNE, JUNE 22

AS THE four-day G20 4th Working Group Meeting for education concluded in Pune, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Thursday that member nations in the ministerial declaration have listed five thrust areas to work upon.

Speaking to the media here after the conclusion of the ministerial meeting on education,

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## Leaders start arriving for Opposition meeting in Patna, with promise of 'the first draft of unity'

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**SANTOSH SINGH & MANOJ CG**  
PATNA, JUNE 22

DOWN A stretch of road in the Bihar capital is displayed the grand ambition of the Opposition's effort to stop 10 years of the Narendra Modi juggernaut. The name of the road? 'Jawaharlal Nehru Marg'.

The optics is near perfect, in

the city where exactly 49 years ago, in June 1974, a call was given for the overthrow of the Indira Gandhi-led government at the Centre, a year ahead of the Emergency.

But if there is a touch of history about the Opposition meeting here Friday, there is also an element of desperation — and the burden of expectation. It's the first such unity meeting for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls among 18-odd opposition parties of all hues — socialists, Communists, regional satraps formerly of the Congress, and the much-emaci-



In Patna on Thursday, a day ahead of the Opposition meet. PTI

ated grand old party itself.

Sources across parties argue that nothing "extraordinary" should be expected on Friday. But, even at the minimum, the goal is to prepare "the first draft of unity" — or a road map for a united fight.

The specifics of that would be a seat-sharing formula ensuring a one-on-one contest between Opposition parties and the BJP in

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‘Democracy in DNA’ Deals closed, doors open

newspaper Wall Street Journal, that India has long prided itself as the world's largest democracy, but there are many human rights groups who say that his government has discriminated against religious minorities and silenced its critics. "As you stand here in the East Room of the White House, where so many world leaders have made commitments to protecting democracy, what steps are you and your government willing to take to improve the rights of Muslims and other minorities in your country and to uphold free speech?"

Modi replied, "Indeed, India is a democracy and as President Biden also mentioned, India, and America, both countries, democracy is in our DNA. Democracy is our spirit. Democracy runs in our veins. We live democracy. And our ancestors have actually put words to this concept, and that is in the form of our Constitution. Our government has taken the basic principles of democracy. And on that basis, our Constitution is made and the entire country runs on that... we have always proved that democracy can deliver. And when I say deliver, this is regardless of caste, creed, religion, gender, there's absolutely no space for discrimination."

"And when you talk of democracy, if there are no human values, and there is no humanity, there are no human rights, then it's not a democracy. And that is why when you say democracy, and you accept democracy, and when we live democracy, then there is absolutely no space for discrimination. And that is why India believes in moving ahead with

everybody we trust and with everybody's efforts, these are our foundation principles, which are the basis of how we operate, how we live our lives in India. The benefits that are provided by the government are accessible to all who ever deserves, those benefits are available to everybody. And that is why in India's democratic values, there is absolutely no discrimination, neither on the basis of caste, creed, or age or any kind of geographic location."

Biden, asked about his message to those including some members of Democratic party who say that his administration is overlooking the targeting of minorities and crackdown on dissent in Prime Minister Modi's country, said, "Prime Minister and I had a good discussion about democratic values. And that is the best part of our relationship. We are straight-forward with each other and we respect each other."

"One of the fundamental reasons that I believe the US-China relationship is not in the same space with the US-India relationship is that there is an overwhelming respect for each other because we're both democracies. And it has a common democratic character, and our people, our diversity, culture, our open, tolerant, robust debate. And I believe that we believe in the dignity of every citizen and it is in America's DNA and believe in India's DNA. And the whole world has a stake in our success, both of us in maintaining our democracies, makes us affiliate partners and enables us to expand democratic institutions across them around the world. And I believe this and I still believe this."

The decision taken by General Electric to manufacture (jet) engines in India through transfer of technology is a landmark agreement. This also opens up new job opportunities in both countries. This will give our defence cooperation a new character in the times to come. The defence industries and startups of both countries are important partners in this co-operation. Bringing them together is the key objective of the defence industrial roadmap," he said.

The initiative for "critical and emerging technologies", Modi said, has emerged as an important framework for technical cooperation. "By increasing our cooperation in fields such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, space, quantum, and telecom, we are creating a strong and futuristic partnership. The decision taken by American companies such as Micron, Google and Applied Materials to invest in India symbolises this futuristic partnership during this journey."

"We have also decided that in the midst of global uncertainties, India and America will as trusted partners create reliable, secure and resilient global supply chains and value chains as well," he said.

On space cooperation, Modi said, "We have had long standing cooperation on space... by taking the decision to join the Artemis Accords, we have taken a big leap forward in our space cooperation. In fact, in short, for the India-America Partnership, even the sky is not the limit."

On global issues, Biden brought up the Russia-Ukraine war as well as the Indo-Pacific. "Today, we also talked about our shared efforts to mitigate humanitarian tragedies unleashed by Russia's brutal war in Ukraine and to defend the core principles of the UN Charter, sovereignty and territorial integrity. We discussed our work through the Quad and how India and the United States, together with Australia and Japan, can ensure the vital Indo-Pacific region remains free, open, prosperous and secure through our new I2U2 grouping with Israel and the UAE," the President said.

The Prime Minister framed the Ukraine conflict in terms of its impact on the developing world: "The Covid pandemic and the Ukraine conflict have

• The signal from DC

The deal is expected to lead to transfer of at least 11 "critical" technologies to India.

For Delhi, that's the most crucial part as it marks the beginning of the end of the technology denial regime.

Over the years, India was deprived of critical technologies and it became acute in the 1960s through the 1990s.

In 1974, after India's first nuclear test, the Nuclear Suppliers Group was formed and India found itself outside the elite club.

After the nuclear tests of 1998, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee faced global opprobrium and the US led in criticising the Indian move to conduct the tests.

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Talbot talks led to President Bill Clinton's visit in March 2000, and in the years that followed, the relationship strengthened and matured. The George W Bush years saw the Indo-US nuclear deal, which elevated ties to a higher strategic trajectory.

In September 2008, after the NSG waiver to the Indo-US nuclear deal, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said, "It marks the end of India's decades-long isolation from the nuclear mainstream and technology denial regime."

In June 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the US Congress that India and the US have overcome "the hesitations of history", and called for ever-

stronger economic and defence ties. Six years later, the jet engine deal and sharing of the critical technologies marked the end of the "technology-denial regime" and the overcoming of the "hesitations of history".

The Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET), which President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Modi announced in May 2022, and is led by National Security Advisors Ajit Doval and Jake Sullivan, got off to a start in January 2023 — and Sullivan visited India this month.

The initiative is looking at technologies to be shared in critical sectors such as defence, space, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing.

• AI, tech in education

globally.

At the meeting, the G20 ministers will formally accept the outcome documents, marking the culmination of the extensive deliberations carried out over the past several months within the education working group track. These outcome documents will serve as a roadmap for the international community, guiding coordinated actions to ensure inclusive and high-quality education for all learners.

The education working group, which was convened in Chennai, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar and Pune, focused on inclusive solutions and collective actions to address global challenges. Their priorities encompassed foundational literacy and numeracy, inclusive and qualitative tech-enabled learning, capacity building for future work requirements, and fostering research and innovation through collaboration and partnerships.

In his address, Modi emphasised the role of digital technology as an "equaliser" and a means to promote inclusivity, stating it as a force multiplier in expanding access to education and adapting to future needs. In addition to discussing the significance of AI, he also highlighted the integration of technology

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with learning to enhance the e-learning experience. He commended the Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), an esteemed e-learning portal that offers remote access to courses from renowned institutions. SWAYAM has achieved remarkable enrollment numbers, with a wide range of 9,000 courses available from the 9th grade to postgraduate level.

Modi further suggested that G20 countries undertake skill mapping at the international level to identify gaps and address them. He emphasised the need for continuous skilling, re-skilling, and up-skilling of the youth to prepare them for the future and align their competencies with evolving work profiles and practices. India is already undertaking skill mapping, and Modi encouraged other G20 nations to follow suit.

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• G20 nations

Pradhan listed the five priority areas, including the critical role it plays in human development, the need for sustainable education, availability of quality education for all and the importance of digital learning.

"After long deliberations and meetings in four cities namely Chennai, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar and Pune, the consensus document was prepared. There are five broad issues we agreed upon. All G20 nations agreed on the critical role education plays as an enabler of human dignity and empowerment globally. All members agreed on the need to work together for a resilient, sustainable, equitable and inclusive future through education... future climate challenges can be met only through education," he said.

Pradhan further said that "all G20 nations agreed on the need to ensure that everyone irrespective of age, gender, socio-economic background or those who are facing learning or physical challenges have access to quality, inclusive and equitable education and training".

"All members agreed that education is not only about academic learning, but also about life, vocational training and skills to make them future-ready. The importance of lifelong learning was also stressed upon," he added.

The fifth thrust area, Pradhan said, is the importance of digital learning, women-led development, green transition and sustainable lifestyle.

In his speech to the delegates earlier in the day, Pradhan said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a clarion call on sustainable development and lifestyle. The four focus areas for the G20 nations are Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), lifelong learning, future-ready skills and research, he said.

Pradhan said the G20 nations and knowledge partners have agreed to work on abolishing the digital divide. India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he pointed out, already stresses on the importance of FLN, instruction in mother tongue as well as the central role played by teachers and the importance of capacity building of teachers. "Pune's G20 would be referred to as a landmark by educators and specialists in education in the future," he said.

As part of their commitment, all G20 members, Pradhan said, agreed on immediate and collective action "to ensure that all learners acquire foundational learning, so that, by 2030, the percentage of children, particularly girls and children with disabilities, not able to read and understand a simple text and do simple math is reduced substantially".

"All G20 members underlined the central role of all teachers and education staff all over the world in promoting education and the need to foster an environment including through capacity-building programmes that will enable teachers and staff to thrive in their profession," he said.

• Darshana Pawar

Handore allegedly killed Darshana, who had recently qualified for the state forest services, using rocks and "a sharp weapon" on June 12, the day both of them went for a trek at the fort. The murder weapon is yet to be found but the police are probing the possibility of Handore having carried a cutter or blade with him.

Officers said CCTV footage from a restaurant at Gunjavane village, at the fort's foothills, was the first decisive clue that turned the needle of suspicion towards Handore, who was also a state civil services aspirant.

"It showed the two going towards the fort but only Handore returning. Another clue was Handore going untraceable. We could track his cellphone location from time to time and he seems to have travelled by train to Chandigarh, West Bengal and Bengaluru. During the probe, we traced him to Andheri station and that is where he was arrested," said a senior officer who is part of the investigation.

Addressing a press conference to announce the arrest, Goyal said, "Based on circumstantial evidence and some witnesses, the prime suspect in the case, Rahul Handore, was identified. Rahul was untraceable and was on the run for some time. A coordinated probe by teams from the local police station and crime branch was launched. He was arrested on Wednesday night from Andheri railway station in Mumbai. He has confessed to having committed the crime. The sequence of events and motive are being probed."

Police officers said Handore and Darshana knew each other from childhood since his home at Shaha village in Sinnar taluka of Nashik was opposite that of her maternal uncle. Handore holds a BSc in Botany and, like Darshana, was preparing for various competitive exams, mainly those conducted by the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Both were part of the same

• GE Aerospace inks pact with HAL to make fighter jet engines for IAF

The F414 engines will power the IAF's Light Combat Aircraft Mk2 jets.

India's first indigenous fighter jet LCA Tejas is powered by GE's F404 engines — India failed to develop a jet engine despite repeated attempts by DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment.

As many as 75 F404 engines have been delivered and another 99 are on order for LCA Mk1A by GE, it said in the statement, adding that eight F414 engines have been delivered as part of an ongoing development programme for LCA Mk2.

"Today's agreement will advance GE Aerospace's earlier commitment to build 99 engines for the Indian Air Force as part of the LCA Mk2 program," it said.

It said the pact will put the company in a strong position to create a family of products in India, including the F404 engine that currently powers the LCA Mk1 and LCA Mk1A aircraft, highlighting GE Aerospace's selection for the prototype development, testing and certification of India's ambitious Advanced Medium Combat

Aircraft (AMCA) programme with its F414-INS6 engine. The GE-404 engine, the basic design of which has been replicated in the F414, was developed in the 1970s.

"In addition, GE will continue to collaborate with the Indian government on the AMCA Mk2 engine programme," it said.

Aside from GE, India has been talking to other global jet engine makers for technology transfer such as Safran SA of France and Rolls-Royce of the United Kingdom for the AMCA.

With a handful of countries mastering the technology and metallurgy needed to make combat jet engines, most have been unwilling to share it with other countries.

"This is a historic agreement made possible by our longstanding partnership with India and HAL," the GE statement quoted H Lawrence Culp, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GE and CEO of GE Aerospace.

"We are proud to play a role in advancing President Biden and Prime Minister Modi's vision of

closer coordination between the two nations," he said.

"Our F414 engines are unmatched and will offer important economic and national security benefits for both countries as we help our customers produce the highest quality engines to meet the needs of their military fleet."

"In addition to potential new work in India, a number of US facilities that currently support work on the F414 engine will see additional volume as a result of today's announcement," the statement said.

Leaders start arriving for Patna Opp meeting, with promise of 'the first draft of unity'

as many as seats as possible — sources speak of talks being on for 450 of the 543 Lok Sabha seats — apart from a common minimum programme, a resolution to not attack each other in states, and to come together on issues of national concern.

But most leaders don't expect much forward movement in this first meeting, particularly over the seat-sharing formula. The most expected outcome is a joint statement accusing the Modi-led Centre of undermining democracy, trampling institutions and silencing dissent, and asserting an intent to fight unitedly against the BJP. The leaders also say that the very fact that so many parties — which are rivals in states — have agreed to sit together is a success. Apart from the lack of fracas over who will lead the front and who would be the prime ministerial face, so far.

A lot depends on the response of the Congress — to be represented at the meeting by its president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi. In leaving a large chunk of the seats to regional parties in states where they are strong, the Congress would be ceding the most ground, and would be doing so on the assurance that the regional parties would return the favour in Congress strongholds.

With most of the parties in attendance sharing a socialist background or socialist ideology, there is a possibility of a consensus to hold rallies demanding a nationwide caste census.

Some hiccups are natural, particularly over agendas specific to some regional parties. On Thursday, in a last-minute announcement, the RLD's Jayant Chaudhary said he would skip the meeting due to a "pre-decided family programme". AAP supremo and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has said he expects parties to vow support to it against the ordinance passed by the Centre to curtail powers of its government. There was talk on Wednesday of the AAP staging "walkout" if that did not happen.

Besides, the RJD, TMC, JD(U) and JMM might seek support of parties against the alleged misuse of Central agencies to browbeat Opposition parties. This will cause some heartburn, given the bitter rivalry between the AAP and Congress, and the TMC and Congress in states.

The Congress believes the AAP is trying to unnecessarily box it into a corner on the Delhi ordinance issue. Some of the parties friendly to the Congress too argue that Friday's meeting is about discussing a joint strategy for 2024 and not about any "one issue".

If JD(U) chief spokesperson K CTyagi spoke of "the need for one-on-one contests" on maximum seats as the prime issue on the agenda, RJD national vice-president and former MP Shivanand Tiwari said the first goal was "to come out with the alternative they are offering against the NDA".

Bihar Congress president Akhilesh Prasad Singh hoped for a common minimum programme.

"Attacking Prime Minister Modi cannot suffice. We have to work out tactical alliances in certain states and the Congress and some Opposition parties should show willingness to come together in others," Tiwari said.

On a seat-sharing formula, Tyagi said: "If one counts the seats in Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, we can see the possibility of a direct contest (between the Opposition and BJP). But while Akhilesh Yadav might not have much issue aligning with the Congress, Mamata Banerjee might want the CPI(M) to opt out of some seats in West Bengal and Kejriwal might have similar demands in Punjab and Delhi."

On whether the Opposition would project a PM face, Tyagi said: "Those talking about this should know that the Patna meet-

ing is not about such things but on a united and strong Opposition first... We can already sense nervousness in the BJP. Patna will rewrite history by bringing the Opposition on one platform again."

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# 5 MAHARASHTRA

## Arrested in corruption case, govt suspends Anil Ramod

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THE MAHARASHTRA government has suspended IAS officer Anil Ramod after he was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) earlier this month while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 8 lakh.

Following CBI's recommendation that Ramod should be suspended, Pune Divisional Commissioner Saurabh Rao had sent a proposal to the state government acting on which Prashant Sajanikar, Joint Secretary, issued the order on Wednesday. Sajanikar said in the order that since his arrest on June 9, Ramod has spent a period exceeding 48 hours behind bars and hence, as per sub-rule (2) A rule 3 of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969, the officer is being placed under suspension. He said during Ramod's period of suspension he will remain in Pune and will not leave without obtaining previous permission of the Divisional Commissioner, Pune.

It said he will not be allowed to accept any private employment or engage in any trade or business during his suspension. Any breach of these conditions will be treated as an act of misconduct rendering him liable for

further disciplinary action, the order added.

Ramod is presently in jail after a special court rejected his request for bail on June 16, saying his 'influence' may hinder the probe and send a wrong message among the affected individuals.

Ramod was arrested for allegedly seeking bribe to award higher compensation to farmers whose lands are being acquired for highway projects.

A farmer whose case was pending for increased compensation for acquired land had approached the agency complaining Ramod allegedly demanded Rs 10 lakh from him for the increased compensation of around Rs 1.25 crore and finally negotiated the bribe amount at Rs 8 lakh.

CBI had earlier told the court that Ramod is a "habitual offender" and that during searches, it had recovered Rs 1.26 lakh in cash from his office cabin, and also seized Rs 6.64 crore and important documents during searches at his residence in Baner.

The agency had also seized "incriminating documents" during a search at the office of "M/S Vedalaxmi Developers Private Limited" in Baner, which is registered in the name of Ramod's wife. CBI also found Rs 47 lakh from the 17 bank accounts in the names of Ramod and his family members.

## State govt to set up panel to reform land compensation process: Revenue minister

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REVENUE MINISTER Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil has said that in the light of the recent case of senior revenue department official from Pune division, Anil Ramod, allegedly being caught accepting bribe to expedite land compensation, the department has decided to constitute a committee to look into and recommend changes in the land acquisition and compensation delivery workflow to make it more transparent and to avoid a repeat of the episode.

Vikhe-Patil spoke to the press at the office of the district collector on Thursday. Sada Bhau Khot, former minister of state for agriculture, and former MLA Rahul Kul were present.

The minister also said that high prices of milk and its adulteration were serious issues that the government will address. "Recently, several cases of large quantities of adulterated milk being seized have taken place in

the state. We have noticed that many well-known firms also acquire adulterated milk. To stop this, a committee under the leadership of an Additional Collector with members from the police, FDA, and other relevant departments will be formed to control the practice of adulteration of milk. It has been decided that when adulterated milk is caught in transport, the firms that have ordered the milk and were thus promoting adulteration will also face criminal charges," said Patil.

The minister also responded to allegations levelled by Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday that an institution with which Patil is associated had received a donation of Rs 4.5 to 5 crore from Islamic preacher Zakir Naik's NGO.

"I am part of this educational institution but I was not involved in its day-to-day functioning, and at that time it was investigated by central agencies, and no irregularities were found. Raut needs some subject every day and hence he has raked up this issue," he said.

## EWS students to get 50% discount in fee in Maharashtra's self-financed universities

PALLAVI SMART  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

THE MAHARASHTRA Government has directed self-financed universities in the state to offer 50 per cent discount in fees to meritorious students from economically weaker sections, irrespective of caste categories. This will apply to 10 per cent of the total admissions in self-financed universities. The government will not provide any grant or financial assistance for this purpose.

The Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education department on Thursday issued a Government Resolution (GR) in this regard. "Students who qualify for EWS status as per government prescribed criteria will get this benefit on the basis of merit. This discount will be applicable to the total fee, in-

cluding all charges levied by variety on students under different headings. The discount will apply from the year when the student takes admission to the completion of the course," states the GR.

The move is decided in line with the student-oriented education system recommended in the National Education Policy (NEP), states the GR. This is to facilitate meritorious students from economically weaker sections to study in self-financed universities, which are otherwise difficult for them to afford.

Maharashtra higher and technical education minister Chandrakant Patil on Wednesday had said that the state government will soon come out with a GR, mandating private universities to reserve 10 per cent seats for students of EWS, and charge from them only 50 per cent of tuition

fees. According to data from UGC, a total of 22 universities in Maharashtra are self-financed. Admissions are currently underway in most universities across the state.

Vikas Chandra Rastogi, the Principal Secretary of Higher and Technical Education department of Maharashtra, said, "The GR will be implemented from the academic year 2023-24... 10 per cent of students admitted to self-financed private universities will get the fee-waiver, provided they fulfil the criterion of EWS status."

The GR also states that the fee-waiver will be implemented at the time of admission. "Within a month from the last day of the admissions procedure, the self-financed universities will have to submit a report of such fee-waivers to the state government, along with details of the benefi-

aries. Following this, a review will be taken at the government level," states the GR.

Stating that the decision has been taken in consensus with private universities across Maharashtra; Prof Dr Mangesh Karad, President of the Preeminent Education Research Association (PERA), which is an association of all private universities in Maharashtra, said, "A meeting was held on this with the government a few months ago, and then the decision was taken. It will be applicable to students who can fulfil the criteria."

Dr Karad, Executive President and Vice Chancellor of MIT Art Design and Technology University in Pune, also said, "As private universities, we anyway provide meritorious students with financial help in forms of scholarships. Now it will be done under this system."

## Skill-based vocational courses to replace bifocal courses in state's junior colleges

PALLAVI SMART  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

POPULAR BIFOCAL courses offered at junior colleges (classes 11 and 12) will be converted into employment-oriented specialised courses — vocation or skill-based — from academic year 2024-25, in line with the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship issued a government resolution (GR) in this regard, along with a list of new courses to be offered under each category of bifocal courses. In the technical group category, Junior Software Developer, and Field Technician- Computing and Peripherals courses will be offered, instead of Computer Science.

The General Civil course will be replaced with studies on General Mason/Brick Mason, Construction

Painter and Decorator. Similar new courses have also been listed for other categories, such as commerce and agriculture groups.

"Teachers will be trained for the new courses. The theory part will be assessed by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, which conducts Class 12 examinations; and the practical assessment by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of Maharashtra," reads the GR issued on Wednesday.

The move, however, has attracted criticism from stakeholders. According to colleges, the decision was taken without consulting anyone related to the bifocal courses.

Professor Ramesh Deshpande, vice principal of Bhavan's College, said, "High-scoring students wanting to pursue engineering in the future would opt for bifocal

courses offered under the technical group. But now that these are converted into vocation or skill-based courses, high-scoring candidates may not be interested."

On the Class 12 board exam, the GR mentions that the state board will conduct theory assessment and the department of skill development will carry out practical assessment. This will add to the confusion. Ideally, there should have been a committee of knowledgeable persons before taking the decision to change these courses."

Bhavan's College has been running bifocal courses for many years now.

Additionally, teachers have also been complaining that the move risks loss of jobs as teaching requirements for the new courses are not in line with their training. The Maharashtra State Federation of Junior College Teachers Organisation will hold a meeting to discuss the impact of the move.

Professor Mukund Andhalkar, conveyer of the federation, said, "Even as new nomenclatures are given, the course structure remains unclear. Teachers fear being declared surplus. There are no clear guidelines on what happens to the existing teachers if their training is not in line with the new course structure."

## Covid jumbo centres scam: IAS officer's assets worth Rs 100 cr under ED lens

VIJAY KUMAR YADAV  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

OFFICIALS OF the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigating the alleged Rs 38-crore Covid jumbo centres scam have claimed that Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Sanjeev Jaiswal had a key role in it. The agency has raided his Bandra (East) residence and seized Rs 13 lakh cash and property documents, apart from raiding and identifying many other properties of the officer worth over Rs 100 crore, which includes a half-acre land in Madh Island.

On Thursday, the ED carried out searches at four places, including two locations in the MMR region belonging to senior BMC officials and a suspect supplier. The agency is now trying to ascertain how many of these properties are linked to proceeds of crimes.

According to sources, Jaiswal claimed that he has been made scapegoat in the ongoing crackdown by the ED saying he was functioning on behalf of the state government during the Covid pandemic and was not solely involved in the purchasing of equipment, medicines and sanctioning contracts. He said that senior bureaucrats and civic officials were involved as well but only he is being targeted. He also claimed that the properties that are under the ED scanner are his ancestral properties that have now become worth over Rs 100 crore due to the current market price. Jaiswal, who was summoned by the agency for questioning however skipped the summon, seeking time. The agency will soon be issuing a second summon to him. Jaiswal was not available for comment.

**Work for a month, bills for a year**

The ED has written emails to 200-300 doctors who rendered their services during the pandemic, as some of them gave their bio-data to the BMC, while others worked for the civic body. They told the ED that they worked for 15-30 days for the BMC, but the entire year's billing was made in their name. The ED has stumbled upon transactions and records indicating billing of worth Rs 20 crore.

**Ex-mayor on radar**

The ED sources said that they have come across the involvement of former city mayor Kishori Pednekar's role in the alleged scam. Pednekar is suspected to be aware of the majority of the irregularities and she also gave instructions for sanctioning contracts of supplies to particular entities.

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## RS 38-CRORE COVID JUMBO CENTRES SCAM ED probe: BMC officials purchased drugs, body bags at exorbitant rates

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) investigating the alleged Rs 38-crore Covid jumbo centres scam has revealed that a key company that was supplying body bags for dead Covid-19 patients had supplied the bags to BMC at Rs 6,800 per piece, which was over three times than what it charged from others, including private hospitals, during the same period.

The agency's probe has also revealed that besides senior BMC officials, then Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar, too, allegedly played an important role and it is on her instructions that the contract was given to the said entity, now under scanner. Officials hinted that the agency may soon summon Pednekar to join the investigation. The source, however, declined to divulge the name of the entity as the investigation is still on.

Officials also said that medicines, including Remdesivir, used to treat Covid-19 treatment in BMC-operated hospitals, too, were purchased at 25-30 per cent higher rates than the market prices. Even after the gross irregularities were pointed out, the purchase same continued at the insistence of senior officials of the BMC, the source said.

The investigation also revealed that in Lifeline Jumbo Covid Centre, the actual deployment of doctors and medical staff was 60-65 per cent short of the deployment shown in the billing made to BMC. According to the source, for billing purpose,



ED officials at BMC's Central Purchase Department office in Byculla West. Amit Chakravarty

the company provided names of doctors who were not working/employed by the respective centres of Lifeline Jumbo Covid Centre.

The names of more than 200 doctors were falsely used for misappropriation of funds, the source said. The official added that during its investigation, the ED contacted these doctors via email and recorded their statements.

The agency's raids at 15 locations on Wednesday, on the premises of suspected individuals linked to the alleged scam has led to the seizure of documents of 50 properties worth more than Rs 150 crore, fixed deposits and investments of Rs 15 crore, Rs 68.65 lakh in cash and jewellery worth Rs 2.46 crore. The ED sleuths have also seized over a dozen mobile phones along with several electronic devices such as laptops, etc. and various incriminating records, documents.

On Wednesday, ED held searches on the Chembur residence of Suraj Chavan, a close aide of Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray's son Aaditya

Thackeray, and the Santacruz residence of Sujit Patkar, a close aide of Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut. The agency also searched the Bandra residence of IAS officer Sanjeev Jaiswal—a former additional municipal commissioner of the BMC—and deputy municipal commissioner Ramakant Biradar, who was the head of the Central Purchase Department of the BMC during the pandemic.

Hospital Management Services in Sasmira Marg, Worli, as well as suppliers of oxygen concentrators and other equipment, contractors and middlemen involved in the alleged scam were also searched.

The ED has almost covered their probe at the irregularities linked to Lifeline Hospital Management Services in Sasmira Marg, Worli, a partnership firm of Sujit Patkar, a close aide of Shiv Sena UBT MP Sanjay Raut. Now the agency is focusing on various branches of money laundering emerging from this firm.

On Thursday, the search operations continued at four locations in and outside Mumbai, focusing mainly on properties linked to the suspected senior BMC officials.

The agency also summoned Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Sanjeev Jaiswal for questioning, however, he sought time.

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# Rs 1.6 crore lost in two online task fraud cases

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PIMPRI CHINCHWAD police have launched a probe into two separate cases of 'task frauds' in which a 41-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man were cheated to the tune of Rs 1.64 crore by online fraudsters.

The two separate FIRs were registered at Wakad and Bhosari MIDC police stations on Wednesday under the provisions of the IT Act and IPC sections pertaining to cheating, criminal breach of trust and impersonation.

According to the FIR registered at Wakad police station, a 41-year-old woman, who in the past used to work for a private company, was cheated to the tune of Rs 87.84 lakh between April 24 and May 20 this year. In the case registered at Bhosari MIDC police station, a 37-year-old man, who works for a private multinational company, was cheated to the tune of Rs 76.24 lakh between May 19 and June 9.

According to the FIRs, both the complainants received messages offering them money on performing tasks like liking videos and giving online reviews to products. After they responded to the messages, they were given various tasks and were paid small amounts.

After some initial payments, the complainants were told they had been chosen for 'prepaid tasks.' In these tasks they were asked to pay some amount to re-

ceive a task and were offered higher amounts after completion of tasks. The fraudsters went on increasing the prepaid fees and the complainants went on paying the amounts expecting higher returns.

After a point, the fraudsters continued telling them they would receive the returns. But the fraudsters also kept putting conditions on complainants requiring them to take more tasks to withdraw their returns and thus make more investments. The cycle stopped only when the complainants realised that they were cheated. Officials said that both the complainants have made over 50 transactions to a large number of bank accounts of cyber fraudsters located across the country.

Last month, in arguably the biggest task fraud case registered with Pune City Police, a 69-year-old retired Colonel from the Army was cheated to the tune of Rs 2.4 crore in a span of 18 days between May 15 and June where he made over 40 online transactions to earn money on 'prepaid tasks.'

Earlier, an Army veteran, in his 60s, who responded to scammers who contacted him in February, lost Rs 1.1 crore in a span of two weeks where he made as many 26 online transfers to over a dozen bank accounts given to him by the fraudsters. The Cyber crime cell and individual police stations are currently investigating dozens of task fraud cases registered in the recent past, with no major breakthrough achieved in any of these cases.

## DARSHANA PAWAR MURDER

# Accused was state civil services aspirant, worked for food delivery app, say police

Probe shows he knew Darshana since childhood, both were part of same study group in Pune

SUSHANT KULKARNI  
PUNE, JUNE 22

RAHUL HANDORE, the 28-year-old man who has been arrested for the murder of Darshana Pawar at the foothills of Rajgad Fort near Pune on June 12, was a civil services aspirant from a poor financial background who juggled studies and part-time jobs, including as a food-delivery executive, to support himself, the police investigation in the case has revealed.

According to the police, Handore allegedly killed Darshana, whom he knew since childhood, after his marriage proposal was rejected by the 26-year-old who had recently cleared the state forest services exam. A Botany graduate who was also preparing for various competitive exams, Handore was arrested on Wednesday night by Pune Rural Police from Andheri Railway Station in Mumbai, police said.

Officers from the Pune Rural Police said Handore hails from Shaha village in Sinnar taluka of



Rahul Handore, arrested from Andheri railway station in Mumbai, at Pune Rural Police headquarters. Pavan Khengre

Nashik. "Preliminary information suggests that he comes from a weak financial background with his father selling newspapers for a living. He has com-

pleted his BSc in Botany and has made a total of four attempts for the MPSC (Maharashtra Public Services Commission) exam. On two of those attempts, he

cleared the preliminary exams but failed in the mains. In the two other attempts, he failed in the prelims," said an officer who is part of the investigation.

Handore was staying at Hingane Home Colony near Dutta Mandir in Pune's Karvenagar. "The accused had been preparing for the MPSC ex-

amination. He was staying in Pune from the last few years and was doing some part-time jobs. Recently, he had been working for a cellphone-based food delivery service and was living in a rented room. He and Darshana had known each other since their childhood. His home at his native village and the house of Darshana's maternal uncle are located opposite each other," said Pune Rural SP Ankit Goyal.

Asked if the two had been in a relationship, Goyal said, "I can only say at this point that the two knew each other but whether they were in a relationship or not is something that will be clear only after detailed interrogation." Asked whether it was Darshana who had rejected Handore's marriage proposal or her family, Goyal said, "Darshana had."

Another officer associated with the investigation said, "We now know that Darshana and Rahul studied together for the exams and were part of a close group of friends who would study together."

On the day of the murder, according to police, Darshana and Handore left for Rajgad early in the morning and reached the foothills of the fort at about 8.30 am. They went up to an area identified as Saticha Maal where the alleged incident took place with Handore assaulting Darshana with stones and sharp weapons, the police said. He then came down alone at 10.45 am and left the spot, they said.

## English not a pre-requisite for tech innovation, says Pradhan

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ENGLISH IS not a pre-requisite for technological innovation, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan said on Thursday at the inauguration of the five-day 'Innovation, Development and Entrepreneurship Bootcamps' at College of Engineering Pune Technological (COEP) University.

"To find talent in India, you do not need to be an English-speaker," said the Union minister, citing the example of technological giants like China, Japan, Germany and Italy. "It is not that they cannot speak in English. They simply prefer not to," said the minister addressing participants and faculty at the boot camps which are being organised in six different cities of the country.

"Most of the mental development of children takes place between ages three and eight, and most of the children of our country speak their native languages during this time," said Pradhan.

During his virtual interaction with students at the other five venues, Pradhan greeted students in Odia and Bengali and heard about their technological innovations and projects. "Be job seekers but dare to become job creators also," said the minister stressing on enterprise, innovation as well as critical thinking.

## PMC TO GET FEEDBACK ON PUBLIC TOILETS VIA MOBILE APP

Pune: The Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) is all set to get citizens' feedback on its public toilets through a mobile app 'Toilet Seva' started by a private firm. "We have provided data of all 1,200 public toilets of PMC to the private firm to be featured on the mobile app," said municipal commissioner Vikram Kumar.

There are many mobile apps on toilets but this has unique feature of feedback from the public which will help civic body improve its facility, he said. The mobile app is a commercial project bit without any financial involvement from the PMC, which will only receive feedback, said additional municipal commissioner Kunal Khemnar. The mobile app will feature all public toilets of PMC and those of public commercial facilities. **ENS**

## Monsoon advancing: IMD; city likely to see light rain

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PUNE AND its surrounding areas are expected to get light to very light rain, which the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said is a sign of advancement of the monsoon. On Thursday, Dr Anupam Kashyapi, head of weather forecasting, IMD, said the conditions are favourable for the southwest monsoon further advancing over some parts of south Peninsular India, including Maharashtra and other parts of the country.

At present, the northern limit of monsoon passes through Ratnagiri, Raichur, Khammam, Malkangiri, Paralakhemundi, Haldia, Bokaro, Patna and Raxaul. Since its onset over Kerala on June 4, the progress of monsoon has been sluggish. Due to the development of a very severe cyclonic storm Biparjoy over the Arabian Sea, the advancement of the monsoon over Maharashtra has been delayed.

Monsoon reached Ratnagiri by June 8-10, but since then there has not been any progress. Large parts of the state including Pune are yet to see any rains.

The dissipation of Biparjoy has made conditions favourable for advancement of monsoon. Dr Kashyapi said this advancement of the monsoon would see the rains covering parts of Maharashtra, remaining parts of Odisha, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh in the next 2-3 days. Pune and its surrounding areas, the IMD said, is expected to see light to very light rains over the weekends.

The delay in rains has raised concerns over water supplies for Pune as well as for the state. Sunil Chavan, agriculture commissioner, has asked farmers not to undertake sowing till their regions have registered 80-100 mm of rains. Chavan, in a press statement, said the IMD officials spoke about revival of the monsoon from the next week onwards.

## Over 200 cases of heatstroke in Pune, Satara and Solapur dists

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SWELTERING HEAT and absence of rain have seen close to 200 cases of heatstroke being reported across Pune, Satara and Solapur districts in the past few days.

According to the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) Heat Wave Report for Pune Circle (Pune, Satara and Solapur), among a total of 2.31 lakh persons examined at the out-patient department (medicine/paediatrics/casualty emergency) from March till date this year, health officials were able to identify 19 persons with heatstroke from Pune, 70 from Satara and 91 from Solapur.

However, there were no heatstroke deaths in the three districts, officials at the Deputy Director of Health, Pune Circle told The Indian Express. The data was collated from across 458 health units including government-run primary health cen-



In all, 12 people have succumbed to heatstroke across Maharashtra. File

tres, rural hospitals, civic dispensaries and district hospitals.

States had been directed to monitor heat-related illnesses as it has been an extremely warm summer and while Pune did not report deaths, as per official data, there were a total of 12 persons who succumbed to heatstroke across Maharashtra. Health officials said that a total of 2,649 heatstroke cases were reported from March till date with a ma-

jority (412) from Raigad district. All the 12 deaths were reported from Raigad district. There were 334 heat stroke cases in Wardha followed by 317 in Nagpur, and among the district that reported a high number of heatstroke cases include Chandrapur, Nandurbar, Amravati, Latur, Mumbai-Suburban and Thane. Extreme heat conditions have been associated with increased chances of heatstroke and exhaustion.

Dr Amit Dravid, infectious diseases expert at Pune's Noble Hospital told The Indian Express that hot and humid weather conditions can impact the body's compensatory mechanism -- sweating. High humidity inhibits the body's natural cooling ability and gives rise to symptoms like high fever and muscle cramps.

"I always advise patients to drink at least four litres of water to prevent dehydration," he said. Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness but if not treated can lead to heatstroke, doctors said.

## Sharad Pawar says accidents in Indian Air Force decreased after induction of women

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RECALLING HIS efforts to empower women through reservation and induction in the armed forces, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who was defence minister in the early 1990s, claimed on Thursday that the induction of women in the Indian Air Force later had brought

down accident rates.

"I have learnt that the accident rates, which were high in the Indian Air Force, have come down after women were inducted into the Air Force. It is because women are more focused on performing their duties," he said at an awards function for women achievers.

According to Pawar, he had pressed for reservation for women in the armed forces but it was op-

posed before being accepted much later. "Now, women officers are leading the Republic Day parade... women have proved themselves whenever they have been given an opportunity," he said.

The NCP chief also referred to former PM Indira Gandhi as "one of the most powerful prime ministers the country has ever seen" and said that she had once made

the Russian leadership apologise for not following protocol during her visit to Russia. Pawar, who was defence minister in 1991-93 in the P V Narasimha Rao government, was speaking at the Yashaswini Samman event at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, where six women from different fields were felicitated for their work.

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## PMC to focus on ensuring clean water discharge to Mula-Mutha river

AJAY JADHAV  
PUNE, JUNE 22

AFTER COMING under fire for its anti-environmental approach in the Mula-Mutha riverfront beautification project, the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) has now decided to focus on improving the quality of river water so that no sewage water is released into the waterbody without being treated. For this, the civic body has decided to double its sewage treatment capacity by increasing the number of sewage treatment plants (STP) from 10 to 29 in the coming years.

Once all the new plants become operational, the treatment



capacity would almost double from the existing 576 MLD to 1,125 MLD, officials said.

The PMC will soon reconstruct one of the existing 10 STPs and set up another 11 STPs having a total capacity of 396 MLD through the funding from Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA). It has also planned to construct two new

STPs for the 11 villages that merged with the civic body a few years ago. A detailed project report for constructing additional seven STPs for catering to the needs of 23 villages merged in civic limits two years ago has also been finalised, said a PMC official. Thus, the total number of STPs in the city would go up to 29 in the coming years.

"The PMC has now focused on ensuring the river has clean water. This will be taken up along with the riverfront development project. The construction of 11 STPs through JICA funds has been started and plans for increasing the number of STPs to cater for the future need has been done," said municipal commissioner Vikram Kumar.



Once all the new plants become operational, the treatment capacity would almost double. Express

The PMC is in talks with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to get loan for the new seven

STPs for 23 villages, he said. According to the detailed project report (DPR), there will be seven

STPs with two in Wagholi, one each in Mundhwa, Pisoli, Nanded, Holkarwadi and Manjari Budhruk having a total capacity of 146.50 MLD.

The PMC will also lay a drainage line network of 841.44 km under the plants. "The total cost of the project is Rs 1,270 crore and we are hopeful of raising the money through a loan from IFC," said a civic body officer.

In 2017, 11 new villages were merged with the city and the PMC prepared a plan for the sewage treatment for the area under which it will be constructing two new plants - one each in Keshavnagar and Manjari - having a total capacity of 105.5 MLD. "They will be constructed from the

PMC's budget funds so that the work would soon start," said Jagdish Khanore, PMC Superintending Engineer.

He said that the work on 11 new STPs under JICA funds has started and will be completed by March 2025 as per the new deadline. "The project got delayed due to technical issues but finally it is back on track. The project cost has increased from Rs 990 crore to Rs 1,173 crore and an additional Rs 250 crore for its operation and maintenance for the next 15 years," Khanore pointed out.

As per the plan, the river beautification project would beautify the 44 km of the Mula-Mutha river stretch passing through the Pune city limits.







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Deputy General Manager  
(Implementation & Rollout)

Place: Mumbai

Date: 23.06.2023

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SS Group  
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Place : Nagpur.

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TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.

Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46 Email:tmupur99@gmail.com Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

| Sl. No. | E-Procurement Tender No. & Date       | Materials Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | E.M.D Amount Rs. |
|---------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1       | KMF/2023-24/SE0036<br>Date:14-06-2023 | Co-Packing Of Milk, Curd And Butter Milk (Inclusive Of Processing, Pasteurization, Standardization, Homogenization, Packing, Refrigeration, Storage And Dispatch) facilities to Tumkur Milk Union for Nandini Milk, Curd and Butter Milk on biennial rate contract basis (period of Two years) at Mumbai | 48,00,000-00     |

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 19-06-2023 to 04-07-2023/ 2.00 P.M.**

2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **04-07-2023/ 2.00 P.M.**

3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **05-07-2023/ 2.30 P.M.**

4. Web Site Address For E-tender: [www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,

MANAGING DIRECTOR

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS EQUITAS FINANCE LTD)

Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002.

# 044-42995000, 044-42995050

SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of Immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, R/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on 12-07-2023 "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" for recovery of below mentioned amount due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from the following borrowers.

| Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.Mr. Vinod Shivaji Jagatap, S/o Mr. Shivaji, 2.Mrs. Vaishali Vinod Jagatap, W/o Mr. Vinod Shivaji Jagatap, (Both are residing at No. Manilalal Dada nagar, Iana Ward th Pusad Dist, Yavatmal, Pusad, Maharashtra-445204).<br>Loan Account No. - SEPUSAD0265903 Claim Amount Due Rs.1302292/- as on 02.07.2021 with further interest from 03.07.2021 with monthly rest, charges and costs etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs. 1997548/- as on 13.06.2023). | All that piece and parcel of land bearing layout converted Plot No.25, Old Property No. 121,Admeasuring 1614 Sq.ft (i.e. 150 Sq. Mtrs.) Situated at Mouza- wandu, out of Field Survey No.20/2-C within the limits of Grampanchayat, Warud., Tq. Pusad, Dist. Yavatmal . North by: Plot No.26, South by: Plot No.24, East by: 9 Mtrs. Layout Road, West by: Field of Mr. Tatar. Measurement : 1614 Sq.ft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Pusad and Registration District of Yavatmal, of Kancheepuram. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary / mamool rights annexed thereto. Reserve Price: Rs. 950000/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 95000/- Contact Names: Sagor Chandanshive : 9762651010, Vivek Aushal: 9011460034 |

Date of Auction: 12-07-2023

For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction sale, please refer to the link provided in [www.equitasbank.com](http://www.equitasbank.com) & <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Date : 23.06.2023

Place: Yavatmal

Authorized Officer-

Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया



Central Bank Of India

POSSESSION NOTICE under {RULE 8(1)}SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated mentioned on below column calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being and interest thereon and other charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to charge of the Central Bank of India, for the amount mentioned below and Interest thereon and charges/cost etc.

**Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower & Guarantor                                                          | Branch Name        | Description of Immovable Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Date of Demand Notice & Amount O/S. (Rs.)             | Date of Possession & Types of Possession |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | Mr. Mahadeo Banduji Mohadikar (Borrower) & Mr. Akash Mahadeo Mohadikar (Co-Borrower), | Maska sathi Branch | All that part and parcel of the property consisting Plot No. 895 admeasuring 55.74 Sq. Mtr (600 Sq. Ft), Sakarkardara Street Scheme NIT Kh. No. 25, 27/2, Mouza - Bidipeth, Ward No. 20, Division - South Tq. & Dist. Nagpur BOUNDED BY: NORTH:- Plot No. 894, EAST :- Plot No. 900, WEST :- Road, SOUTH:- Plot No. 896 | 17/03/2023<br>Rs. 2,65,149.30/- and interest thereon. | 17.06.2023<br>Symbolic Possession        |

PLACE : NAGPUR

DATE : 17/06/2023

(Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India)

MOTILAL OSWAL HOME LOANS

Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited

Regd. Office: Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahimtullah Sayani Road, Opp. Parel ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 025, Tel: (022) 47189999 Website: [www.motilaloswalhf.com](http://www.motilaloswalhf.com), Email: [hqenquiry@motilaloswal.com](mailto:hqenquiry@motilaloswal.com)

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 (the said Rule) In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of said Rule, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Co-borrowers, Guarantors to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above notice is hereby given once again to all the parties to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount dues on date of Demand Notice and Security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

| Sr. No. | Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Co-Applicant Name/Guarantor Name                                               | Demand Notice Date and Amount                                                                        | Description of secured asset(s) (Immovable Property /ies)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | LXAMR00418-190071802 / Dinesh Yashwant Shahane                                                                                           | 08-Jun-23/Rs.964226/- (Rupees Nine Lac Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Only)              | Plot No. 107, S. No 290/3, 291/2/A, 291/3 Shivanigri, Mouza- Tiwasa, Dist- Amravati, Amravati, Maharashtra 444903.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2       | LXAMR00116-170041811 / Vijaya Satishrao Adhau / Satish Sadashivrao Adhau                                                                 | 08-Jun-23/Rs.655231.4/- (Rupees Six Lac Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One and Forty. Paise) | Malmatta No.152, Ward No -2, Grampanchayat Taroda, Tah-Morshi, Dist- Amravati, Amravati Maharashtra 444905.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3       | LXBAH00316-170041060 / Moreshwar Motiram Zanzad / Nagesh Moreshwar Zanzad/ Shakuntala Moreshwar Zanzad/ Rinku Rakesh Wadhai              | 06-Jun-23/Rs.1012264/- (Rupees Ten Lac Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Only)             | Plot No/ 23 Gat No / 120/03/54 New Sai Nagar Nr/ Tai Petrol Pump Khat Road Khokhar Tah/ & Dist Bhandara 441904 Bhandara Maharashtra                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4       | LXBLU00116-170050061 / Madhukar Narayan Ghonge / Sunita Madhukar Ghonge                                                                  | 08-Jun-23/Rs.1051327/- (Rupees Ten Lac Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven Only)           | Plot No.23, Sr.no.59, Mz-Deulgaon Raja, Buldhana, Maharashtra 443204.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5       | LXYAV00116-170030505 / Mohan Vitthalrao Warzadkar / Vaishali Mohan Varzadkar/ Vimalabai Vitthal Warzadkar/ Arpita Mohan Warzadkar(Minor) | 06-Jun-23/Rs.1151526/- (Rupees Eleven Lac Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Only)           | Plot No. - 11(Part), Sr. No. - 40/1, Rani Sati Nagar, Near Tulaja Nagar, Arni Road, Wadgaon, Tahsil & District - Yavatmal, Maharashtra - 445001                                                                                                                                      |
| 6       | LXGON00317-180064464 / Pritpal Singh Chanchal Singh Goraya / Chanchalsingh Gyansingh Goraya                                              | 06-Jun-23/Rs.298166/- (Rupees Two Lac Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six Only)              | All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Address – T.S. No.30, Gat No.98, Thak No.92, Mouza Fulchur, Near Politechnic College, Sales Tax Colony, Tah. And Dist. - Gondia, Maharashtra-441601, East- 15 Ft. Road, West- 3 Ft. Gally, North - Land Of Others, South :- Land Of Others |
| 7       | LXMY000217-180067450 / Ravi Subbanna / Mani Cikkadevanayaka                                                                              | 08-Jun-23/Rs.231413/- (Rupees Two Lac Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Only)                | No.3544, L-5/A, Javarati Beedi, Veerangere, Lashkar Mohalla, Nr Hotel Bs International, Mysore, Karnataka 570001.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8       | LXNAG00135-160021283 / Kishor Gulabrao Raut / Savita Kishor Raut                                                                         | 21-Apr-23/Rs.2431791/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Only)   | Plot No 46, Mouza Godhani, Ph.no.12, Kh.no.149, Vainkatesh Nagar, Nr.T.m. Wilkenson School, Godhni, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440030                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9       | LXNAG00136-170037768 / Kishor Gulabrao Raut / Savita Kishor Raut                                                                         | 21-Apr-23/Rs.2431791/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Only)   | Plot No 46, Mouza Godhani, Ph.no.12, Kh.no.149, Vainkatesh Nagar, Nr.T.m. Wilkenson School, Godhni, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440030                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10      | LXWAA00116-170042100 / Satish Aroon Ghardinkar / Arun Mukunda Ghardinkar                                                                 | 08-Jun-23/Rs.528815/- (Rupees Five Lac Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Only)             | Plot No-17, (Pt) Gandhi Nagar, Karanja, Dist- Washim, Washim Maharashtra 444105.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to MOHFL as aforesaid MOHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets Under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the cost and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of MOHFL. Any person who contravenes or abates contravention of the provision of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and / or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-

Authorized Officer,

(Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited)

Place : Maharashtra

Date : 23.06.2023

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

| S.No | Packages                                                                                                                                                                        | Issue date | Due date |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1    | Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and Fulfillment of Performance Guarantees of One (1) No. AFBC Power Boiler of 125 tph at TNPL Unit-I | 28.06.23   | 07.08.23 |

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our websites : [www.tnpl.com](http://www.tnpl.com) / [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in), [www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app](http://www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app)

DIPR/3195/Tender/2023

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Regd. Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (W), Mumbai 400013.

Branch Office: RPM, HDFC Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola 444 001.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Immovable Properties Taken over, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, for sale on "as is where is & what is there is basis".

| Names of the Borrowers / Guarantor and Loan A/c No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Outstanding Dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) | Location & Details of Immovable Property                                                                                                                   | Reserve Price                      | Date of inspection                     | Date(s) of E-Auction & Timing                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Krishna Sales Corporation, Shop No. 03, Wing 'A', Building No.05, Dreemland Business Park, Morshi Road, Maaje Bargaon Pargane, Nandgaonpeth, Tq. & Dist. Amravati.<br>2) Prakash Rajkumar Chimmnani, 1) Sakarsath Javahar Gate, Nr. Petrol Pump, Shani Mandir, Amravati.<br>2) Line No. 01, Nr. Mithu Chakki, Rampuri Camp., Shivaji Nagar, Amravati.<br>3) Simaraj Rajkumar Chimmnani, Line No. 01, Nr. Mithu Chakki, Rampuri Camp., Shivaji Nagar, Amravati. | Rs. 72,48,211/- as on 28/08/2020.               | Dreemland Business Park, Wing "A", Building No. 05, Shop No. 03, At Nandgaon, Bargaon Pargane, Morshi Road, Nandgaon Peth , Tq. & Dist. Amravati -444 901. | Rs. 64,75,464/- EMD Rs. 6,47,546/- | 07/07/2023 BETWEEN 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM | 12/07/2023 At 11.00 AM to 12.00 NOON with unlimited extension of 5 Mins. |

(loan A/c No. 83332733 )

"with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and /or realisation.

**NB:** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer (A.O.) of HDFC Bank Ltd., there are no encumbrances. The particulars in respect of the secured assets specified hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, who, however shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The tenderer(s) / prospective purchaser(s) are, therefore requested in their own interests, to satisfy himself / themselves with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property / properties, before submitting the tenders.

**Terms & Conditions of Sale:-** (1) Sale is strictly subject to the terms & conditions stipulated in the prescribed Tender Document / E-Bidding catalogue and in this notice. Further details of the immovable properties / secured assets and Tender Documents / Online Auction Catalogue can be collected / obtained from the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. at Retail Portfolio Management, 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola. 444001 on any working day as can be downloaded from <https://hdfcbank.auctiontiger.net>. Properties are available for inspection on the date(s) and time mentioned above in column. (2) Sealed tenders / (in the prescribed tender documents / E-bidding catalogue only ) along with 10% of the offer amount towards Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be deposited in the office HDFC Bank Ltd. at Retail Portfolio Management, 3rd Floor, Land Mark Building, Gorakshan Road, Old IT Squair, Akola. 444001 on or before 07/07/2023 till 5 PM. Payments should be made only by demand drafts/pay orders drawn on a scheduled bank in favour of "HDFC BANK LTD." payable at par at Akola. Tenders that are not duly filled up or tenders not accompanied by the EMD or tenders received after the above date prescribed herein will not be considered / treated as valid tenders, and shall accordingly be rejected. The date of E-auction and time mentioned herein above in column. (2) The bid incremental values for said property will be **Rs. 50,000/-**. (3) Documents: along with tender documents / e-bidding catalogue the tenderer/s should also attach copy of his / her photo identity proof such as copy of the passport, election commission card, driving license, copy of the PAN Card issued by the Income Tax Department, Aadhar Card etc. Please note that proof of residence countersigned by the tenderer / offerer herself / himself also needs to be provided. (4) The Borrower(S) / Mortgagor(S), Guarantor(S) of the Immovable Properties/Secured Assets may, if they so desire, give/sponsor their Best Possible Valid Offer (S) for the immovable properties/secured assets offered for sale provided that the terms and conditions of sale are duly complied with. (5) T h e tenderers / prospective purchasers will be given an opportunity to increase / improve their offers during online auction. The additional terms and conditions for tenders/prospective purchasers participating in online auction are : (A) e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) is Assisting The Authorized Officer In Conducting The Online Auction. (B) Detailed Terms And Condition For Participating In The Online Auction, Format, Application, Declaration, etc. Can Be Downloaded From Website <https://hdfcbank.auctiontiger.net>. (C) Upon Receipt of The Necessary Documents As Mentioned Above Within The Stipulated Date and time, a Password / User ID will be provided by M/s. e-Procurement technologies limited to Eligible Tenderers/Prospective Purchasers To Participate In The Online Auction at <https://hdfcbank.auctiontiger.net>. Necessary trainings will be provided by M/s. e-Procurement technologies limited. for the purpose. (6) Statutory dues like property taxes/cess and / or builder / society dues, contribution to building repair funds, transfer charges, any other taxes etc. should be ascertained by the tenderer(s) / offerer(s) / prospective purchaser(s) and the same shall be borne and paid by the purchaser. The stamp duty, legal charges, registration charges and GST if any as applicable in respect of the sale certificate to be executed shall be paid by the purchaser alone. (7) The person declared to be the purchaser shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit 25% of the amount of purchase money to the 'Authorised Officer' immediately and remaining 75% to be deposited within 15 days from the date of auction date, in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again for sale and resold.

In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents-bidding catalogue or inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of HDFC BANK LTD., Mr. Sunil Kumthekar on 9371619596, Mr. Sachin Bochare on 9850522233 or Email: [sunil.kumthekar@hdfcbank.com](mailto:sunil.kumthekar@hdfcbank.com), [sachin.bochare@hdfcbank.com](mailto:sachin.bochare@hdfcbank.com) and Officials of M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited ( Auction Tiger ), Ahmedabad. Bidder Support Numbers: 9265562821, 079 61200994 / 598 / 568 / 587 / 538, Email : [gujarat@auctiontiger.net](mailto:gujarat@auctiontiger.net) and [chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net](mailto:chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net).

HDFC Bank reserves its right to accept or to reject highest and/or all offers and to cancel entire auction proceedings without assigning any reasons.

**THIS NOTICE SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS 30 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER / MORTGAGER UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.**

Sd/-

Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

Date: 22/06/2023

Place: Akola.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat 362266

Branch Office: Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, 1st Floor, Lohia Jain Arcade, S. No. 106, Near Charturshrungi Temple, Senapati Bapat Road- Pune- 411016. 1.ABHFL: Authorized Officer Mr. Sandeep Tiwari; Contact No- 976447088, Jignesh Jadhav: Contact: 9823271213, Chirag Lokhande: Contact: 973758208. 2.Auction Service Provider (ASP):- M/s. Globe Tech Infosystems Private Limited - Mr. Samir Chakravorty; Contact No. +91 9810029933, +91 1244470855, email id- CARE@BestAuctionDeal.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Whereas the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor has taken possession of the following Secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" Basis.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrowers & Co-Borrowers                                                | Description of Properties / Secured Assets: | Amount as per Demand Notice | Reserve Price | EMD | Last EMD Date | Inspection Date & Time | Date of E-Auction |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1       | Sunil Navanath Langote, Akshaya Sunil Langote, Mahalaxmi Construction And Services. | All                                         |                             |               |     |               |                        |                   |



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ते ३०/०६/२०२३, वेळ- दुपारी २.३० पर्यंत.

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| ९९/-                   | २४,९९,९८६=००                        | २५,०००/-             | १२<br>महिने    | श्री. संजीव वावरे,<br>०२०-२५५०१२२१                         |

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Face authentication now in PM-Kisan mobile app, a first for Govt schemes

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

IN A first for any central welfare scheme, the government Thursday rolled out a face authentication feature in the PM-Kisan app, which will enable beneficiary farmers to complete their e-KYC process by just scanning their face on mobile phones instead of using one-time password or fingerprints.

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the app feature at an event, which was attended by Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary, Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja, Additional Secretary Pramod Kumar Meherda and senior officials from the states.

Sharing details of the new feature, Meherda said, "PM-Kisan scheme has become the first scheme of the government to do e-KYC through facial authentication mobile app. This app is very much useful for the farmers who are aged and also their mobile number is not linked with their Aadhaar."

Meherda said the ministry began pilot testing of the face authentication feature in the PM-Kisan mobile app on May 21 this year. Since then, e-KYC of 3 lakh farmers has been done successfully, he said.

Until now, e-KYC of the PM-Kisan beneficiaries used to be done through either biometrics at a designated centre or one-time passwords sent to mobile phone numbers linked with Aadhaar. However, during the e-KYC exercise, officials found many instances when farmers' mobile numbers were not linked

to Aadhaar due to which the process could not be completed, said an official. In the case of biometrics, several elderly farmers faced problems going to the nearby centre. Also, many faced the issue of non-matching of fingerprints.

Therefore, to ease the e-KYC process, the ministry decided to introduce the face authentication feature in the PM-Kisan mobile app, an official said.

The face authentication feature uses iris data of a person having an Aadhaar number. "The Aadhaar iris data was available with the Unique Identification Authority of India. So, we requested them to give us access to the face authentication feature," the official said.

In another move, the official said, the PM-Kisan scheme is also integrating with Bhashini to provide farmers information in their native language. Bhashini is the government's National Public Digital Platform for languages to develop services and products for citizens by leveraging the power of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies.

Launched in 2019, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi or PM-Kisan scheme gives beneficiaries financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal instalments every four months. The amount is transferred to the bank accounts of eligible farmers' families across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

According to the Agriculture Ministry, more than 11 crore farmers have availed the scheme and an amount of Rs 2.42 lakh crore has been transferred to their accounts.

2 Bihar brothers used mother's CoWIN ID to leak data: Delhi Police

JIGNASA SINHA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

DELHI POLICE Special Cell has arrested a man from Bihar and apprehended his minor brother for allegedly leaking data from CoWIN, the government's web portal for Covid-19 vaccination registration. Police said the two illegally accessed information on the portal, retrieved personal details of a few individuals and created a bot, which was uploaded on Telegram.

The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Special Cell lodged an FIR earlier this month for the alleged data breach and analysed the Telegram channel where the data was being shared. Several raids were conducted and the main accused, a 22-year-old unemployed man who has completed B.Tech from a Bihar institute, was arrested from Patna.

Based on the investigation, his minor brother, aged around 17,

was also found to be involved in the case and apprehended from their house. The police brought the two to Delhi and produced them before the court. The brothers are being questioned by the Delhi Police and other agencies in connection with the data breach.

Sources said the two created the Telegram bot to merely "gain more followers". According to the police, the two did not sell the data to anyone. The two brothers used the log in ID and credentials of their mother, an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) in Patna, to access the data on CoWIN.

"The mother will also be questioned. She was not aware that her CoWIN ID had been compromised. While not much is known, we found that the sons gained access to the mother's ID and took data of a few individuals from Bihar. They created a bot and circulated the information on their Telegram channel to gain more followers. At present, we haven't found any other motive," said a senior police officer from the

Special Cell. Experts said ANM workers only have access to data for the people they vaccinate. The data is also limited to phone numbers, dosage information and district centre information.

Last week, reports surfaced on a purported breach of data of beneficiaries registered on the CoWIN platform. The data had been accessed by a Telegram bot, which revealed the gender, date of birth, Aadhaar details, address, centre for vaccination etc. of beneficiaries. On June 12, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued a press release stating that the Telegram bot was not using CoWIN's application programming interface.

Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), the nodal cyber security agency, had reviewed the alleged breach and found the CoWIN portal was not "directly breached".

2009 Shopian deaths: J&K sacks 2 docs, says fudged autopsies at Pak behest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 22

FOURTEEN YEARS after widespread protests in the Valley over allegations of the rape and murder of two women by security forces in Shopian — a charge which a CBI probe later found to be untrue — the J&K administration has terminated the services of two doctors involved in the autopsies of the two women.

Dr Nighat Shaheen Chiloo and Dr Bilal Ahmad Dalal were dismissed Thursday with government sources saying that the two doctors had "actively worked with Pakistan and hatched a conspiracy with its assets within Kashmir to falsify the post-mortem report". The two were among 13 chargesheeted by the CBI for allegedly fabricating evidence in 2009.

An order issued by the General Administration Department stated: "Whereas the Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of information available that the activities of Dr Chiloo, consultant gynaecologist in the Sub District Hospital Chadoora Budgam... are such as to warrant her dismissal from the service." It adds that the

L-G "is satisfied... that in the interest of the security of the state, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case".

The order terminating Dr Dalal, a medical officer at a New Type Primary Health Centre (NT-PHC), from service is similarly worded.

It was on May 29, 2009 that the two women — a 19-year-old and her 22-year-old sister-in-law — went missing in Shopian. A day later, their bodies were found in the Rambiar stream.

Following allegations that they had been raped and murdered by security forces, people took to streets in large numbers, leading to a shutdown for over a month when National Conference's Omar Abdullah was in power.

This prompted the then state government to constitute an inquiry by retired Justice Muzaffar Ahmad Jan.

According to government sources, in the months between June and December 2009, the Valley saw 42 strike calls, leading to widespread rioting. A total of 251 FIRs were registered, seven people lost their lives and 103 were injured.

As public pressure mounted, the police, on June 7, 2009, filed an FIR under sections of rape and

murder. When the Justice Jan Commission submitted its report, it was rejected by the Majlis-e-Mushawarat Shopian, a committee formed by people of Shopian to spearhead the agitation.

In its report, the one-man commission had accused the police of destruction of evidence, and pointed fingers at the character of the husband of one of the women.

Acting on the report, the government suspended four police officers, including the then Shopian Superintendent of Police and his deputy.

As protests continued in the Valley, the government handed over the case to the CBI, which ruled out rape and murder in December 2009.

The CBI chargesheeted 13 people in the case — six doctors, five lawyers and two others including the brother of one of the victims. The doctors, including the two dismissed Thursday, and the then Shopian Chief Medical Officer were accused of fabrication of evidence.

"The ultimate aim of the two doctors was to create disaffection against the Indian state by falsely accusing the security forces of rape and murder," government sources said Thursday.

Nearly 5 lakh hit, one dead as Assam flood situation worsens

SUKRITA BARUAH  
GUWAHATI, JUNE 22

MORE THAN 14,000 people in Assam are currently taking shelter in relief camps across the state with a sudden escalation in the flood situation. On Thursday,

the state recorded its first flood-related death this year, in Tamulpur district.

The monsoon hit Assam on June 10. Till Tuesday evening, the total number of people affected by floods in the state was 34,089. As of Tuesday, there was only one relief camp with 56 inmates.

However, the number of people affected rapidly rose to 1,19,830 by Wednesday evening and 4,95,799 by Thursday evening. Assam State Disaster Management Authority CEO Gyanendra Dev Tripathi said 14,035 people are living in 83 relief camps across 11 districts.

Classes resume at Balasore school used as morgue

SUJIT BISOI  
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 22

A DAY after classes resumed at the Bahananaga High School in Odisha's Balasore, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday sanctioned Rs 2.49 crore for the development of the school. A portion of the school had been razed by the administration after parents objected to their children going back to classrooms that had been used as temporary morgues in the aftermath of the June 2 train tragedy. On Wednesday, when students returned to the school following summer vacations, they were

accommodated in the newly painted portions of the school. A yagna was also performed before the start of classes.

However, the first two days of the new academic year saw only around 50 per cent attendance at the school, which has a total of 565 students. Head teacher Pramila Swain attributed the low attendance to the fact that a nearby level crossing, which she said many students have to cross in order to get to the school, has remained closed.

"We had discussed the issue with Railway authorities. They are going to open the level crossing very soon, after which attendance will be normal," Swain said.



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Bank of Maharashtra organises customer connect and outreach program in Pune



Bank of Maharashtra, organised a customer connect and outreach program at Yerwada, Pune on 13th June, 2023. Shri Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra attended the event alongwith Shri Rajesh Singh, General Manager, Retail & MSME and Shri Amit Sharma, General Manager, Corporate Credit from Head Office. Ms. Aparna Joglekar, General Manager & Zonal Manager, Pune City; Dr. Javed Mohnavi, Zonal Manager, Pune East; Shri Rahul Waghmare, Zonal Manager, Pune West, alongwith the Branch Managers and staff hosted the event. More than 250 customers from diverse fields viz. Retail, MSME, Agriculture, SHGs, Corporate, Export-Import, Forex, Start-ups etc. participated in the event.

International Day of Yoga 2023 (IDY-2023) is celebrated at the World Peace Dome at MIT ADT University with Grandeur and Collaboration



The International Day of Yoga 2023 (IDY-2023) was celebrated on Wednesday, 21st June 2023, with a magnificent event that united various esteemed organizations and institutions in a collaborative effort to promote holistic well-being. MIT School of Holistic Development,

MIT ADT University, in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, and several prominent partners, this event marked a significant milestone in the month-long celebration conducted under the theme of 'Yoga for Vasudaiva Kutumbakam.'

Aryans Group of companies ties up with Korean company for semi-conductor production



Aryans Group of companies recently tied up with Korean company – Clap for semi-conductor production. This will help our country to become Atmanirbhar in semi-conductor production. Aryans Group has initially invested Rs 800-900 Cr and will increase in future. Currently India is completely dependent on

China and Vietnam for its semi-conductor requirements resulting in higher prices of electronic products. The goal of Aryans Group is to work towards making India a hub for semi-conductors using cutting edge technology. Company is in the production of Display Fab in India.

Nine awards for Setu Advertising at Goafest 2023



City based Setu Advertising has received 9 awards at Goafest 2023, which is South Asia's biggest advertising festival. It is jointly organized by the Advertising Agencies

Association of India (AAAI) and The Advertising Club. The agency has won 9 Awards at the Abby One Show Awards at Goafest 2023, one of the most promising advertising and marketing industry events. Setu received these awards for their work done for Wagh Bakri Tea Group and Sahyadri Hospitals. The 9 awards include 5 silver, 3 bronze and 1 merit award for the work done in various categories like ambient media, direct response, branded content and entertainment and integrated advertising.

Yoga day sessions by Ellicium Solutions Pvt. Ltd



Ellicium Solutions Pvt. Ltd a data analytics company from Kothrud. On the occasion of World Yoga Day, Ellicium rolled out its Health and Wellness program with a series of 5 sessions spanning over the next 2 weeks, conducted by Wellness expert Shriya Kulkarni.

Mr. Praveenkumar Gandhi designated as Vice Chairman of Cosmos Bank

Mr. Praveenkumar Gandhi is a Chartered Accountant with over 32 years with General Insurance Corporation of India. He retired as its General Manager and Financial Advisor. Presently, he is working as senior executive with Insurance Broking firm after retirement. As informed by the Bank's Internal Staff Union, Mr. Anant Padhye, Chief Manager from Mumbai is appointed as Staff Representative. Mr. Padhye is working with the Bank since last 32 years and looking over the work of Cosmos Bank Sevak Sangh for more than 20 years.



The CGST & Customs, Pune Zone celebrated the international Yoga Day 2023 on 21.06.2023, in the presence of Chief Commissioner Dr. K.N. Raghavan and Commissioner S/Shri Sanjay Mahendru, V.N. Thete, Dilip Goyal, Ravindra Dange and Bhupendra Singh Suhag. The theme of the event was "Yoga for Vasudhaiva kutumbkam". The event was organized by the Audit-I & Audit-II Commissioners, of Pune Zone. A large number of departmental officers and staff participated in the event and pledged to practice Yoga for a healthy life.

DSTA's Seminar



Pune's Deccan Sugar Technologist Association (India) has recently organized seminar on 'Juice certification and Ethanol Developed Technology. Seminar was inaugurated with the hands of Pandurang Raut (Chairman- Shreenath Mhaskoba Sugar factory). This seminar got tremendous response.

Mr S. B. Bhad (President of DSTA) was the chief of the event. He had delivered welcome speech & explained progress of the organization. M.R. Kulkarni, Bharat Taware, Mrs Gauri Pawar was also present for the event. Seminar was attended by most of the representatives from Maharashtra and Gujarat.

PNG Jewellers Achieves Great Place to Work® Certification for the Second Consecutive Year, Earning High Trust Index Scores



PNG Jewellers is proud to announce that it has once again been certified as a Great Place to Work® in India. Chairman and Managing Director, Dr. Saurabh Gadgil, expressed his elation regarding this recognition and highlighted the key acts of leadership that define PNG

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## REACHING OUT

AS PART of BJP leaders' outreach programmes, including prominent personalities, to mark nine years of the Modi government, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri on Thursday visited an old friend, cardiac surgeon Dr Naresh Trehan. After the visit, which was part of the BJP's "Sampark se Samarthan" initiative, Puri said in a tweet: "I have had the privilege of knowing Dr Trehan from very early days! His brother Naveen & I are childhood friends! Through the years, I have admired his well deserved rise to the top echelons of medical profession, his dedication as a doctor & humane acts of Seva."

## ECOURTS' SUCCESS

The eCourts project launched with the objective of transforming the country's judiciary through Information & Communication Technology (ICT) is turning out to be a grand success. Data by the Ministry of Law and Justice show that under the eCourts mission mode project, the district and subordinate courts, and high courts held approximately 2.74 crore hearings till May 31, 2023 while the Supreme Court held 4.83 lakh hearings during this period.

# Protection of Muslim minorities in India worth mentioning, Obama tells Biden

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

"IF PRESIDENT (Joe Biden) meets with Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi, the protection of Muslim minority in a majority Hindu India is something worth mentioning," said former American President Barack Obama on Thursday. Obama was responding to a question by CNN's Christiane Amanpour in an interview, on how Biden should engage with leaders such as Chinese President Xi Jinping and PM Modi, who is considered "autocratic... illiberal democrat".

Obama said, "The POTUS has a lot of equities and when I was POTUS, I would deal with figures, in some cases who were allies, who, if you would press me in private, do they run their governments and their political parties in ways that I would say are ideally democratic... I would have to say no."

But, he added, "You would have to do business with them because they are important for national security reasons, because they are a range of economic interests. I dealt with China and PM Modi to get the Paris Accords done because climate change transcends any momentary issues." However, he remarked that it would be appropriate for Biden, "to uphold those principles and to challenge, whether behind closed doors or in public, trends that are troubling".

If he had a conversation with PM Modi, who he knew well, Obama said, part of his argument would be that if you do not protect the rights of ethnic minorities

in India, there is a strong possibility that India, at some point, starts pulling apart. "And we have seen what happens when you start getting large internal conflicts... That would be contrary to the interests not only of the Muslim India, but also Hindu India. I think it's important to be able to talk about these things honestly," he said.

In January 2015, during his speech at Delhi's Siri Fort Auditorium, a day after attending the Republic Day ceremony as Chief Guest, Obama had expressed his views on freedom of religion in India as well as in America. "Across our two great countries, we have Hindus and Muslims, Christians and Sikhs, and Jews and Buddhists and Jains and so many faiths. And we remember the wisdom of Gandhiji, who said, 'for me, the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree'."

"Our freedom of religion is written into our founding documents. It's part of America's very first amendment. Your Article 25 says that all people are 'equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion.'"

In both our countries — in all countries — upholding this fundamental freedom is the responsibility of the government, but it's also the responsibility of every person. "The peace we seek in the world... finds its glorious expression when we look beyond any differences in religion or tribe, and rejoice in the beauty of every soul. And now here is that more important than India," he had said.

# 'Made-in-Surat', eco-friendly diamond: PM Modi's gift to US First Lady Jill Biden

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
SURAT, JUNE 22

AS PRIME Minister Narendra Modi met US President Joe Biden and his wife Jill Biden at the White House on Thursday, he had a special gift for the First Lady with a Surat connect — an "eco-friendly" lab-grown diamond. The diamond weighing 7.5 carats was produced, cut, and polished at a firm in Surat.

The diamond has been made based on the theme of "75 years Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav," underlines Patel, co-convenor of GJEPCC (Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council) Lab-Grown Diamond. "And that's

why the green diamond weighs 7.5 carats. It takes over 1.5 months to produce such diamonds through CVD (Chemical Vapour Deposition) technology," he adds.

Explaining why it's eco-friendly, he shares, "The diamond has been made through wind power and solar energy so it is known as an eco-friendly lab-grown diamond. Special care has been taken to make sure that the diamond becomes a unique piece and special technology was used for cutting and polishing."

"The diamond falls in the category of 2-A type in terms of purity (top grade molecular level purity), which is found in Kohinoor diamond (natural diamond). Such diamonds are rare,

## NINE YEARS OF MODI GOVERNMENT

# Shah highlights PM achievements in Chhattisgarh, dubs CM 'corrupt'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
RAIPUR, JUNE 22

TO MARK the nine years of Modi government at the Centre, Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Chhattisgarh's Durg district on Thursday and thanked the people for voting the BJP to power in two consecutive Lok Sabha elections. In his speech, Shah showered praises on Modi and accused Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel of corruption and not keeping his promises while predicting a win for the BJP in the coming Assembly elections.

Shah began his speech by comparing nine years of Modi's governance with the previous Congress government, saying, "Sonia-Manmohan government did a lot of corruption but no corruption allegations have been made against the Modi government. We abrogated Article 370 in Kashmir and in January 2024 we will inaugurate the Ram temple in Ayodhya."

Shah accused the Congress of not doing anything on the two issues for 70 years. Shah also accused the Congress government of going soft on across-the-border terrorism, and how things have changed under the Modi rule citing surgical strikes and air strikes.

Shah also claimed all the poor people in the country received free foodgrains and other



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a public meeting in Durg, Chhattisgarh, on Thursday. PTI

benefits like subsidised cooking gas, water pipelines, toilets, electricity, houses, and health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh.

About Chhattisgarh, Shah said Maoist activities have been contained and only a small part in Bastar remains affected by the Left wing extremism.

"There have been scams after scams in the state — coal levy scam, liquor scam, PDS scam... Baghel sir you should be ashamed for not keeping your promises. After elections you are going to lose your CM chair and BJP will return to power. You (Baghel) said liquor will be banned but instead home delivery of liquor has started. You promised 10 lakh jobs and al-

lowance for the unemployed youth but did not keep the promise. You are taking credit for the rice bought by the Modi government," added Shah.

Shah made a series of allegations on alleged misgovernance of the Congress government and also accused Baghel of burdening the state government with huge loans taken for welfare schemes.

The Home Minister had to attend another public meeting at Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat later in the day but his helicopter could not land due to bad weather. The helicopter headed back towards Raipur, said MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.



## SHARING NOTES

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar with Jammu and Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha at the special convocation ceremony of Jammu University on Thursday. PTI

■ Speaking at the event, V-P Dhankhar expressed concern over "orchestrated efforts by certain forces to spread false narratives that are detrimental to the country".

■ He said there is zero tolerance for corruption now. "You may be anyone, of any identity or religion, you are accountable to law. The mechanism is transparent."

■ On abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, the V-P said he had been advocating for it for the last 20 years. "It (Article 370) was temporary but lasted for 70 years," he said.

# KCR inaugurates housing project for urban poor

REENIVAS JANYALA  
HYDERABAD JUNE 22

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday inaugurated a housing project for the urban poor and handed over keys and ownership documents of the two-bedroom flats to four beneficiaries. The 'dignity housing colony' has been built by the state government at



K Chandrasekhar Rao

Kollur, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, in Sangareddy district for the homeless urban be-

low poverty line (BPL) families.

The colony has 15,660 two-bedroom units—each 560 sq feet—in 117 blocks. Each block has two elevators. It is constructed on 111 acres and built in a 2.5-km radius. The colony is planned with an outlay of Rs 1,489.29 crore, and with 25 per cent of land is marked for greenery, playgrounds, and recreation facilities. Facilities like dedicated cycling and walking tracks, open

air gyms, indoor sports complexes, multipurpose playground, open air auditorium, and Bathukamma festival ghats are some of the features of the colony. Housing Minister V Prashant Reddy said that the Kollur project is Asia's largest community housing project constructed by a state government.

The CM, several ministers and government officials spent over an hour going around the colony.

# Sri Lankan navy arrests 22 Tamil Nadu fishermen

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
CHENNAI, JUNE 23

THE SRI Lankan navy arrested 22 Indian fishermen and detained four trawlers in a special operation carried out in the early hours of Thursday. According to the Sri Lankan navy, four Indian trawlers were seized from the northwest waters off Delft Island, Jaffna.

Arrested Indian fishermen are from Ramanathapuram and Pudukkottai districts of Tamil Nadu. The Sri Lankan navy said their action came as a response to curb illicit fishing activities threatening the local marine environment and livelihoods of the indigenous fishing community.

# Patna meet will unveil 2024 roadmap, say Opp leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

ON THE eve of the first joint meeting of the Opposition parties, scheduled for June 23 in Patna, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) made public its president Jayant Chaudhary's decision to skip the conclave due to a "pre-decided family programme".

This came after the Janata Dal (United), which is hosting the meet, said Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati has not been invited to the event.

Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s Bihar unit distanced itself from a poster in

# Russia distances itself from G20 tourism meet's final outcome

At Goa meet, ministers support 5 priority areas identified by India's G20 Presidency

DIVYAA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

RUSSIA HAS dissociated itself from the G20 Tourism ministerial meeting's outcome document owing to two paragraphs that mention and "deplore" the war in Ukraine and also call the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons as "inadmissible".

The final outcome document at the end of the four-day tourism working group and ministerial meeting in Goa — from June 19 to 22 — says that paras 1 to 3 and 6 to 36 "have been unanimously agreed to by all G20 delegations". However, regarding paragraphs 4 and 5, only the chair's summary was released.

The two paragraphs were taken from the Bali Declaration issued by G20 leaders in November last year, which called for an immediate end to the Ukraine conflict, holding that "today's era must not be of war", echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir Putin in their bilateral meeting in Uzbekistan last September: "Russia disassociated itself from the status of this document as a common outcome because of references to para 4 and 5," the document mentions.

However, the G20 tourism ministers "reaffirmed the importance of working towards the full recovery of tourism from the impact of Covid-19 pandemic and advancing the role of tourism in accelerating the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

According to officials, more than 12 tourism ministers, including those from the UK, South Africa, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia,

Turkey, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Mauritius, attended the G20 tourism ministerial meet in Goa. China, which didn't send its representation to the last tourism working group meeting in Srinagar (along with Turkey and Saudi Arabia), didn't attend this meeting as well.

Besides China, Egypt — as a G20 guest country — didn't send its representation this time after skipping the Srinagar meet. Ministers from G20 countries, around 130 delegates, participated in the Goa meeting.

The ministers unanimously supported the five tourism priority areas identified by India's G20 Presidency — Green Tourism; Digitalisation, Skills, Tourism MSMEs, and Destination Management.

They also committed to advancing "gender equality and empowerment of women through tourism policies and initiatives". The document said even as women account for 54 per cent of the sector's global labour force worldwide, they tend to be concentrated in the lowest paid and lowest status jobs in tourism, and perform a large amount of unpaid work in family tourism businesses.

In his message to the G20 ministers on Wednesday, PM Narendra Modi had underlined that tourism has the potential to create a harmonious society. "It is said that terrorism divides, but tourism unites," he said.

Addressing reporters at the conclusion of the event, Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy said the Goa Roadmap for Tourism — another official document released at the end of the meeting — will serve as a shared blueprint for G20 nations to achieve the 17 SDGs identified by the UN.

# Gambia to run strict quality check on Indian drugs before shipment

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THE GAMBIAN drug controller has mandated that July onwards all drugs exported to it from India will have to undergo documentation verification, physical inspection, and quality control testing before shipment.

Mumbai-based Quntrol Laboratories Private Limited has been appointed by the Gambian Medicines Control Agency to carry out the necessary checks and issue a Clean Report of Inspection and Analysis (CRIA).

This comes nearly a year after 70 children died in the Gambia allegedly after consuming contaminated syrups manufactured by Haryana-based Maiden pharmaceuticals.

"All shipments arriving in The Gambia with bill of landing dated on or after 1st July 2023 will be required to provide the CRIA for customs clearance at the ports of entry," said a guid-

ance document by the Gambian drug regulator.

The guidelines state that companies would have to register as exporters to the Gambia by filling out company details, providing copy of manufacturing licence, copy of WHO GMP certificate, information of the Gambian importer, getting its manufacturing and warehouse sites inspected, and paying a one-time non-refundable fee of Rs 20,000.

Thereafter, the companies will have to raise inspection requests for every consignment. The product documents will be checked, a physical examination will be carried out to check for product label compliance and shelf life, and a sample for analysis will be collected. This inspection will be carried out once the products are loaded onto the shipping containers. The inspection cost will also be borne by the exporter. "If the exporter is not satisfied with the results... the exporter shall have an option to request for repeat analysis," the guidelines say.



# MODI IN AMERICA



## Defence to space, ties soar

### INDUS-X is unveiled, startups to boost ties in defence, innovation

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INDIAN AND American startups will now be able to co-develop and co-produce advanced technologies, including in areas of space artificial intelligence, under the India-United States Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) which was launched at an event in Washington Thursday.

The launch coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day State visit to the US. What makes the launch critical is that it comes within months of operationalising the US-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) – NSA Ajit Doval met his US counterpart Jack Sullivan in February. Several startups of both countries are working in areas of critical technologies.

In a statement, the US Department of Defense said the INDUS-X will vitalise defence industrial cooperation between the two countries and unlock the new innovations in technology and manufacturing.

"INDUS-X will create jobs for working families in both countries and promote global peace, security, and prosperity," it said.

Post the launch event, the US Department of Defense and the Indian Ministry of Defence welcomed a collaboration agenda outlining initiatives that INDUS-X stakeholders would spearhead.

"These initiatives complement existing government-to-government collaboration and include joint prize challenges for start-ups, roundtable events, mentor-protégé initiatives between major primes and start-ups, and the formation of a Senior Advisory Group," it said.

The collaboration agenda lists points like mentor-protégé partnerships for startups by defence firms of both countries, academic and startup programming partnerships with universities and collaboration of startups with defence majors' supply chains.

It also mentions possible public-private partnerships, such as innovation, testing, and certification labs and centres for defence startup collaboration, a joint innovation fund for which private investors will be engaged to garner support for investment in defence and dual-use startups, easing regulations for cross-border

der development and trade as well as standardisation of Indo-US certifications for technology startups.

Both sides also said that INDUS-X will catalyse innovation and help equip both countries' armed forces with the capabilities they need to defend a free and open Indo-Pacific.

In his keynote address at the event, Frank Kendall, US Secretary of the Air Force, said the India-US relationship is growing exponentially and there is enormous potential for startups of both nations to collaborate in deep tech innovations, especially in the Space and Artificial Intelligence (AI) domains.

Anurag Bajpai, Joint Secretary (Defence Industries Promotion) in the Ministry of Defence, said the launch of iCET was a landmark event in India-US relationship, adding that this was an opportune moment for this event, as the leaders of the two largest and oldest democracies of the world meet in Washington. Bajpai led the Indian delegation at the two-day event on June 20-21.

Stressing on the co-development and co-production of advanced technologies by Indian and the US startups, he asked the participants to develop mechanisms for future collaboration across industries, academia, and investors while also giving an overview of the Make in India initiative of the Modi government.

The event included representatives from more than 30 US and Indian startups, as well as government, business, academic, and thought leaders in wide-ranging discussions to advance cutting-edge technology cooperation between the countries' defence industrial ecosystems, according to the US DoD statement.

The event was co-organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Ministry of Defence, Department of Defense and hosted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC), the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Innovative technologies developed by Indian and US startups were jointly showcased at the event.

Fifteen Indian and 10 US startups, working in the domains of maritime, AI, autonomous systems, and space, showcased their technologies to Indian and US stakeholders.



PM Narendra Modi with President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden, V-P Kamala Harris and others at the State Arrival Ceremony in White House, Thursday. Reuters

### INSIDE PM's GIFT BOX

**Ajyadaan:** Ghee sourced from Punjab

**Hiranyadaan:** A gold coin crafted in Rajasthan

**Bhudaan:** A piece of sandalwood from Mysuru

**Lavandaan:** Lavan or salt from Gujarat

**Dhaanyadaan:** Long-grained rice from Uttarakhand

**Raupyadaan:** A silver coin from Rajasthan

**Gaudaan:** A silver coconut from West Bengal

**Tildaan:** Til or white sesame seeds from TN

**Guddaan:** Jaggery from Maharashtra

**Vastradaan:** Handwoven tussar silk from Jharkhand

Idol of Lord Ganesha and a diya, both made of silver

### Education a cornerstone of bond between India and US: Jill Biden

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
WASHINGTON, JUNE 22

EDUCATION IS a cornerstone of the bond between India and the US, First Lady Jill Biden has said as she praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing an opportunity to all Indians, especially girls, to pursue education and enhance their skills.

These remarks were made by Jill on Wednesday where Modi and the First Lady participated in the 'Skillng For Future Event' organised by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The NSF is headed by Indian American Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan.

The visit to the organisation was hosted by Jill Biden.



First lady Jill Biden and PM Narendra Modi during a visit to the National Science Foundation in Alexandria, Virginia on Wednesday. AP

"Prime Minister (Modi), I know that education is an issue close to your heart—just as it is for me. Your work to ensure all Indians—especially girls—have the opportunity to pursue an ed-

ucation and gain the skills they need for our modern workforce is so important," she said in a statement.

"It's exciting to be able to show you some of the innovative programs our schools and businesses are creating for students here," she said.

"...If we want our economies to be strong, we need to invest in the young people who are our future. We need to ensure they have the opportunities they deserve," she said. "Education is a cornerstone of the bond between India and the US — one we hope to keep building and strengthening. Our universities are partnering together, leading research, and creating apprenticeships and internships that span the ocean."



### AMONG THE PEOPLE

PM Narendra Modi meets with the Indian diaspora in Washington DC, on Wednesday. PTI

### Coming, Artemis Accords, ISRO-NASA mission

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

IN A decision that will bring the two countries' space programmes closer than ever before, India on Thursday announced its decision to sign the Artemis Accords, a US-led alliance seeking to facilitate international collaboration in planetary exploration and research.

In a related development, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will partner the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in sending a joint mission to the International Space Station, a permanent laboratory in space, next year. It was not immediately clear whether the joint

mission would include an Indian astronaut to the space station.

The Artemis Accords, established by the US and seven partner countries in October 2020, are a set of 13 principles that seek to promote peaceful and co-operative exploration of space. The signatory countries agree to abide by these principles that are mostly a reiteration of established international law on space exploration, like a commitment not to use space for military purposes, a promise to cooperate on matters of safety of space assets and astronauts, and a willingness to share scientific data from space missions.

The Accords have been signed by 26 countries till now, including traditional US allies like Japan, Australia, UK, France and Canada.

Crucially, China and Russia are not part of this initiative, because of which it is sometimes seen as a US-led space alliance, promoting US interests in the space sector. Both Russia and China had expressed reservations when the Accords came into being.

The Artemis Accords are closely linked to NASA's Artemis programme that is aimed at returning to the moon, setting up a permanent station there, and then using it for deep space exploration. NASA is also keen to emphasise that the Artemis programme will take the first woman, and the "first person of color", to the moon.

As part of the programme, NASA launched the Artemis-1 mission on November 16 last year, sending an unmanned

Orion spacecraft aboard its new-age heavy duty rocket called Space Launch System or SLS. The Orion spacecraft went around the moon and came back to Earth on December 11 last year.

India's sign-up to the Artemis Accords does not mean an automatic partnership in the Artemis programme, but it does open up possibilities of much closer co-operation between the space agencies of the two countries.

If the other agreement about sending a joint mission to the International Space Station, which is separate from the signing of Artemis Accords, fructifies next year, it could potentially be India's early chance of sending its astronauts in space. India's own human spaceflight programme, Gaganyaan, has been delayed.



PM Modi gifts a 7.5-carat lab-grown diamond to First Lady Jill Biden during a dinner with the Bidens on Wednesday. PTI

Obama White House in September 2015.

According to the White House, President Biden, the First Lady and Prime Minister Modi also enjoyed a musical tribute to the regions of India, performed by dancers from Studio Dhoom, a local Indian dance studio that helps connect a new generation to the vibrant culture of Indian dance.

The two leaders were joined by US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval, it said.

The White House said that at the dinner, President Biden's favourite foods, pasta and ice

cream, were served among other delicacies.

Prime Minister Modi presented a special sandalwood box, handcrafted by a master craftsman from Jaipur, to the US President. The box contains the idol of Lord Ganesha and a diya (oil lamp), handcrafted by a family of fifth-generation silversmiths from Kolkata. Modi also gifted a 7.5-carat lab-grown diamond to First Lady Jill Biden, which reflects earth-mined diamonds' chemical and optical properties, along with a papier mache box, known as kar-e-kalamdani – in which the Green diamond is placed.

### Drizzle no dampener as diaspora turns up in thousands



A girl waits at the White House South Lawn during the State Arrival Ceremony for PM Modi on Thursday. AP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
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THE INDIAN diaspora turned out in large numbers on a rainy Thursday morning at the South Lawn of the White House to witness the ceremonial welcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by President Joe Biden on his first state visit here.

Invitations for the ceremonial welcome were sent out to nearly 8,000 members of the diaspora and Indian American community for the historic ceremonial welcome.

A drizzle was no dampener to the enthusiasm of the members of the diaspora, many of whom travelled overnight from different parts of the US, as they waved the flag of the two countries and raised slogans.

"What a great sight it is. It is like a festival," Hitesh Shah, who came from Boston, said.

Slogans like 'Vande Mataram', 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' and 'Modi, Modi' went up the air amid a mood of cheer.

Some people took Chartered flights from Texas, a group of people drove from Tennessee, and people flew in from California and other states for the historic event.

Prime Minister Modi arrived here on Wednesday on the second leg of his maiden state visit to the US during which he will hold bilateral talks with President Biden and address a joint session of the US Congress.

Prime Minister Modi and President Biden had a one-on-one meeting in the Oval Office of the White House on Thursday before holding high-level talks to further boost the growing Indo-US strategic relations in areas like defence, space and critical technologies.

The day began with President Biden and First Lady Jill Biden greeting Prime Minister Modi for the Official Arrival Ceremony on the South Lawn which included a 21-gun salute.

Vice President Kamala Harris and the Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff attended the welcome ceremony. Thereafter, the leaders of the two largest democracies of the world held a bilateral meeting in the Oval Office. They later addressed a joint press conference. There, Modi said that India and the US can contribute towards global peace, stability and prosperity as he asserted that for the partnership between the two countries, "even the sky is not the limit".

In return, the Bidens presented a handmade, antique American book gallery from the early 20th century as the official gift to Prime Minister Modi. They also gifted a vintage American camera, accompanied by an archival facsimile print of George Eastman's Patent of the first Kodak camera, a hardcover book on American wildlife photography, and a signed, first edition copy of 'Collected Poems of Robert Frost'.

On Thursday, the Bidens will host a State Dinner at the South Lawn of the White House, which is expected to be attended by 400 guests.



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# A STEP FORWARD

All-party meet on Manipur is welcome. It affirms shared stakes, could offer a roadmap to restore and rebuild peace

THE CENTRE'S DECISION to call an all-party meeting on Manipur, though belated, is a step in the right direction. So is Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's sober appeal for peace: She avoided blame-laying and underlined the "human tragedy" that has left a "deep wound" for the nation. The attempts so far to mediate peace between the Meiteis of the Imphal Valley and the Kuki-Zomi tribes who live in the hills that ring the Valley, have not yielded results. The continuing violence and the deepening ethnic schisms call for all parties to rise above partisan interests and work together to rebuild trust among the warring communities.

At least 110 people have died and thousands displaced from their homes in the ethnic violence since early May. Central forces have been battling both mobs and snipers, who have taken control of the streets. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had visited the state for four days in May and met a cross-section of the population. He spoke about a 15-day window for political groups to give up arms and give a chance to efforts to restore peace. But the initiatives that Shah announced — for instance, constitution of a peace committee — have failed to take off in the polarised environment. The deep suspicion among communities, entrenched further by violence and rampant rumours, has meant that any peace negotiation may have to be mediated by actors from outside the state. The BJP-led state government is perceived as partisan and the party's legislative unit is divided on ethnic lines. Mobs on the rampage have targeted ruling party leaders for refusing to side with them openly — the home of Union minister R K Ranjan Singh and the official quarters of Kangpokpi MLA and state minister Nemcha Kipgen were set on fire. State institutions such as the police and bureaucracy are seen as compromised. Chief Minister Biren Singh is now a controversial and discredited figure, having failed to win over the confidence of the whole state and lead the administration in a way that is fair and seen to be so too. This, perhaps, is the reason why the state could not build on the hope that Shah's visit had generated.

It is ironic that Delhi is today seen as a neutral arbiter in Manipur, which has hosted a large number of separatist groups. The all-party meeting could tap this emergent goodwill and persuade the estranged ethnic groups to sit across the talks table. The message must go out to Manipur that the country is concerned about the loss of lives and destruction of homes. As Sonia Gandhi said, "It is heartbreaking to witness our brothers and sisters who have coexisted peacefully turn against each other. The history of Manipur stands testament to her ability to embrace people of all ethnicities, religions and backgrounds, and the myriad possibilities of a diverse society." Manipur needs to retrieve lost ground and rebuild peace. The all-party meet will, hopefully, provide a roadmap.

# PATNA, POST-PATNA

That Opposition is getting together in same room a year before 2024 is a headline, but they have to script a multi-layered story

SOMETHING MAY BE stirring within the ranks of Opposition parties ahead of 2024 and Friday's grand get-together in Patna could give early intimations of the shift. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is bound to cut a striking figure as he plays host, mediator, and possible fulcrum. After all, Nitish was once projected as a potential face of the national alternative to Narendra Modi after he walked his party out of its alliance with the BJP because of Modi's rise, but he then went back to the BJP-led NDA before he broke up with it again. Nitish's political somersaults, however, are unlikely to set off any more ripples. Even though he took the lead in getting parties across the political spectrum to agree to share a stage, the driving force for the mega meeting is much larger than him. Events such as Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from Parliament, and Manish Sisodia's arrest, may have played a bigger role in bringing together parties that have made a point so far of not being seen in each other's company, like the Aam Aadmi Party and Congress, for the Patna photo-op.

The real challenge will begin after the photo-op. This is not the first time that Opposition parties are attempting a joint platform to take on the dominant ruling party. But the anti-BJP alliance that is being put together now is against a government with a many-layered appeal that has decisively won two terms at the Centre, and posted several electoral successes in the states. It is headed by a leader whose popularity remains high. Today, Opposition parties must deal with the challenges of jointness — seat-sharing, identifying a common leader and a common minimum programme — in a polity that is far more splintered, has sharply defined regional arenas, and therefore many more turf wars. Moreover, the Congress, for long on a downswing, seems to have found new energy within after the Bharat Jodo Yatra, and new confidence without after the Karnataka victory. That could pose problems for a grouping which includes parties that are claiming the Congress space, or those that are locked in combat with it in the states.

Will the Congress break its reticence on the Central ordinance that seeks to pare down the powers of Delhi's AAP government? Will non-BJP parties make common cause only on common spectres like central misuse of agencies against political opponents, or will they also say something on national issues like the continuing crisis in Manipur? How much of the grand alliance will be a pre-poll pact, and how much will it leave to post-election configurations? The answers to those questions and others could start coming in from Patna.

# MASCOT OF RECORD

Sylvester daCunha, creator of iconic Amul girl, gave this country some 'utterly butterly delicious' satire

IRREVERENCE SELLS. THIS is especially so when it comes from a loveable icon and touches on the issues of the day with buttery smoothness in times when self-censorship reigns and satire is receding. It is unlikely that Sylvester daCunha, who died in Mumbai on Tuesday, realised the impact his creation would have when he first conceived of the "Amul girl" in 1966. Yet, the child in the polka-dotted dress has been more than just a brand ambassador for an "utterly, butterly, delicious" product. While selling butter, she became a reflection of, and a barometer for, a country's zeitgeist.

The Amul girl has borne witness to some of the most significant events in independent India. The ads have, at times, parsed the news to pull off a punchline that hit at the heart of the matter. On Rahul Gandhi's famous (or, infamous, depending on your political leanings) hug in Parliament in July 2018, the caption read, "embracing ya embarrassing?" The wit pioneered by daCunha also invited controversy and outrage, for poking fun at the powers-that-be and for seeming too edgy: The 1976 ad poking fun at the Emergency's sterilisation drive was put out at some risk, and a play of words around the Ganpati festival invited the ire of the Shiv Sena in the 1980s. Yet, day in and day out, the Amul girl found ways to turn headlines into taglines.

When daCunha came up with the Amul girl, with inputs from founder Verghese Kurien, the media as a whole was not the behemoth it is today. And the pre-liberalisation state was larger and more overbearing. Yet, not only did the girl survive with all her irreverence intact, she thrived. Now, in the age of memes, internet shutdowns and smart machines, daCunha can rest easy knowing that his work will find ways to sell butter while taking a stab or two at the powers that be for some time to come.



FLAVIA AGNES

THE 22ND LAW Commission of India has decided to solicit the views of the public and recognised religious organisations about the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). In a public notice, the Commission headed by former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi stated: "Initially the 21st Law Commission of India had examined the subject of Uniform Civil Code and solicited the views of all the stakeholders through its appeal along with a questionnaire dated October 7, 2016 and further ... (periodic) public appeals. Pursuant to the above overwhelming responses have been received by the Commission. The 21st Law Commission of India has issued a consultation paper on the Reform of Family Law on August 31, 2018. Since more than three years have lapsed from the date of issuance of the said consultation paper, bearing in mind the relevance and importance of the subject and also various court orders on the subject, the Law Commission of India considered it expedient to deliberate afresh over the subject."

The Commission was referring to a consultation paper on "Reform of Family Law" by its predecessor. In the paper, the 21st Law Commission, headed by former Supreme Court judge Balbir Singh Chauhan, held that the "formulation of a Uniform Civil Code is neither necessary nor desirable at this stage". Its recommendations were far-reaching. The Commission had commented, "Mere existence of difference does not imply discrimination, but is indicative of a robust democracy". It had noted that most countries are moving towards the recognition of difference in place of legal provisions that are founded on uniformity between culturally diverse people — these are unfair to the weaker and vulnerable sections.

There was much that was pragmatic in the 21st Law Commission's recommendations. It underlined that rather than enacting a UCC, family laws of every religion must be reformed to make them gender-just. It talked about the uniformity of rights, not laws. The Commission's consultation paper emphasised that celebration of diversity must not disadvantage specific groups and "women must be guaranteed their freedom of faith without any compromise on their right to equality". The paper then proceeded to recommend a series of reforms in the personal laws of all religions as well as the secular laws that place women and children at a disadvantage.



ABHINAV PRAKASH

AT THE BEGINNING of the 20th century, it was widely held that the destiny of Hindus was to fade away and their lands absorbed into either the Islamic or Western religio-cultural zones. A polycentric and archaic society riven by numerous social fault lines had no chance to withstand the modern-industrial world and a resurgent Islamic imperialism in the Subcontinent. But the last century witnessed the strengthening of the Hindu cultural and civilisational resurgence and consolidation of Hindu polity, culminating in the formation of a Hindu nation, albeit not a Hindu state.

The newly emergent non-traditional centres of Hindu religiosity played an important role. The establishment of the Gita Press was part of this wide spectrum, ranging from reformist to revivalist movements and institutions. Its impact was immense for three reasons: First was the adoption of Hindi as the medium of printing religious texts; second was its affordability and third, the collection and compilation of even lesser-known texts, making them accessible to most Hindus for the first time.

Gita Press democratised access to Hindu religious texts through mass printing and professional translation into easy Hindi. Even a low-income household could now afford to buy sacred texts like Srimad Bhagavatam or Ramayan. Upanishads, Yoga Darshan and Shrimad Bhagavad Gita became comprehensible to the middle class and anyone interested in the subject. It also popularised the works of poet-saints writing in regional languages at the pan-India level.

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On Uniform Civil Code, Law Commission will find it tough to refute recommendations of its predecessor

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Those who were under the misconception that a UCC must be enforced to "teach Muslims a lesson" were in for a rude shock as the Law Commission refrained from making any recommendations on triple talaq, Muslim bigamy or the constitutional validity of adultery under Section 497 of the IPC since these issues were before either the Supreme Court or Parliament. Hence, the most significant of the 21st Law Commission's recommendations were about the economic rights of women.

While discussing individual personal law regimes, the Commission criticised the Hindu coparcenary system — the Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) property. Its report commented that this system was being used only for tax evasion. It recommended the abolition of the Hindu coparcenary system. "It is high time it is understood that justifying this institution on the ground of deep-rooted sentiments at the cost of the country's revenues may not be judicious," the 21st Law Commission held.

The report expressed concern about the discrimination suffered by women in matters of inheritance in all personal laws. It suggested the codification of the Muslim law of inheritance and succession and bringing in uniform provisions of succession for Shias and Sunnis. It held that succession and inheritance should be based on "proximity to the deceased rather than a preference to male agnates". Further, a Muslim widow, even if childless, should inherit the property of the deceased as a Class I heir.

Another property-related matter addressed by the report pertained to the division of matrimonial property upon divorce. While suggesting that "no-fault divorce" must be introduced in all personal laws, the Law Commission recommended that all property

acquired after marriage must be divided between the two parties after the dissolution of a marriage. The property-related provision addressed an important concern that was raised after the UPA government had introduced a Bill in Parliament in 2010 that had a provision on the "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" — the Bill lapsed in 2014. Another important recommendation of the 21st Law Commission was about the rights a person with disabilities has in a marriage.

The Commission made an interesting comment about Muslim polygamy: "Although polygamy is permitted within Islam, it is a rare practice among Indian Muslims. On the other hand, it is frequently misused by persons of other religions who convert as Muslims solely to solemnise another marriage." This comment resonates with the Supreme Court's observation in *Sarla Mudgal etc. vs the Union of India* (1995). Referring to the issue of conversion and bigamy, the Court had recommended enacting a UCC.

On the issue of custody and guardianship, the Law Commission stressed that courts must follow the principle of the "best interest of the child". The report also had several recommendations regarding the rights of Parsi and Christian women and those married under the Special Marriage Act.

In the five years since the 21st Law Commission submitted its report, the government has not followed up on any of its recommendations.

The 22nd Law Commission was notified in February 2020 but it was formally constituted in November last year. In February this year, the Centre extended its term to August 31, 2024. Legal scholars doubt whether the Commission will find justifiable grounds in this short period to overturn the sound reasoning of its predecessor and declare that a UCC is not only desirable but also necessary at this stage.

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# AN ELITIST RESPONSE

Opposition to Gandhi Peace Prize for Gita Press shows Congress in poor light

Gita Press did a yeoman service to Hindu society in reviving and sustaining everyday Hinduism among the masses in the fast-changing 20th century and kept the younger generations rooted in the Hindu religion-cultural framework. With vividly illustrated pages, the iconography promoted by Gita Press had the same impact on the Hindu imagination of the divine that the words of Bhakti poets once did. Since 1923, it has sold 930 million copies of over 1,850 religious books in 15 languages.

## CENTRE VS AKALI DAL

THE GOVERNMENT MADE its position on the Akali demands clear and put the blame on their leadership for ending negotiations. However, it has reiterated that doors for negotiations with Akalis are still open and expressed the hope that it will reconsider. Home Minister P C Sethi, expressed the government's willingness to refer the territorial and river waters' disputes to separate tribunals.

## FIREARM PUNISHMENT

PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATION of provisions

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The decision to confer the Gandhi Peace Prize to Gita Press at its centennial has been widely welcomed. The success of Gita Press in emphasising the moral and ethical framework and everyday Dharma, goals close to Gandhiji's heart, makes it the most deserving candidate for the award. Gandhi himself was a regular contributor to the magazine of the Gita Press. The worldview and interpretation of texts propagated by the Gita Press are also close to Gandhi's religiosity; his debates and disagreements with the editors on several social and political issues notwithstanding.

But what is surprising is the hostile stand of the Congress party. Perhaps the new Congress under Rahul Gandhi has completely shifted towards the extreme left with its antipathy towards anything Hindu. Congress was the default party of the Hindus for close to a century, but now it seems to have given up any attempt to regain its lost constituency.

The opposition to Gita Press stems from an aversion towards all Hindu texts by a section of the population and old elites. The critics hide behind the argument that it promotes an orthodox version of Hinduism, reinforces caste and gender hierarchies, and contributes to Hindu nationalism. But the interpretation of religious texts is subjective

and a matter of continuous negotiations within the Hindu discourse. The role of the Gita Press is primarily that of a publisher, not an arbiter of social change. It is up to society and individuals to interpret and apply them in a modern context.

So unless one argues that printing Hindu texts and making them accessible is undesirable, opposition makes little sense. Curiously, religious texts of other religions are never opposed on such grounds. And Hindu nationalism, or Hindutva, has long been at loggerheads with the orthodoxy, especially on the issue of caste. Gita Press can't be accused of promoting both simultaneously. Critics who argue that it promotes a monolithic version of Hinduism overlook that it makes available a wide range of texts from different traditions within Hinduism.

The Opposition has adopted the fatal strategy of imposing a cultural war in India like the ones raging across Western liberal democracies. Be it the Sengol, Gita Press, Ram Mandir or the issue of forced conversions, they seem to have concluded that only de-Hinduisation can pave the path to their electoral victory. But they are then betting against history. I remember during a discussion in 2013, members of the liberal establishment smugly argued that Delhi's elite society is fully immersed in Sufi music and practices and arrogantly dismissed any space for Hindu concerns. Within a year, they were in for a rude shock. And since Gita Press has played a pivotal role in preserving and maintaining India's Hindu core, their rage is understandable.

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# JUNE 23, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO



of the Arms Act were made more stringent in an ordinance issued by the President. Under the ordinance the minimum penalty for illegal manufacture and sale of arms and ammunition will be three years imprisonment. An official announcement said the steps had been necessitated by the increasing incidence of crime involving the use of firearms.

## J&K RESULT ANNULLED

THE ELECTION COMMISSION annulled the result of the Doda Assembly constituency in Jammu and Kashmir on the ground that there had been unprecedented rigging and mal-

practices in some polling booths. The Election Commission Secretary, R P Bhalla, announced that the commission had, following a detailed inquiry, ordered a repoll in 16 of the 81 polling booths in Doda constituency.

## INDIA IN WC FINAL

India entered the finals of the Prudential Cup for the first time with a six-wicket victory over England in their semi-final encounter. India scored 217 for four in 554 overs against England's 213 all out. India will meet holders West Indies who beat Pakistan in their semi-final.









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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE US

# For Biden, testament of an Irish poet’s love for the Upanishads

ARJUN SENGUPTA  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi presented US President Joe Biden with a first edition print of the book *The Ten Principal Upanishads*.

The book, translated from the Sanskrit by Shri Purohit Swami, a scholar of Hindu scripture, and the great Irish poet WB Yeats, is considered one of the best translations of the Upanishads. Written in the mid-1930s, the book was a product of Yeats' desire to create a translation true to the original text which would still be accessible to the layperson.

“[A] translation that would read as though the original had been written in common English,” Yeats wrote in the preface of the original.

### The Upanishads

The Upanishads discuss the ontological connection between humanity and the cosmos. They serve as the foundational texts in many traditions of Hindu theology. Dated to roughly 800-500 BC, the Upanishads discuss concepts such as transmigration, which have today become central to the Hindu tradition.

### William Butler Yeats

Yeats is among the foremost modern poets in English and the most globally recognisable Irish poet of the 20th century.

He was central to the Irish Literary Revival, and the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1923 “for his always inspired poetry, which in a highly artistic form gives expression to the spirit of a whole nation”.

### Yeats and the Upanishads

Yeats' interest in the Upanishads and in India predates the *Ten Principal Upanishads* by decades.

As a young adult, Yeats was drawn to theosophy and met Mohini Chatterjee, a prominent figure in Bengal's burgeoning Theosophical circles, when the latter visited Dublin in 1885.

After this meeting, Yeats wrote three poems (published in 1889) that referred to India: *The Indian to his Love*, *The Indian upon God*, and *Anushuya and Vijaya*.

Yeats' deep connection with India was perhaps best exemplified in his friendship with the poet Rabindranath Tagore. “His association with Rabindranath Tagore is well known and his introduction to *Gitanjali* was important in bringing the text to the notice



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden; (above) the lab-grown diamond. Reuters/Handout

of western audiences,” Dr Munish Tamang, Associate Professor of English at Motilal Nehru College, Delhi University, told *The Indian Express*.

“*The Ten Principal Upanishads* is a jointly translated work which Yeats took on due to his long running interest in India,” Dr Tamang said.

President Biden himself has Irish roots. His ancestors moved to the US from Europe more than 165 years ago.

# Diamond grown in a lab: Gift of ‘responsible luxury’ to FLOTUS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden; (above) the lab-grown diamond. Reuters/Handout

### ARJUN SENGUPTA

NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi presented First Lady of the United States (FLOTUS) Jill Biden with a 7.5 carat lab-grown green diamond in an exquisite *papier mâché* box from Kashmir known as *kar-e-kalamdani*, the Indian government said in a statement.

Lab-grown diamonds are considered

more socially and environmentally responsible, while being nearly identical to natural diamonds. “The diamond reflects Earth-mined diamonds' chemical and optical properties. It is also eco-friendly, as eco-diversified resources like solar and wind power were used in its making,” the statement said.

The statement described the diamond as a “beacon of responsible luxury” that “emits only 0.028 grams of carbon per carat”.

### Not diamond simulants

Lab-grown diamonds (LGDs) are produced using specific technology that mimics the geological processes that produce natural diamonds. They are not the same as diamond simulants or imitation diamonds — LGDs are chemically, physically, and optically diamond, and are difficult to tell apart from Earth-mined diamonds.

### Producing LGDs

LGDs can be produced in multiple ways. The most common (and cheapest) is the 'high pressure, high temperature' (HPHT) method. This method requires extremely heavy presses that can produce up to 730,000 psi of pressure under extremely high temperatures (1,500 degrees Celsius or higher).

Usually, graphite is used as the “diamond seed”, and when subjected to these extreme conditions, the relatively inexpensive form of carbon turns into one of its most expensive forms. Other processes include 'chemical vapour deposition' (CVD), and explosive formation that creates what are known as “detonation nanodiamonds”.

### Responsible gems

Since renewable or clean energy sources can be used in all of these methods, LGDs are more eco-friendly than traditionally mined diamonds. Also, the production of LGDs skips the most socially exploitative aspects of diamond mining that has given rise to monikers such as “blood diamond”.

For these reasons, as also for the fact of depletion of natural diamond reserves, LGDs are gradually replacing the prized gemstone in the jewellery industry. Since LGDs like natural diamonds undergo processes of polishing and cutting before they get their characteristic sparkle, the growth in their production and popularity is unlikely to affect India's diamond cutting and polishing industry.

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## THIS WORD MEANS

## SUMMER SOLSTICE

For those living in the Northern Hemisphere, June 21 marks the summer solstice, the longest day of the year



Revellers mark the Summer Solstice at England's Stonehenge Wednesday. AP

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

THE LONGEST day of the year, for anyone living north of the Equator, is June 21. The day is referred to as the summer solstice, and it occurs when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer, or more specifically right over 23.5 degrees north latitude.

### Why do we have it?

Since Earth rotates on its axis, the Northern Hemisphere gets more direct sunlight between March and September over the course of a day, which also means people living in the Northern Hemisphere experience summer during this time. The rest of the year, the Southern Hemisphere gets more sunlight.

During the solstice, the Earth's axis — around which the planet spins, completing one turn each day — is tilted in a way that the North Pole is tipped towards the Sun and the South Pole is away from it. Typically, this imaginary axis passes

right through the middle of the Earth from top to bottom and is always tilted at 23.5 degrees with respect to the Sun. Therefore, the solstice, as NASA puts it, is that instant in time when the North Pole points more directly toward the Sun than at any other time during the year. Solstice means “sun stands still” in Latin.

### What happens during the solstice?

This day sees the Earth receiving a greater amount of energy from the Sun. The maximum amount of sunlight received by the Northern Hemisphere during this time is usually on June 20, 21 or 22. In contrast, the Southern Hemisphere receives most sunlight on December 21, 22 or 23 when the northern hemisphere has its longest nights — or the winter solstice.

The amount of light received by a specific area in the Northern Hemisphere during the summer solstice depends on the latitudinal location of the place. The further north one moves from the equator, the more light one receives.



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THE HEADLINE retail inflation rate fell to a 25-month low in May and the wholesale price index (WPI) is now deep in the red, but groceries and household items continue to appear expensive to most Indians. Why?

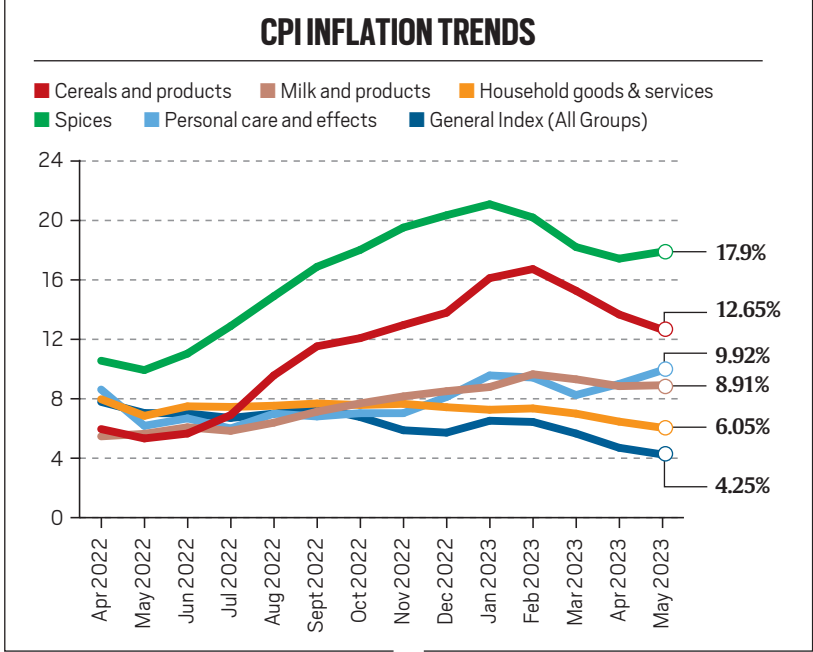
While some of the decline in year-on-year inflation rates is statistical, prices of cereals, milk, spices, prepared meals, snacks, and sweets, as well as the costs of education, personal care items, and household goods and services continue to pinch consumers' pockets.

While a high base effect (the impact of the corresponding base, or period of the previous year on current growth estimates) has helped ease the headline number (which has been on a downward trajectory for the last four months and fell below 5% in April and May), the inflation rate for some household items continues to be sticky. Core inflation — the non-food, non-fuel segment — will likely stay around 5% in the near term.

A high base also helped in a sharp decline in the WPI-linked inflation rate, which is expected to pass through to retail inflation with a lag. Data released last week showed wholesale inflation at a seven-and-a-half-year low of (-)3.48% in May on the back of a high base effect, easing global commodity prices, food, fuel, primarily articles, and manufactured items. The wholesale inflation rate was in double digits during April-September 2022, and reached 16.63% in May 2022.

### Which items have displayed high inflation rates?

■ In the ‘food and beverages’ category, which carries a weight of 54.18% in the Consumer Price Index (Combined), ‘cereals and products’ have remained in double dig-



its since September 2022 (when it recorded a 11.53% inflation rate), peaking to 15.27% in March 2023. ‘Cereals and products’, which has a weight of 12.35% in the CPI, saw the inflation rate fall to 13.67% in April and 12.65% in May.

■ The ‘milk and products’ category too has seen an inflation rate of more than 7% since September 2022, peaking at 9.65% this February. The inflation rate for this category (with a weight of 7.72% in the CPI) eased to 8.85% in April, but rose to 8.91% in May.

■ Inflation rate has been sticky in ‘spices’ and ‘prepared meals, snacks, sweets’ as well. Over the last one year, barring May 2022, the inflation rate for spices (weight of 3.11%) has remained in double digits, peaking to 21.09% in January this year. In May, it was recorded at 17.9%.

■ Prepared meals, snacks, sweets too have recorded a 6%-plus inflation rate in the last one year.

■ Among non-food items, the inflation rate for household goods and services, al-

though easing to 6.05% in May from 6.46% in April and 7% in March, has remained above 6% for the last one year.

■ Education, which has a weight of 3.46% in the index, has seen inflation above 5% since July 2022. The inflation rate in the ‘personal care and effects’ category has been rising steadily, with the latest print for May at 9.2% from 9% in April.

### Where has inflation recorded a downward trend?

■ The ‘meat and fish’ category has been in the deflationary zone for the last three months, with (-)1.29% in May, (-)1.23% in April, and (-)1.42% in March. The gains in inflation have come mainly due to a high base of 6.97% in April 2022 and 8.23% in May 2022.

■ The ‘oils and fats’ category, which has a weight of 4.21% in the CPI, has recorded a sharp decline in inflation, remaining in negative territory for the last four months. The inflation rate was (-)16.01% in May and (-)12.03% in April, compared with 13.26% in

May 2022 and 17.28% in April 2022. In index terms, the category has seen a sharp decline to 170 in May and 174.9 in April from 202.4 and 199.5 in the corresponding months last year.

■ A high base has also helped ease inflation for fruits and vegetables. Though vegetables saw a month-on-month increase of 3.34% in May, it has remained in the negative zone for the last seven months on a year-on-year basis. The inflation rate for vegetables was in double digits during April-September 2022, and entered negative territory thereafter.

### What kinds of inflation risks lie ahead?

While the headline inflation number is expected to remain below 5% in the near term, after the release of inflation data for May, most economists said they expected the inflation rate to rise marginally in June 2023, the data for which will be released on July 12.

Concerns remain over the potential impact of a poor monsoon on food inflation in the second half of this fiscal. “The development of El Nino conditions would be closely monitored as these could lead to a sub-par monsoon and impact kharif yields and rabi sowing, and thereby impact crop output and food inflation. The headline CPI inflation may rise mildly to 4.5-4.7% in June 2023 from 4.3% in May 2023, based on the early uptrend in the prices of most of the food items, barring edible oils,” Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said.

Rahul Bajoria, MD & Head of EM Asia (ex-China) Economics, Barclays, said in a note that the prices of pulses and cereals need to be watched. “Milk prices continue to rise... cooking oil prices continue to fall amid lower import costs, but sugar is at risk amid rising global prices. Cereal prices...may rise in June given early trends. Given the largely seasonal rise in food prices, we think food inflation is likely to remain manageable, but should rise on a y-o-y basis in H2 FY24,” he said.

Among non-food items, core inflation is sticky due to persistence in health, education costs, and in the personal care and effects category, experts said.

# Kerala: Why Congress has filed a PIL against a cameras-on-roads project

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 22

AFTER TWO Congress leaders in Kerala filed a public interest litigation (PIL) alleging corruption in the installation of AI-enabled traffic cameras on state roads, the High Court Tuesday ordered serving of notice to the government departments and private entities involved in the project. The court also asked the respondents not to make any payment under annuity to the contractor until further orders from the court.

The PIL has been filed by V D Sathesnan, Kerala Opposition leader, and his party colleague Ramesh Chennithala.

### What is the project?

On April 21, the state launched a fully au-

### Who is in charge of implementation?

The project was awarded to state-run

tomated traffic enforcement system as part of the Safe Kerala scheme. Under it, 726 Artificial Intelligence-enabled cameras have been installed along the highways and major roads in the state, which capture traffic violations and registration numbers of offending vehicles.

The cameras dispatch the violations to 14 district-level control rooms as well as a state-level control room run by the Motor Vehicle Department.

Since June 5, the department has started serving notices to vehicle-owners based on the offences detected by these cameras. Vehicle owners/riders have to pay a fixed penalty, with the sum depending upon the offence.

Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KELTRON) at a cost of Rs 236 crore under the Build, own, operate, transfer (BOOT) model.

KELTRON had claimed that in five years, the fines collected would generate a revenue of Rs 188 crore for the government beyond the operation cost of the project.

### Who are the vendors chosen by KELTRON?

When KELTRON invited tenders, four companies participated. Bengaluru-based SRIT bagged the work for Rs 151.10 crore. SRIT formed a consortium with two other firms, Presadio Technologies Pvt Limited and AI Hind Tours and Travels, both based in Kozhikode.

Presadio, the sub-contractor, entered into another agreement with Lyte Master,

which emerged after AI Hind withdrew from the project. Lyte Master too withdrew after a financial crisis, giving entry to Eccentric Digital Private Limited.

### What is the Opposition alleging?

The Opposition claimed that SRIT forming a consortium was illegal. KELTRON has to pay SRIT Rs 151 crore in 20 installments from the first quarter from the day the project goes live. This is against the BOOT model, the Opposition said.

They further alleged that the actual cost of equipment, software, etc. detailed in the tender document would only come to about Rs 75 crore, which was “ballooned” to Rs 236 crore by KELTRON. It then tendered it for Rs 151 crore to SRIT.

Another allegation is that the four companies that participated in the tender

process were proxies for SRIT. SRIT formed a consortium to implement the project, which shows it got the sub-contract without any technical know-how, the Opposition claimed.

KELTRON has said that all the purchases for the project are transparent and done through an open bidding process, it has inspected all instruments distributed by SRIT to ensure quality, and it “has no direct links with the firms which had bagged the sub-contract from SRIT”.

The Opposition has also alleged that the storing of people's images by private bodies is a violation of privacy.

KELTRON has claimed that only images of traffic violations and related data are dispatched to the central control room, where the Motor Vehicle Department is their only custodian.

### What does the PIL say?

The petition has trained guns on SRIT and Presadio Technologies. It says that SRIT got the tender “by violating every tender condition, and Presadio became the project co-ordinator with 60 per cent share in the profit.”

“In reality, persons behind the two entities are closely associated with those in the corridors of power...The award of contract, the manner in which the files have moved will show the cartel formation to favour these respondents to siphon public funds,” the petition says.

The PIL has demanded that levying of fine for traffic violations detected by the new system be stayed, and disbursement of payments in installments to SRIT be stopped.

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# Byju's auditor quits amid mounting financial worries

## Edtech startup denies reports of 3 board members stepping down

**GEORGE MATHEW**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

DEEPENING THE crisis in education tech startup Byju's, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, auditors of the company, resigned, citing its inability to finalise audit reports for the financial years ended March 2021 and March 2022 amid escalating financial concerns.

According to the auditor, the financial statements of the company for the year ended March 31, 2022 are long delayed. In accordance with the Companies Act, 2013, the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022 were due to be laid before shareholders in the annual general meeting by September 30, 2022.

"We have also not received any communication on the resolution of the audit report modifications in respect of the year ended March 31, 2021, status of audit readiness of the financial statements and the underlying books and records for the year ended March 31, 2022 and we have not been able to commence the audit as on date," Deloitte said. "As a result, there will be a significant impact on our ability to plan, design, perform and complete the audit in accordance with the applicable auditing standards."

"In view of the aforesaid, we are tendering our resignation as statutory auditors of the company with immediate effect," the auditor said. Deloitte was appointed for a five-year tenure till March 2025.

Following the exit of Deloitte, Byju's appointed BDO (MSKA &



**Byju's CEO Byju Raveendran**

Associates) as its statutory auditors for the year commencing from FY22 for the next five years. Under this appointment, BDO will cover the holding company, Think and Learn Pvt Ltd, its material subsidiaries such as Aakash Education Services Ltd as well as the overall group consolidated results.

Meanwhile, there was speculation in the market that three of Byju's directors have resigned. They include G V Ravishankar of Sequoia Capital, Vivian Wu of Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Russell Dreisenstock of Prosus.

However, a spokesperson of Byju's said: "A recent media report suggesting the resignations of board members from Byju's is entirely speculative. Byju's firmly denies these claims."

Byju's reported a loss of Rs 4,564 crore in FY21. The financial statement showed the net loss saw an increase as promotion and employee expenses rose.

The company was earlier in breach of the covenants of the \$1.2 billion loan it took in November 2022. It reportedly failed to provide its financial statements to the lenders according to the stipulated deadline as part of the loan covenant. Following this, a group of lenders who participated in the term loan pushed for faster repayment of part of the loan.

## SEBI bars Eros Group entities, MD Lulla from securities market

**Bengaluru:** Market regulator SEBI Thursday said it had barred Eros Group Managing Director Sunil Arjan Lulla and three of the media company's entities from the securities market, citing accounting irregularities at the firm.

In an interim order, SEBI said it had found prima facie evidence

that the books of accounts were "overstated and do not present a true and fair picture of the financial health of the Company". SEBI has barred Eros International Media Ltd, Eros Worldwide and Eros Digital. Pradeep Kumar Dwivedi, CEO of Eros International, was also barred.

# Starlink entry may spark satcom price wars with Jio and Bharti

**JATING GROVER**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

WITH ELON Musk announcing that his Starlink satellite internet services will enter India, analysts expect a price war in this space on the lines of the telecom sector in 2016 with the entry of Reliance Jio.

With Starlink's entry, India's satellite communication space will have three players, with Bharti Enterprises' OneWeb and Jio being the other two to have applied for licences.

The very nature of satellite broadband space means pricing at a premium to the fibre-based broadband services. So to capture market in rural and remote areas,

where income levels are low, a price war is imminent. Analysts feel that three players in the satellite space is more than what the market has to offer, so tariff will definitely matter to gain subscribers and market share.

As per industry estimates, the pricing of satellite internet services is expected to be around ₹8,000-10,000 per month along with one time set-up cost. This is much higher than broadband plans.

Since satellite internet services are best suited for far-flung areas, at these prices, companies like Starlink may not find enough takers for their services as income levels are not high in these areas.

"Internet services through satellites is the apt way for providing services in far-flung rural

## SEMICONDUCTOR DEALS WITH U.S. FIRMS

# Micron to invest up to \$825 mn in chip assembly plant in Gujarat

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

US chipmaker Micron Technology said it will invest up to \$825 million in its first semiconductor assembly and test facility in India, to be constructed in Gujarat under a Union government incentive scheme.

The announcement came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who is on a three-day visit to the US — met Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra on Thursday.

"The Prime Minister invited Micron Technology to boost semiconductor manufacturing in India. He noted that India can provide competitive advantages in various parts of the semiconductor supply chain," a statement by the Prime Minister's Office said.

The facility will cost \$2.75 billion — Micron will invest \$825 million, 50 per cent will come from the Centre and 20 per cent from the Gujarat government.

This, however, is not a semiconductor manufacturing facil-



**PM Modi with Sanjay Mehrotra, CEO of Micron, at the White House. ANI**

ity. Micron's plant will essentially focus on packaging chips — it will transform wafers into ball grid array integrated circuit packages, memory modules and solid-state drives.

Micron said construction of the new facility in Gujarat is expected to begin in 2023 and the first phase of the project will be

## Applied Materials to invest \$400 mn for engg centre

**Bengaluru:** US semiconductor toolmaker Applied Materials will invest \$400 million over four years in a new engineering center in India, the company said on Thursday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met the company's CEO Gary Dickerson in Washington on Wednesday and invited Applied to strengthen the chip industry in the country. The new centre is

expected to be located near the company's existing facility in Bengaluru and is likely to support more than \$2 billion of planned investments and create 500 new advanced engineering jobs, the company said.

Applied currently operates across six sites in India and works closely with Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. **REUTERS**

operational in late 2024. A second phase of the project is expected to start toward the second half of the decade, it said. The two phases together will create up to 5,000 new direct Micron jobs.

"Micron selected the state of Gujarat due to its manufacturing infrastructure, conducive business environment and a well-es-

tablished talent pipeline in the SANAND Industrial Park (Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation — GIDC)," the company said in a statement.

India's Rs 76,000-crore incentive scheme for the chip ecosystem is yet to attract marquee names to set up core fabrication plants.

## Nirmala attends Paris Summit

**New Delhi:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Thursday discussed G20 efforts to strengthen multilateral development banks to address global challenges. The Finance Minister highlighted the contribution of the G20 India Presidency on Capital Adequacy Framework reforms and the G20 Expert Group on strengthening MDBs. **PTI**

## Carlyle to offload Delhivery stake

**Bengaluru:** PE firm Carlyle plans to sell its entire 2.53% stake in Indian logistics firm Delhivery via its special purpose vehicle for at least \$86 million. Carlyle plans to sell shares at a floor price of Rs 385.50 apiece. **REUTERS**

## Turkish Airlines

**New Delhi:** Turkish Airlines won its 8th Best Airline in Europe prize at World Airline Awards. **ENS**

**PRASANTA SAHU**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

CITING STRONGER out-turn in the January-March quarter and near-term momentum, Fitch on Thursday revised its forecast of India's economic growth in 2023-24 to 6.3%, from 6% predicted in March.

This is one of the first upward revisions of India's growth estimate for this fiscal by a global agency, and may tend to mark an alignment of the independent forecasts with the view taken by the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), if others conform.

Both the RBI and the ministry of finance have pegged the gross domestic product (GDP) expansion at 6.5% for FY24 and maintain the risks to this growth rate are evenly balanced.

"The recent high-frequency

data point to sustained near-term momentum as highlighted by rising PMI indices, higher car sales and increased power consumption. The economy also continues to benefit from high bank credit growth and infrastructure spending (with more to come from the latter)," Fitch said.

The International Monetary Fund's latest estimate of India's GDP growth in the current fiscal is 5.9%. In its April review, it had cut growth forecasts for India for the current fiscal by 20 bps, and for the next fiscal by 50 bps to 6.3%. These revisions had widened the gap between its forecasts and that of the RBI and the government for the current year.

Chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran has recently said India could grow 6.5-7% annually through 2030 sans any additional reforms or the risk of overheating. With more reforms, growth could acceler-

ate to 7.5%-8%, he said.

With a stronger-than-expected rate of expansion of 6.1% in Q4, the FY23 GDP growth came in at 7.2%, compared with the advance estimate of 7%.

Fitch also forecast that the RBI will pause its rate cycle this year as against its earlier forecast of one more 25bp increase.

On June 8, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI maintained status quo on the repo rate, keeping it at 6.5%, in its second bi-monthly policy meeting of the current fiscal. The RBI revised its FY24 inflation projection slightly lower to 5.1% from its earlier forecast of 5.2%, but flagged that developments related to the monsoon needs to be monitored.

India's growth on a non-seasonally adjusted basis in Q4FY23 was higher than expected at 6.1% on year relative to Fitch's forecast of 4.3%. **FE**

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**REVISED NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR MOVABLE ITEMS**

Pursuant to attachment of movable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004(KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority(under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the movables attached through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

"SPLOCA" hereby invites bids from the intending bidders along with a bid deposit as mentioned in the table below as Earnest Money for MOVABLE ITEMS- Textile to be paid through DD in favor of "Special Officer and Competent Authority (EMD)" or through RTGS/ NEFT to the Account number 41506340119, IFSC Code: SBIN0040277 STATE BANK OF INDIA, VIDHANA SOUDHA Branch.

**Short description of the Movable items**

| Sl. No. | Description of Textile items  | Reserve Price (Rs) | EMD (Rs)                    | Bid Increase Value (Rs) |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.      | Ladies Clothing & Accessories | 98,20,675.00       | 8,17,000.00 (Rs. Eight Lakh | 1,00,000.00             |
| 2.      | Children's Clothing           | 12,42,640.00       |                             | 12,500.00               |
| 3.      | Gents & Common Clothing       | 27,49,635.00       | Seventeen Thousand Only)    | 30,000.00               |
| 4.      | Thaan                         | 22,86,112.00       |                             | 25,000.00               |
| 5.      | Miscellaneous & Mixed         | 2,38,360.00        |                             | 2,500.00                |

Date of Inspection & Time: **28th June 2023, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.**  
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**HITESH VYAS**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

Market regulator SEBI has barred 135 entities from from buying, selling or dealing in securities due to manipulation of stocks of five small-cap companies. It fined them Rs 126 crore.

## The scam

The markets regulator initiated an investigation into the trading of scrips of five small-cap companies — Mauria Udyog Ltd, 7NR Retail Ltd, Darjeeling Ropeway Company Ltd, GBL Industries Ltd and Vishal Fabrics Ltd — after it witnessed an abnormally sharp rise in their share prices and trading volume.

SEBI observed certain strong

**EXPLAINED**

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## The modus operandi

SEBI said the manipulation was mainly centred around the circulation of bulk SMSs in the scrips of five companies with a 'buy recommendation' to investors. It found that there were two phases of dealing with the scrips — one was the 'pre-SMS circulation' phase in which the scrips which

did not have the backing of any significant corporate announcements or did not have very sound fundamentals, witnessed substantial movement in their prices. The second phase kicked in after circulation of bulk SMSs with buy recommendations during which the trade volumes and prices of the scrips rose. In this, certain entities exited from these scrips after pocketing a profit.

## Caution for investors

There have been many instances where investors have been misled by influencers and others. These entities use social media channels to provide wrong investment tips. SEBI has often cautioned investors to be aware of fraudulent activities carried out through SMS, websites and social media.

# Das at MPC meet: Adverse climate events can change inflation trajectory

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 22

ALTHOUGH INFLATION trajectory has seen significant softening in March-April 2023, adverse climate events have the potential to change the direction of the inflation trajectory, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das cautioned in the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on June 6 to 8.

The retail inflation or CPI eased to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April from 5.7 per cent in March. It further declined to 4.25 per cent in May.

According to the RBI Governor, compared to April, uncertainties on the inflation outlook for the second half of the current fiscal have not abated.

"The spatial and temporal distribution of the south-west monsoon in the backdrop of a likely El Nino weather pattern needs to be watched carefully, especially for its impact on food prices. International prices for key food items like rice and sugar are at elevated levels," Das wrote in the MPC minutes released on Thursday.

"Adverse climate events have the potential to quickly change the direction of the inflation trajectory," Das said.

In the June 8 policy, the six-member MPC left the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent for the second consecutive time in a row. The panel revised downward the CPI projection marginally to 5.1 per cent from an earlier estimate of 5.2 per cent while retaining the real GDP growth target at 6.5 per cent.

The RBI Governor said inflation is now projected to average 5.1 per cent in 2023-24 compared to 6.7 per cent in 2022-23, but this would still be above the target.

"The disinflation towards the target rate of 4 per cent (for CPI) is likely to be gradual and protracted," Das said. The RBI has

## BoE hikes key rate to 5% in surprise move

**London:** The Bank of England raised interest rates by a bigger-than-expected half a percentage point on Thursday, after it said there had been "significant" news suggesting British inflation would take longer to fall. The BoE's Monetary Policy Committee voted 7-2 to raise its main interest rate to 5% from 4.5%, the highest since 2008 and its largest rate increase since February, following stickier inflation and wage growth since policymakers met in May. **REUTERS**

been mandated by the government to keep consumer price index-based inflation (CPI) at 4 per cent with a band of +/- 2 per cent. Geo-political tensions, uncertainty on crude price trajectory and volatile financial markets pose further upside risks to prices, he said, adding that these considerations warrant close monitoring of the evolving price dynamics.

Das, who voted for keeping repo rate unchanged in the June policy, said the full impact of the 250 basis point rate hike over the past one year is still unfolding. "Our fight against inflation is not yet over. We need to undertake a forward-looking assessment of the evolving inflation-growth outlook and stand ready to act, if the situation warrants," he said.

Das also voted to continue with the policy stance of 'withdrawal of accommodation' given the surplus liquidity in the banking system and as there is a need to align headline inflation with 4 per cent target on a durable basis, the minutes showed.

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Gerald Ridsdale, 89, has been serving a sentence since 1994

AUSTRALIA

**Jailed for 39 yrs, ex-priest pleads guilty to abusing his 72nd victim**

Melbourne: An Australian ex-priest convicted of child sex abuse pleaded guilty Thursday to sexually abusing a 72nd victim. Gerald Ridsdale, 89, has been in prison since 1994. He is serving a 39-year sentence for a series of convictions for abusing children between 1961 & 1988 while he worked as a Catholic priest across Victoria. Bedridden, he pleaded guilty in Ballarat Magistrates' Court by video link from a prison hospital to a new charge of indecently assaulting a 13-year-old boy in 1987. **AP**

NEW ZEALAND

**Disagree with Biden, Xi not a dictator: PM**

Sydney: New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, ahead of his official trip to China at end of this month, said on Thursday he did not agree with US President Joe Biden's remark that Chinese leader Xi Jinping was a dictator. "No, and the form of government that China has is a matter for the Chinese people," Hipkins told media. Asked by a reporter whether the Chinese people had a say in the form of government, Hipkins said: "if they wanted to change system of government, then it would be a matter for them." **REUTERS**

MALAYSIA

**Thai nationals to be charged over 2015 crimes**

Kuala Lumpur: Four Thai nationals will face charges in a Malaysian court on Friday over the 2015 discovery of mass graves and suspected human trafficking camps at the country's border with Thailand, Malaysia's home affairs minister said. The dense forests of southern Thailand and northern Malaysia have been a major stop-off point for smugglers bringing people to Southeast Asia by boat—most of them Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in Myanmar and squalid refugee camps in Bangladesh. **REUTERS**

EUROPE

**Risk of mosquito diseases rising: Health agency**

London: Europe recorded almost as many locally caught cases of dengue in 2022 as it had over the previous 11 years, new figures from European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) show. There were 71 case last year, mainly in France. Between 2010 & 2021, there were 74 cases. The health agency warned Thursday there is a rising risk of mosquito-borne diseases in Europe, including dengue, Zika, chikungunya and West Nile virus, linked to changing climate and spread of mosquitoes that carry diseases. **REUTERS**

DEBRIS CONSISTENT WITH 'CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF PRESSURE CHAMBER'

Missing submersible likely imploded, all 5 on board dead: US Coast Guard

Announcement came after Titans's 96-hour oxygen supply neared its end, or had probably ended

PATRICK WHITTLE & HOLLY RAMER  
JUNE 22

THE PILOT and four passengers of a missing submersible that disappeared en route to the wreckage of the Titanic are believed to be dead, the expedition company said Thursday. The US Coast Guard said the Titan submersible likely imploded in the North Atlantic waters and there were no survivors among the five people aboard.

The implosion likely occurred near the Titanic shipwreck, where the submersible was headed. "The debris is consistent with the catastrophic loss of the pressure chamber," Rear Adm. John Mauger, the First Coast Guard District, said Thursday. "Our most heartfelt condolences go out to the loved ones of the crew."

Pilot and chief executive Stockton Rush, along with passengers Shahzada Dawood and his son Suleman Dawood, Hamish Harding, and Paul-Henri Nargeolet "have sadly been lost," OceanGate Expeditions said.

OceanGate did not provide details when the company announced the "loss of life" in a statement or how officials knew the crew members perished. The Titan's 96-hour oxygen supply likely ended early Thursday.

OceanGate has been chronicling the Titanic's decay and the underwater ecosystem around it via yearly voyages since 2021. Later Thursday, US Coast Guard officials said the search had uncovered parts of the Titan consistent with an implosion. The Coast Guard said the pieces were discovered within the search area by an underwater robot.

The Titan was estimated to have about a four-day supply of breathable air when it launched Sunday morning in North Atlantic — but experts have emphasised that was an imprecise approximation to begin with and could be extended if passengers have taken measures to conserve breathable air. And it's not known if they survived since the disappearance. **AP**



The pilot of a Royal Canadian Air Force CP-140 Aurora maritime surveillance aircraft of 14 Wing flies a search pattern for the missing OceanGate submersible. This photo was taken two days ago. **Reuters**

AT THE SITE

**A FRENCH** robot that can dive upto 20,000 ft underwater has been sent to help locate the missing submersible.

**A CANADIAN** undersea robot, sent by a Canada ship has reportedly reached the ocean floor.

**US NAVY** was sending a specialised salvage system capable of hoisting heavy undersea entities.

Rescuers have rushed ships, planes and other equipment to the site of the disappearance. On Thursday, US Coast Guard said an undersea robot sent by a Canadian ship had reached the sea floor.

US Navy said Wednesday that it was sending a specialised salvage system that's capable of hoisting large objects. **AP**

British-Pakistani father-son duo were on board, kin head to site

EMMA BUBOLA  
JUNE 22

LIKE THE other passengers of the missing submersible, Shahzada Dawood loves adventure.

For the British Pakistani businessman, 48, who boarded the vessel with his son, Suleman, 19, the expedition to the wreck of the Titanic followed a yearslong passion for science and discovery, according to friends and family.

The Dawood family declined to comment as some of them travelled to Canada, the staging site for the search, a spokeswoman for Engro said.

Shahzada Dawood and his wife, Christine, who live in Britain, also have a daughter, Alina.

"May Shahzada and Suleman return to us safe and sound,"



Shahzada Dawood (right) and his son Suleman Dawood. **NYT**

Dawood's sister, Sabrina Dawood, wrote in a Facebook message.

The University of Strathclyde in Glasgow confirmed on Thursday that Suleman Dawood, the 19-year-old man who is on board the missing submersible along with his father, is a business

student at the school. He recently completed first year, a spokesman for the university said.

"The situation is extremely serious," the institute wrote in a statement Tuesday. "We are holding out every hope for a successful rescue and the safe return," **NYT**

Shehbaz meets IMF head, hopes to get \$6-bn deal to avoid default

MUNIR AHMED  
ISLAMABAD , JUNE 22

PAKISTAN'S PREMIER Shahbaz Sharif met Thursday with the head of International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the sidelines of a global financing meeting in Paris, hoping to unlock a \$6 billion bailout and gain critical tranche of \$1.1 billion in loans which has been on hold since November.

The meeting between Sharif and IMF's Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva at Summit for a New Global Financing Pact comes a week before the \$6 billion bailout package originally signed between the IMF and the country's former Prime Minister Imran Khan in 2019 expires.

Thursday's meeting came a week after the IMF slammed a proposed annual budget presented to parliament by Pakistan's government. Esther Perez Ruiz,



Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif with managing director of IMF Kristalina Georgieva, in Paris, on Wednesday. **Reuters**

IMF's representative for Pakistan, said in a statement that the draft budget failed to implement a fairer tax system as promised in the bailout agreement.

Sharif and Georgieva exchanged views on cooperation between Pakistan and IMF and the prime minister explained

EXPLAINED If bailout doesn't unlock

IF THE bailout does not go ahead, that could trigger an economic meltdown at a time when Pakistan is struggling to avoid a default with help from China, Saudi, and UAE. A recovery has been hindered by floods last summer that killed 1,739 people and caused \$30 billion in damage.

measures taken to improve the economy, a statement said.

He told Georgieva that Pakistan was committed to fulfilling its obligations as agreed with the IMF and said he hoped they would release key tranche of \$1.1 billion from the \$6 billion bailout as soon as possible, it said. **AP**

Xi orders overhaul of safety measures after restaurant blast kills 31

ZEN SOO  
HONG KONG , JUNE 22

CHINA'S PRESIDENT ordered a national safety campaign on Thursday after a massive cooking gas explosion at a barbecue restaurant in the northwest killed 31 people and injured seven others on the eve of a long holiday weekend.

The blast tore through the restaurant at around 8:40 p.m. Wednesday on a busy street in Yinchuan, the capital of the traditionally Muslim Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, as people gathered ahead of the Dragon Boat Festival, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The explosion left many people unconscious and they needed to be carried out of the shop, according to the online

news site The Paper, which quoted a member of the search and rescue team. Victims included elderly people and high school students, it said.

An hour before the explosion, employees noticed the smell of cooking gas and discovered that a gas tank valve was broken, according to *Xinhua*. The blast occurred while an employee was replacing the valve.

President Xi Jinping demanded urgent medical care for the injured and a safety overhaul after the explosion, *Xinhua* said. He urged efforts to quickly determine the cause and hold people accountable under the law.

Nine people have been detained by authorities, including the owner of the restaurant, shareholders and employees. Their assets have also been frozen, according to *Xinhua*. **AP**

Ukraine pounds key bridge in Crimea, cuts off Russian routes

Kyiv says Moscow considering nuclear plant attack, Russia denies accusation

REUTERS  
KYIV, JUNE 22

UKRAINIAN MISSILES struck one of the few bridges linking the Crimea Peninsula with the Ukrainian mainland early on Thursday, cutting one of the main supply routes for Russian occupation forces in southern Ukraine as Kyiv pushes to drive them out.

Vladimir Saldo, the head of the Russian-installed administration in occupied parts of Ukraine's Kherson province, released video of himself on the Chonhar road bridge, where craters had been blasted through the asphalt.

"Another meaningless act perpetrated by the Kyiv regime on orders from London. It solves nothing as far as the special military operation is concerned," he said, vowing to repair the bridge and restore traffic.

He threatened to retaliate by targeting a bridge linking neighbouring Moldova to NATO-member Romania: "A very serious response is coming very soon."

The Chonhar bridge hit overnight is one of just a handful of access roads to Crimea, which is linked to the Ukrainian mainland by a narrow isthmus.

Alternative routes require hours-long detours over roads in poor condition. Russia's RIA news agency quoted Russian-installed transport officials in Crimea as saying repair could take weeks.

Meanwhile, Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Thursday Ukraine spies believe Russia was plotting

**US scribe to be in prison until August: Russia**



Gershkovich was held on charges of espionage

Moscow: A Moscow court on Thursday ruled that *Wall Street Journal* reporter Evan Gershkovich must remain in jail on espionage charges until late August, rejecting the US journalist's appeal to be released. The 31-year-old was arrested in March while on a reporting trip. A Moscow court ruled in April to keep him in custody till August 30, but his lawyers challenged the decision. **AP**

to release radiation from Europe's largest nuclear plant, an allegation denied by Kremlin.

Zelenskyy said Kyiv was sharing its information with international partners about Russia-held Zaporizhzhia plant in Ukraine.

The Kremlin dismissed the allegation as "another lie," and said UN nuclear inspectors had visited the plant and rated everything there highly. Zelenskyy didn't say what evidence the intelligence agencies based their assertion on.

OVER 300 FIREFIGHTERS AT SCENE

37 wounded as blasts rock central Paris, 4 in critical condition

AURELIEN BREEDEN  
PARIS, JUNE 22

AN EXPLOSION tore through an apartment building in central Paris on Wednesday, partly collapsing the structure and injuring at least 37 people, four of them critically, according to the French authorities.

The explosion, which occurred around 5 pm on Rue Saint-Jacques, in the Fifth Arrondissement of the French capital, projected rubble and glass into the street and started a fire that sent black smoke billowing into the sky.

Gerald Darmanin, the French interior minister, told reporters over 300 firefighters had deployed to the scene and were able to prevent the flames from spreading to neighboring buildings, which were nonetheless "destabilized" and evacuated as a precaution.

Darmanin said rescue workers were looking through the rubble late Wednesday for two missing, although it was unclear whether they had been in the building at the time of the blast.

The cause of the explosion, which rattled the neighborhood with a loud boom, was not immediately clear. Videos and pictures on social media appeared to show the top of the building blown off and the street below strewn with debris. The prosecutor's office said it had opened an investigation.



Firefighters use a water cannon as they fight the blaze in Paris. **AP**

Some witnesses told French media that they had smelled a strong odor of gas before the blast.

The explosion came at a busy time in France: the *Fete de la Musique*, a national day of musical celebration where crowds go to concerts or congregate outside to listen and dance to street bands. President Emmanuel Macron, said that "tonight we're celebrating music, but we're not in the mood to party." **NYT**

A PROVINCE TO RUN OUT OF WATER IN THREE MONTHS, WHILE SHORTAGE INFLAMES TENSIONS WITH COUNTRY'S NEIGHBOURS

Drought in Iran provinces leaves people chasing drops of water

VIVIAN YEE & LEILY NIKOUNAZAR  
TEHRAN, JUNE 22

SUMMER HAS come to Sistan and Baluchistan province, an impoverished fragment of chapped earth and shimmering heat in Iran's southeast corner, and all people there can talk about is how to get water.

For weeks now, taps in cities like Zahedan have yielded nothing but a salty, weakening trickle. In the villages that water pipes have never reached, the few res-

idents who remain say people can barely find enough water to do the laundry or bathe themselves, let alone fish, farm or sustain livestock.

"Sometimes, just to wash the dishes, we have to wait for so long," said Setareh, 27, a university student in Zahedan, the provincial capital. "Everything from cooking to other chores is an ordeal for us."

Drought has stalked Iran for centuries, but the threat intensified in recent years as political priorities trumped sound water management, experts say.



The dried-out Zayanderud riverbed in Isfahan, Iran. **NYT**

Sistan and Baluchistan, where Iranian lawmakers warn the water will run out altogether within three months, might sound like an extreme case. But other regions are not far behind. Drought is forcing water cuts in the capital, Tehran, shrinking Lake Urmia, the largest saltwater lake in the Middle East, and the livelihoods that came with it, and stoking mass migration from Iran's countryside to its cities.

Now, the hazards have spread to Iran's borders, where water disputes are inflaming tensions with neighboring countries like Turkey

and Afghanistan. Yet the country continues to spend precious water on agriculture, which does little to expand the economy but keeps people working in rural Iran, where many government supporters live. It is also developing already-thirsty areas that will only demand more water.

Mismanagement of Iran's water goes back at least to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who ruled Iran before being deposed in its 1979 Islamic Revolution. He dedicated scarce water to building up agriculture, helping to desiccate the ancient Persian system

of underground aqueduct-like canals known as qanats.

Seven years ago, Mohammad Ehsani, a filmmaker, interviewed farmers, herders and others who lived around the once-fertile Hamoun wetlands for a documentary, *Once Hamoun*.

When Ehsani returned for a visit four months ago, it was much worse, he said. In 2016, residents wanted to stay on their land. Now "you look at their eyes and you see agony," he said.

"Villages are emptying out, one after the other." "The region," he added, "is destroyed." **NYT**







# IOC strips world boxing body of its recognition

**REUTERS**  
LAUSANNE, JUNE 22

THE INTERNATIONAL Boxing Association's (IBA) recognition as the global body for the sport was stripped on Thursday by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) due to its failure to complete reforms on governance, finance and ethical issues.

The IOC's extraordinary session, held on-line on Thursday, rubber-stamped an executive board recommendation by 69 votes to one to withdraw the IBA's recognition.

The IBA, which called the decision "a tremendous error", had tried to have it blocked through an urgent appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, sport's highest court, which rejected the appeal on Tuesday.

The IOC had previously suspended the IBA in 2019 over governance, finance, refereeing and ethical issues and did not involve it in running the boxing events at the Tokyo Olympics. Boxing is part of the Paris 2024 Olympics but the qualification bouts and the competition are being run by the IOC and not the IBA, as was the case at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

Other issues such as a sponsorship deal with Russian energy giant Gazprom that was terminated in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine further complicated the position of the IBA, which is led by Russian businessman Umar Kremlev.

## Tremendous error: IBA

"The IOC has made a tremendous error by withdrawing its recognition of the IBA, revealing its true politicized nature," the IBA said in a statement. "We have successfully implemented all recommendations outlined by the IOC in its roadmap. Despite the challenges, the IBA remains committed to the development of boxing, the preservation of its independence, and the organization of official tournaments and World Boxing Championships at the highest level. We possess the legal right to do so, and we are prepared to defend it before any appropriate authority," the IBA said.

While the IOC regularly removes or adds sports to the Olympic Games programme to make them more attractive to younger audiences, it is extremely rare for the Olympic body to strip an international sports federation's recognition. The IBA's actions have led to the creation of a breakaway group called World Boxing and several countries have left the IBA to join the new organisation.

## EXPLAINED E Boxing's place secure for 2024, 2028 Olympics

EVEN THOUGH the International Boxing Association has been suspended, the sport's place on the roster for the 2024 and 2028 Olympics seems secure. IOC president Thomas Bach indicated that his organisation will conduct the event at next year's Paris Games, just like it did in Tokyo two years ago. "We do not have a problem with boxing, we do not have a problem with boxers," he told an extraordinary IOC session. "On the contrary, we appreciate the boxers for living the values of their sport."

The qualification process for Paris is already underway, with the ongoing European Games serving as one of the events. For Indians, the Asian Games will be the first chance to seal Olympic berths.

# Ad-hoc panel makes it one-bout trial for six protesting wrestlers

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 22

THE IOA ad-hoc panel has reduced the upcoming Asian Games and World Championship selection to a one-bout competition for six protesting wrestlers, who will be required to beat just the winners of the trials to seal their places in the Indian teams for the two prestigious events.

The six wrestlers — Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Sangeeta Phogat, Satyawat Kadian and Jitender Kinha — have not just got the exemption from appearing in the initial trials, they have also been promised that they will compete against the winners of the trials between August 5 and 15. The wrestlers had requested the Sports Ministry to allow them to appear in the Asian Games trials in August because they are under-prepared for the competition due to their long-drawn protest against outgoing WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who is facing sexual harassment charges.

Elite wrestlers like Bajrang and Vinesh have been given exemptions by WFI from full trials in the past to protect them from injuries but never ever Sangeeta Phogat, Satyawart Kadian and Jitender Kinha were considered for such a favour. The ad-hoc panel is required to hold the Asian Games trials before July 15 -- the deadline to send the details of all Indian squads to the organisers.

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# East Bengal's SOS: Crowdfunding

## Cash-strapped club seeks financial support but fans remain unconvinced with the move & have demanded more transparency



**East Bengal officials have been going to North Bengal, Tripura, Assam and even Bangladesh to collect funds.** *Express*

for East Bengal in 1997, expressed surprise at the move. "Yes, the club needs funds, but it is very confusing. Right now, East Bengal has an investor and crowdfunding for me is difficult to understand," Bhutia told *The Indian Express*.

Mehtab Hossain, who played 10 seasons for East Bengal, believes that the club needs to survive right now. "Desperate times call for desperate measures. The goal is for the club to somehow wade out of this situation. As a former player, I shall definitely stand by the club and contribute in whatever way I can," said Hossain while talking to *The Indian Express*.

"Every little bit helps. So please, do what you can to support East Bengal Football Club. Together, we can save this iconic club and ensure its legacy continues for many years," Hossain added.

"Committee has taken a decision depending on the current financial position. But it

seems like they need money now because they never had a proper fund. One must also keep an eye on how these funds are utilized. Maybe then we can decide whether this was a good move or a bad one," said another former East Bengal player Surya Bikash Chakraborty.

## Sceptical supporters

Fans, though, aren't impressed. There has been a lot of criticism online. "It is quite sad that a club which boasts of millions of supporters, is finding it difficult to collect even Rs 6 crores," said Dibyendranath Banerjee, a die hard fan of East Bengal. Another, Deb Kumar Sarkar, opined that crowdfunding could also lead to misuse of funds. "One thing they can do is go public with company shares and also release their financial reports every year in a transparent manner," he said.

"We are against this because there is limited transparency in this process. How the club officials will utilize it is also a grey area."

## How Rani Rampal's stories prompted Annu to chase her dream

out to be a blessing for me," she said.

"On Friday, she left for her home and was supposed to come back on Sunday. She joined on Wednesday and when your most obedient and hard working student does something like that as a coach, you lose your temper. I gave her a mouthful. She started crying and then what she said is still in my subconscious mind," Malik told *The Indian Express*.

"I had no clue about her financial situation. She used to play with borrowed hockey sticks. I did a bit of finding and when I came to know the reason, why her parents sent her to Sirsa Nursery and then to SAI's Hissar centre, it broke my heart," he added.

At the age of nine, Annu, who hails from Roj Khera in Haryana's Jind district, moved to a sports nursery in Sirsa run by the Haryana government, where accommodation and meals were free.

"I started playing at my school. There was no astroturf, we used to play in the school's premises only. One of my school teachers told my father that I am good in hockey and he must take me to Sirsa for trials. I did well got picked," Annu, India's leading goal scorer at the Women's Junior Asia Cup, told this newspaper.



**Annu was India's top scorer at the recently-concluded Junior Asia Cup.**

Annu's father Raj Pal, is a farmer. His finances weren't enough to support Annu's training as well as academics. The free accommodation caught his eyes and against the wishes of his wife he decided to send Annu to the nursery in Sirsa.

“After a week, my parents came to see me. The moment I saw my mother I started crying. After seeing me in tears, my mother also started crying. She begged my father

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