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## Terrorists burn Kashmir's dream



Security personnel stand guard after an encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces during cordon and search operation at Adigam village, in Kulgam district, Saturday

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU**

Ahead of the third and final round of polling on October 1, a joint team of security forces gunned down two unidentified terrorists on Saturday while five security personnel, including an officer, sustained injuries in an encounter in South Kashmir's Kulgam district. Based on specific intelligence about the presence of terrorists, a joint search operation was launched by security forces at village Kog (Mandli) (J/D of P/S Billawar) at Kathua. Contact has been established and a few rounds have been fired from both

sides. Area is cordoned off. ADG Police, Jammu range Anand Jain said in a statement. The gunbattle broke out in Arigam village in the Devsar area of the district after security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation there early in the morning. Srinagar-based Chinar Corps in a post on X said, "Based on specific intelligence input, a joint operation was launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir police at Arigam, Kulgam. "During the search, terrorists fired indiscriminately and a firefight ensued. Two terrorists have been eliminated by the security forces in the ongoing Operation".

Confirming the recovery of two dead bodies from the encounter site, Kashmir Zone Police posted on X, "Two bodies recovered from the encounter site. Identification & affiliation are being ascertained. Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition recovered. Search in progress". The security forces also recovered two x AK Rifles, ammunition and other war-like stores from the terrorists. The security forces also suffered injuries during the firefight. According to official sources, three Army personnel and two police officers, including an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), were injured in a gunbattle with terrorists in

Arigam. Additional Superintendent of Police (Traffic) suffered minor injuries due to a stray bullet near the encounter site, officials said. Earlier on September 14, three terrorists were gunned down by the joint team of security forces in the Kreeeri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. The security forces were able to neutralise a group of hiding terrorists after identifying their exact locations inside the building with the help of drone cameras. In this month, so far nine terrorists have been eliminated during anti-terrorist operations across different parts of Jammu and Kashmir.



## India slams Pakistan at UN

**PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS**

In a strong retort, India has slammed Pakistan in the UN General Assembly, saying its "fingerprints" are on terrorist incidents across the world and the country should realise that cross-border terrorism against India will "inevitably invite consequences". India exercised its Right of Reply in the UN General Assembly on Friday in response to Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif raising the issue of Jammu and Kashmir in his address at the General Debate of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly. "This Assembly regrettably witnessed a travesty this morning. A country run by the military, with a global reputation for terrorism, narcotics trade and transnational crime has had the audacity to attack the world's largest democracy," First Secretary in India's Permanent Mission to the UN Bhavika Mangalanandan said, delivering India's Right of Reply.

## Israel decimates Hezbollah

**AP ■ TEL AVIV**

Lebanon's Hezbollah group has confirmed that its leader and one of its founders, Hassan Nasrallah, was killed in an Israeli airstrike. A statement on Saturday said Nasrallah "has joined his fellow martyrs." The statement says Hezbollah vows to "continue the holy war against the enemy and in support of Palestine." Nasrallah led the militant group for more than three decades. Earlier, Israel had said that it killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, dealing its most significant blow to the Lebanese militant group after months of fighting. Nasrallah is by far the most powerful target to be killed by Israel in weeks of intensified fighting with Hezbollah. Ali Karki, the Commander of Hezbollah's Southern Front, and additional Hezbollah commanders, were also killed in the attack, the Israeli military said. The military said it carried out a precise airstrike on Friday while Hezbollah leadership met at their headquarters in Dahiyeh, south of Beirut. Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt Gen Herzi Halevi, said Saturday that the elimination of Nasrallah was "not the end of our toolbox," indicating that more strikes were planned. He said that the strike targeting Hezbollah leadership was the result of a



Flames rise after an Israeli airstrike in the southern suburbs of Beirut, Lebanon, Saturday

long period of preparation. The Lebanese Health Ministry said six people were killed and 91 injured in the strikes Friday, which leveled six apartment buildings. The Israeli military said it was mobilising additional reserve soldiers as tensions escalate with Lebanon, activating three battalions of reserve soldiers to serve across the country. The call comes after it sent two brigades to northern Israel earlier in the week to train for a possible ground invasion. On Saturday morning, the Israeli military carried out several strikes in southern Beirut and eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Hezbollah launched dozens of projectiles across northern

and central Israel and the Israel-occupied West Bank. In Beirut's southern suburbs, smoke rose and the streets were empty after the area was pummeled overnight by heavy Israeli airstrikes. Shelters set up in the city centre for displaced people were overflowing. Many families slept in public squares and beaches or in their cars. On the roads leading to the mountains above the capital, hundreds of people could be seen making an exodus on foot, holding infants and whatever belongings they could carry. At least 720 people have been killed in Lebanon over the past week from Israeli airstrikes, according to the Health Ministry.

## Stalin to succeed Stalin

**A fresh political chapter?**

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI**

In a late night development on Saturday, Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi has promoted Udhayanidhi Stalin, son of chief minister M K Stalin as the deputy chief minister and was allocated additional portfolios of planning and development. In addition to the promotion of Udhayanidhi as deputy chief minister, the Governor has inducted Senthil Balaji, who was released on bail by the supreme court after an incarceration of 471 days in jail in connection with prevention of money laundering case. It may be noted that Stalin is nit in the best of health if political grapevine is to be believed. Three more ministers have been inducted along with Balaji in the council of ministers and they would be sworn in on Sunday afternoon at Raj Bhavan Chennai, said a release by the Governor's office. It also said that three ministers were dropped from the council of ministers as per the recommendation of the chief minister Stalin. The promotion of Udhayanidhi Stalin as deputy chief minister was expected for quite sometime. There were reports that the elevation would happen prior to the foreign



tour of Stalin last month by it was rescheduled as per astrological directives. With Udhayanidhi Stalin getting elevated as deputy chief minister, the DMK and the Government has come under the full control of the Stalin family. Udhayanidhi, a first-time MLA was inducted in the council of ministers with the portfolio of Youth and Sports Affairs. Though there were resentment in the DMK senior leaders over the haste with which Stalin Junior was made a minister overlooking many seniors in the party, the Stalin clan has managed to hush up the issues.

"Now, Stalin will get enough time and space to revamp the DMK as well as the Government as there were many serious allegations about the functioning of the government. Moreover, small parties like VCK led by Thol Thirumavalavan have started as king for a share in the power," said Gauthaman Ramakrishnan, political critic and chief editor of Sree TV, a popular Tamil news channel. With the AIADMK, the main opposition, in total disarray and the BJP plagued with major infightings, Stalin hopes to make a smooth return to

power in the 2026 assembly polls which is less than two years away. The party is also getting ready to go for a clean sweep of the local body elections which are round the corner. The DMK's Delhi face is controlled by Stalin's step sister Kanimozhi with his grand nephew Udhayanidhi Maran acting as cheerleader. The revolt raised by senior leaders like T R Balau and Durai Murugan has been blown out as son Udhayanidhi Stalin has emerged as the DMK's new Raising Sun, the party's emblem.

## Cockroach in meal shocks Air India passenger

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

In a shocking mid air discovery, an Air India passenger has complained of finding a cockroach in an omelette served onboard the flight from the national Capital to New York, with the airline saying the matter has been taken up with the catering service provider for further investigation. The incident occurred on flight AI 101 on September 17, 2024, and was reported by the passenger on social media platform X. The incident has raised concerns about food safety standard prompting Air India to review its catering protocols. This is the second incident of a potentially dangerous foreign object being discovered by passengers in meals served on Air India flights over the past four months. In the statement, the spokesperson said the airline is concerned about the experience of the customer in the said instance and has taken it up with the catering service provider to investigate further. "Air India works with reputed caterers who supply to leading airlines globally and have stringent SOPs (standard operating procedures) and multiple checks to ensure quality of meals served to our guests. We are concerned about the experience of the customer in the



said instance and have taken it up with our catering service provider to investigate it further," the spokesperson said in a statement. "We will take necessary actions to prevent any recurrence of such instances in future," the spokesperson said. In a post on X, the passenger said a cockroach was found in the omelette served on the flight from Delhi to New York. "My 2 year old finished more than half of it with me when we found this. Suffered from food poisoning as a result," she said. The passenger also shared a short video and pictures of the food items served during the flight. She tagged Air India, aviation regulator DGCA and Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu in the post. In June, a passenger flying to San Francisco from Bengaluru on an Air India flight had found a blade-like metal piece in one of the meals served to him.

## Gang shootouts on the rise in Delhi

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**

Poising a serious threat to law and order situation, the national capital witnessed three separate firing incidents linked to escalating extortion bids by notorious gangs in the last 24 hours with the shooters attacking a luxury car showroom, a hotel, and a sweet shop. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in any of the incidents. While some unidentified shooters targeted a hotel at south Delhi's Mahilpapur area early Saturday, some assailants opened fire at a sweets shop in Sultanpur Mor in Nangloi later. According to a police officer, around 9.30 am on Saturday, two men with their faces covered came on a bike and opened three to four rounds of fire at 'Roshan Halwai'. No one was injured in the incident but there were some shattered glasses in the shop, the officer said. Police suspect the shooting was related to protection money of some gangsters. After the firing at the sweets shop, a note with "Deepak Boxer Bhai, Ankesh Lakra Bhai and Vishal Bhai" --the names of gangsters -- written on it, police said. CCTV footage has been collected and a probe was underway, they said. Earlier around 2.30 am, two men came on a motorcycle and fired around five to six bullets at the main entrance gate of Impress Hotel in south Delhi. No one was injured in the incident but some glasses were damaged, police said. Hotel staff and some guests were present in their rooms when the incident took place. Police has initiated a probe into the case. The hotel's receptionist, Khalida said that she was not present during the firing as her shift started in the morning. She added, "They did not target anyone but they opened fire at the gate. Five to six rounds were fired and they fled," Khalida said. This attack is also believed to be part of an extortion attempt to take over the hotel. Last year, the hotel owner had been threatened by a man claiming to be connected to Canada-based gangster Goldie Brar. Brar, along with Lawrence Bishnoi - currently in custody in Gujarat-has been linked to previous high-profile extortion cases, including a shooting outside actor Salman Khan's Mumbai residence.

## Railway tracks to be made cattle and reel free

**DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI**

In order to tackle the rising incidents of cattle straying on to the railway tracks and two-wheelers crossing over, the Indian Railways has designed a new metal fencing termed as the W-Beam. It has been developed in such a way that it would also be difficult for humans to sneak and hence curb the menace of 'reel making' which is growing each passing day. These will be framed abreast the tracks that pass through the populated areas, railway officials said. "The gaps from the ground level and between the two beams have been designed in such a way in the new W-Beam metal fence



that cattle or two-wheelers cannot cross it and move over to the tracks," railway officials said. The decision has been taken since the concrete railway boundaries have been found not

be effective in preventing incidents, particularly the cattle run over. As of now the plans are to complete fencing of the New Delhi-Howrah and New Delhi-

Mumbai route to facilitate passenger train operations at a maximum speed of 160 kmph. The railways is mulling to increase the average speed of the passenger trains between 90

kmph to 110 kmph across its networks and the speed can be enhanced only after ensuring there are no animals and two-wheelers intrusion on the tracks. The new model W-Beam type metal fencing has been developed and installed on Mumbai-Ahmedabad route where the train speed is being augmented to 160 kmph. All zonal Railways have also been advised to adopt the new fencing model. Further, to make train journey safer the latest version of Automatic Train Protection system, Kavach 4.0 is being finalised to work across railway network. While the officials claim, ever since specific safety measures have been taken, there has been a drop in accidents per day on the

railway network. An average of 2.6 accidents per day was recorded during 2012-14, which has come down to 0.5 (1 accident in 2 days) during 2022-24. The Centre is already working to secure the national highway network and work on bamboo crash barrier has been going on since last year which been named 'Bahu Balli'. The bamboo crash barrier underwent "rigorous testing" at various Government-run institutions like the National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) in Pithampur, Indore and was rated as Class 1 during the Fire Rating Test conducted at the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) in Roorkee and it has also been accredited by the Indian Road Congress.



# Government to deal strictly with black marketeers: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has stated that when the demand for fertilizers increases, there is a possibility of black marketing, illegal hoarding, and the production of fake fertilizers. He emphasized increasing inspections and checks with the help of the police. Strict action should be taken against those involved in black marketing, adulteration, misbranding, and the sale of fake fertilizers. Continuous monitoring should be ensured on the movement of fertilizers from one district to another to control illegal transportation. Action should also be taken against black marketeers and illegal traders under the National Security Act (NSA), as per regulations. Chief Minister Yadav gave these instructions

during a video conference from the Chief Minister's residence on Saturday, where he discussed soybean procurement, fertilizer availability, and distribution with district collectors and commissioners. Yadav assured that there is an adequate supply of fertilizers in the state for Kharif 2024-25. He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving soybean procurement in Madhya Pradesh under the Price Support Scheme and instructed officials to make appropriate arrangements for procurement. The Chief Minister also emphasized promoting the use of NPK and liquid nano urea instead of DAP, to reduce the nation's dependency on other countries. Dr. Yadav expressed satisfaction over the increased use of NPK fertilizers in Kharif 2024, reaching 45 per-

centage, up from only 26 per cent in 2023-24. He also directed the district collectors to ensure that the revenue department, in collaboration with public representatives, assesses crop damage accurately. Yadav instructed officials to coordinate with the Agricultural Production Commissioner for necessary actions regarding double-lock storage of fertilizers. He further called for strict action against those involved in the sale, storage, or transportation of substandard fertilizers and seeds. The Chief Minister also directed officials to make solid arrangements for the distribution of fertilizers for Rabi 2024-25, in line with the current Kharif season. The Chief Minister highlighted that there is also an adequate supply of fertilizers for the upcoming Rabi 2024-25 season

and asked district collectors to coordinate with senior officials to ensure smooth distribution without any disruptions. He emphasized promoting natural farming in line with Prime Minister Modi's vision and encouraged farmers to use NPK and liquid nano urea. He also instructed officials to respond to the demand made by Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat for an additional three fertilizer racks in the Malwa region and to open additional sales counters at double-lock centers to streamline fertilizer distribution. Dr. Yadav mentioned that soybean procurement under the Price Support Scheme should be conducted with sensitivity. He assured that the state government would procure soybean beyond the quantity determined by the central government. The

registration of farmers on the e-procurement portal started on 25 September, and the registration process will continue until 20 October. Slot booking for procurement will take place until 21 December. Soybean will be procured from October 25 to December 31, 2024 at 1,400 centers across the state, and changes may be made as necessary. Payments to farmers will be made online. Soybean procurement will be conducted everywhere except for seven districts: Datia, Bhind, Katni, Mandla, Balaghat, Sidhi, and Singrauli. Proposals from these districts will be considered if submitted. The meeting was attended by Cooperative Minister Vishwas Sarang, Chief Secretary Veera Rana, Agricultural Production Commissioner Mohammad Suleman and others.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Chief Justice of MP High Court Justice Suresh Kumar Kait during a colloquium on 'Intellectual Property Rights' in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Pioneer photo

## Medi-Caps varsity hosts second CEO Conclave

PNS ■ INDORE

Medi-Caps University proudly organised 2nd CEO Conclave and also inaugurated the Technology Enabling Centre (TEC) on September 28, 2024, in a grand event attended by distinguished guests and industry leaders. The inauguration was graced by Chief Guest Gourav Banel (IAS), Addl Collector Indore. The Chancellor, Shri R. C. Mittal, Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr.) DK Patnaik, OSD to Chancellor Shri Palash Garg, Shri Akshit Gard and governing body member's. The event highlighted the university's commitment to fostering innovation and industry collaboration. The formal proceedings began with the Medi-Caps Anthem and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The TEC Centre was unveiled by Chancellor, and other

dignitaries. The Pro VC Prof. (Dr.) DK Panda, Principal Investigator (PI) of the TEC, gave the welcome address and elaborated on the TEC's objectives, focus areas, and future roadmap. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the university's achievements and advanced facilities. Gourav Banel delivered inspiring addresses, emphasizing the role of technological innovation in shaping the future. The Chancellor shared his vision for the university's collaboration with industries. The event included a series of panel discussions with TEC Network Members, focusing on key sectors like Pharma & Healthcare, Mechanical & Manufacturing, and Agriculture & Food Processing. Experts from each sector discussed the future of technology and industry partnerships in driving growth and innova-

tion. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr.) RK Shukla, Co-PI of TEC, followed by the National Anthem. This CEO Conclave, brings industry leaders and academia together to discuss innovative solutions and collaborative opportunities. The event saw participation from over more than 50 CEOs and representatives from leading companies in sectors such as manufacturing, electrical, electronics, agriculture, and pharmacy. A networking lunch provided an informal setting for further discussions and relationship-building among the attendees. The TEC Centre at Medi-Caps University is poised to become a hub for technological advancements and industry-academia collaboration, strengthening the regional and national innovation ecosystem.

## Woman displaced

Bhopal: Miscreants forcibly displaced a woman and threw household goods from her house in Ayodhya Nagar on Friday; dispute was over registry of the house, fearing miscreants, the woman and her niece stayed out of the house after the incident. In the incident belongings were damaged. Many of the goods were lost. The incident was reported on Friday morning at 9:30. After this, the woman and her niece spent the whole night on the road outside the vacated house. Their belongings are still lying on the road. The woman said that the police in the police station took the side of the accused. They did not lodge a complaint as per her request and registered a case under normal sections. The victim Sushma Pandre (50) lives in EWS 29 H Sector Ayodhya Nagar. She said that she has been living in this house since 2002.

## Intellectual Property seminar for judges inaugurated in Indore

PNS ■ INDORE

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav stated that the Madhya Pradesh government will take steps to formulate positive arrangement based on the conclusions drawn from the two-day intellectual property seminar held in Indore. He emphasized that there are numerous challenges in the field of intellectual property law in the future. In this context, organizing such a symposium by the High Court is a commendable initiative. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav assured that there will be no lack of coordination with the judiciary to ensure accessible and impartial justice for all. He was addressing the seminar on intellectual property rights at the Brilliant Convention Center in Indore. The two-day seminar was attended by Supreme Court Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma,

Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court Suresh Kumar Kait, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari, Advocate General Prashant Singh, Director of the Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy Krishnamurti Mishra, South Asia Representative Officer of INTA Gauri Kumar, and UK Intellectual Property's Deputy Director of International Policy Sarah Roberts Favel. The seminar was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the guests. Yadav quoted "Yato Dharmatato Jaya" and mentioned the justice system of Ujjain's King Vikramaditya, which has always been inspiring. The Chief Minister added that the determination of intellectual property will bring many challenges in the future, and such events will be useful in finding solutions to these challenges. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

2016 policy for the promotion of justice. Dr. Yadav also highlighted how the judiciary remained functional even during the tough times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Justice Sushrut Dharmadhikari delivered the welcome address and provided an overview of the sessions that will take place over the two days. South Asia representative Gauri Kumar, sharing information about her organization, stated that there are organizations operating in around 187 countries working in the field of intellectual property. She emphasized that India plays a leading role in the protection of intellectual property. Madhya Pradesh Advocate General Prashant Singh, in his address, mentioned that the judiciary is confidently progressing in the field of intellectual property protection. Sarah Roberts Favel, Deputy Director of the International Intellectual Property

Office, dressed in Indian attire, presented vital information related to intellectual property rights. Administrative Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, discussed the strong aspects of intellectual property rights. Supreme Court Justice Sharma and Justice Maheshwari, in their scholarly addresses, elaborated on the possibilities and challenges of intellectual property rights. Justice Maheshwari highlighted the strong functioning of Madhya Pradesh's judicial system, where the state government plays a crucial role. He expressed hope that the state government will continue providing resources to ensure the accessibility of justice, enabling the judiciary to carry out its duties with determination. Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Suresh Kumar Kait, explained the various aspects and objectives of the event.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addresses the 30th National Conference of Indian Society of Oral Implantologists at Brilliant Convention Center in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Pioneer photo

## City enjoys mask exhibition and dance performances

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

On the second and penultimate day of an ongoing mask-based performance festival, proceedings got underway with a welcome for participating artists at the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum in the state capital on Saturday. Organized by the Janajatiya Lok Kala Evam Boli Vikas Akademi (Tribal Folk Art and Dialect Development Academy) in collaboration with the Himalayan World Museum in Sikkim, the three-day festival is showcasing masks from eight countries and seven Indian states. Dances from 11 states, including Madhya Pradesh, will be presented at the festival, which commenced on Friday. The mask exhibition, proving to be a major draw, presents around 100 masks from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet, Bangladesh, Fiji, Malaysia, Sri



Lanka, and Indonesia. Delicious cuisine is also available at the festival. On Saturday, the Thayyam dance was presented by Nishanth KM and his team from Kerala. This traditional folk dance from the southern state is regarded as a devotional dance and is performed after the harvest in October to thank God. The Bhavada dance was performed by Pavanbhai Ramubhai Bagul and his team from Gujarat. This dance, performed by the Dangis tribe, means a dance performed while wearing masks. It is performed to ward off obstacles or suffering. The Bhavada is performed in April. Rural farmers seek blessings from Mataji and request to keep the Bhavada for three to five years for good harvests and offspring. This belief is preva-

lent throughout Gujarat. Gaurang Nayak and his team from Odisha presented the Sahijata. The Jatra is a popular folk theatre form from Eastern India, involving music, acting, singing, and dramatic dialogue performed by multiple individuals. This folk theatre is especially notable in Bengal and Odisha. The Sahijata dance is showcased during religious rallies and rituals, where artists participate using masks of Lord Ganesha, Narasimha, and the goddess. Chhabiladas Vishnu Gawli and his team from Maharashtra performed the Bhavada dance. In Maharashtra, the Kokna community traditionally performs the Bhavada dance after Akshay Tritiya, also known as "Bohada." The dance features costumes of deities and masks of animals, demons, and nature deities, accompanied by musical instruments such as the shehnai, drums, and thali.

## Dr Rajnish Joshi of AIIMS gets 1st place at postal stamp exhibition

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences here announced that Dean (Academics) Dr. Rajneesh Joshi, Professor of Medicine at AIIMS Bhopal, secured first place in two categories at the District Level Philately Exhibition Bhopal 2024, held on September 26 and 27 at the Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Auditorium, Dak Bhawan, Bhopal. Dr. Joshi's exhibition featured two unique themes. The first showcased the medical colleges and institutions of India under the theme "Developed India," while the second focused on public health challenges related to TB and HIV. His remarkable achievement highlights the diverse interests and knowledge of AIIMS Bhopal faculty members, furthering the institute's tradition of academic excellence. The exhibition saw participation from over 45 philatelists, displaying more than 126 frames on a variety of subjects. Dr. Joshi's efforts have not only brought

recognition to AIIMS Bhopal but also contributed to the awareness and appreciation of philately as an enriching hobby. On this occasion, AIIMS Bhopal ED Prof Ajai Singh congratulated Dr. Joshi for his outstanding achievement. In his message, he emphasized the value of stamp collection as a means of knowledge enhancement, particularly for the youth. He stated, "Philately opens doors to learning about diverse subjects, from history to science. It is an enriching hobby that fosters curiosity and broadens one's understanding of the world. Prof. Singh also appreciated the efforts of the Postal Department, under the leadership of CPMG Shri Vineet Mathur of Madhya Pradesh Circle, in promoting philately and encouraging the younger generation to develop an interest in this timeless hobby. "The Postal Department is playing a commendable role in keeping the spirit of philately alive and in making it appealing to children and youth alike," Prof. Singh added.

## Take special care of your heart: Vinod

Bhopal: Ahead of World Heart Day being observed today, noted city athlete, Vinod Pandey on Saturday urged people to dedicate at least an hour to their health everyday. The purpose of this year's World Heart Day is to heighten awareness towards heart health and disseminate information regarding cardiovascular diseases, their causes, and encouraging people to take responsibility for their heart health. Speaking on the eve of the event, Pandey, an keen cyclist and marathoner said, "cycling is a surefire way to keep the heart healthy as fitness is crucial to heart health." Pandey described the heart as the most important part of the human body, and urged people to take all precautions to ensure the health of the organ. Giving nutrition tips, Pandey advocated the inclusion of berries, wholegrains and green leafy vegetables in everyday diet. He stressed the need for the young to adopt a cardio exercise in their exercise routine and said that running significantly reduces heart risk. Cardio exercises, like running and cycling, catalyze weight loss, he said while appealing to people to bring positive changes to their lifestyle to achieve healthy heart goals.

## Health awareness programme organised by Kasturba hospital

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A public awareness program was organized by Kasturba Hospital of BHEL, Bhopal in collaboration with Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on Friday at cultural hall. On this occasion S.M. Ramanathan, Executive Director, BHEL, Bhopal was present as the Chief Guest. B.K. Singh, General Manager (HR), Dr. Raju Vaishya, Senior Consultant, Orthopedics, Dr. Gaurav Sagar, Senior Consultant Nephrology and Renal Specialist and Dr. Saptarshi Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant Endocrinology and Dr. (Mrs.) Alpana Tiwari, Chief Medical Services, Kasturba Hospital were also present. In his address, Ramanathan gave suggestions related to diabetes and osteoporosis and emphasized on being aware of them and said that one should always take treatment as per the advice of the doctor. Addressing the public, Singh said that such public awareness programmes increase health awareness among employees. He appreciated the medical department for

## Ramanathan gave suggestions related to diabetes and osteoporosis and emphasized on being aware of them

organising such programmes. In her welcome address, Dr. Tiwari advised everyone to take maximum benefit of the programme and to stay healthy and take proper prevention. Dr. Raju Vaishya, Dr. Gaurav Sagar, Dr. Saptarshi Bhattacharya provided their services to BHEL employees and their families in the Super Specialist OPD organized at Kasturba Hospital. Later, Dr. Vaishya gave a lecture on the effects, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and Dr. Bhattacharya gave a lecture on the myths, treatment and diagnosis of diabetes on the subject of endocrinology. The programme was conducted and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Rimmi Sethi.



An artist works on idols of Goddess Durga ahead of the Navratri festival in Bhopal on Saturday. Pioneer photo

## Greenwood Udbhav Utsav to commence on Oct 15

PNS ■ GWALIOR

They added that Udbhav Utsav will start with an attractive carnival at 2 pm on 15 October, in which all the Indian and foreign teams will give their presentations from the Medical Auditorium and reach Jiwaji Club via Theme Road, where "Udbhav Utsav 2024" will be inaugurated in a grand ceremony.

The program is being organized with the cooperation of Greenwood Public School, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Indian Institute of Travel Management, Culture Department, MP Government, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Keshav Pandey, Deepak Tomar, Mrs. Kiran Bhadoria, Chandrashekhar Barua, Shishir Shrivastava, Surendrapal Singh Kushwaha,

Praveen Sharma, Alok Dwivedi, Manoj Agrawal, Rajendra Mudgal, Dr. Aditya Bhadoria, Sharad Saraswat, Rajiv Agrawal, Monu Rana, Sharad Yadav, Sahil Khan, Shubham Rana, Suresh Verma, Ankit Rana, Ashu Yadav, Moolchand Rasainia, Jagdish Gupta, Akshat Tomar, Pradeep Bisaria, Ashish Singh, Santosh Vashist among others were present in today's press conference.



# Achieve membership targets by Dussehra: CM to BJP workers

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Addressing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Saturday urged them to be mindful of the forthcoming festive season and to achieve membership drive targets ahead of Dussehra. Yadav was reviewing the progress made by the membership drive in Madhya Pradesh at the party's state headquarters. Party workers should work in such a way during the second phase of the membership campaign that the targets are achieved before the weapon worship on Dussehra. He added that the campaign should gain momentum during Pitrapaksha and

Navratri. State party unit chief and Khajuraho MP Vishnudatt Sharma spelled out the achievements of the membership campaign. He informed that the success of the campaign in the state may be gauged by the fact that three constituencies in the state figure in the top 20 list for enrolling a maximum number of new members. Sharma said that 10.5 million people in Madhya Pradesh were enlisted through missed calls, and over 9.8 million formally filled out party membership forms to join the party. With 70% of the target achieved, Madhya Pradesh stands third in the country and first among large states for running the most successful campaign for the party, he added.

State in-charge Mahendra Singh noted that the success of the campaign was made possible by a large number of party officials and representatives who threw their weight behind the party enrollment drive. State Organisation General Secretary Hitanand Sharma emphasized that workers must unite and strive to oust the Congress from every booth. He urged party workers to dedicate even more time and energy to the campaign during the second phase and ensure that achieving party targets can help realize this historic feat. State Minister Rajneesh Agarwal noted that the achievement of the magical figure of one crore (new members) is nothing short of a mira-

cle. The review meeting was conducted by Bhopal MLA Bhagwandas Sabnani, who is also in charge of the membership campaign in the state. In his address, Chief Minister Yadav congratulated party workers on their performance and underlined the need for discounting during the festive season while formulating strategy for the second phase. Listing the challenges that lie ahead, Yadav said that party workers should try to ensure that the campaign peaks during Pitrapaksha and Navratri so the targets may be achieved ahead of the Shastra Pujan on Dussehra. He said that the target of 1.5 crore new members is not a daunting one, as BJP popularity in the state is well

reflected in its clean sweep of 29 Lok Sabha seats during the general elections earlier this year and the huge party victory in the assembly elections of 2023. Highlighting the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Yadav said that after taking over in 2014, the BJP government formulated a new Intellectual Property policy, which clarified misconceptions in the earlier version, halted brain drain, and enabled industrialists to minimize the incubation period for new production facilities. Yadav stressed the need for party workers to stay updated with time and utilize technology to achieve targets for the membership campaign.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, BJP State President VD Sharma, State In-charge Mahendra Singh and others light a lamp to inaugurate a review meeting of BJP membership drive under 'Sangathan Parv' at BJP state headquarters on Saturday.



Congress leader Manoj Shukla leads party workers demonstration to protest against the increasing incidents of rape and other crime against minors, at Police Commissioner's office in Bhopal on Saturday.

## Congress submits memorandum to Police Commissioner demanding safety of children

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Congress party workers gathered and submitted a memorandum to the Police Commissioner demanding to ensure the safety of children and strict action against the accused involved in child crimes. The demonstration was led by Congress leader Manoj Shukla. During this, slogans were raised at the police control room. Many innocent children along with their parents participated in the demonstration. Congressmen submitted a memorandum to the Police Commissioner demanding to ensure the safety of children

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and strict action against the accused involved in child crimes. During the demonstration, the girls had placards in their hands which read Commissioner Uncle, save us. Congress leader Manoj Shukla said that girls in Bhopal are not safe anywhere in their homes, schools, markets, unpleasant incidents with them are increasing continuously, he said that the government and the police have failed to stop the crim-

## Mayor inspects public utility centre

Bhopal: Mayor Malti Rai conducted a surprise inspection of the public utility center at Bittan Market on Saturday. Dissatisfied with the amenities, she levied a fine of Rs 5,000 on the company responsible for its upkeep. She directed the organization, Sulabh International, to ensure that all necessary repairs and improvements are made within a three-day period. The Mayor also visited street vendors at the market and initiated action against the use of proscribed single-use plastics. She encouraged the vendors to upgrade their packaging to safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives. Following her instructions, the municipal health department confiscated nearly 100 kg of banned plastic from the vendors and imposed spot fines amounting to Rs 11,900. They distributed cloth bags

through volunteers and NSS cadets and renewed their appeal for making the state capital free of single-use plastics. Accompanying the Mayor were Additional Commissioner Devendra Singh Chouhan, Mayor Council Member R.K. Singh Baghel, Councillor Shikha Gohal, Health Officer Rajiv Saxena, and assistant health officers from zones 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. As part of the ongoing 'Cleanliness is Service Fortnight - 2024', inspections were carried out by municipal officials at various locations. Civic amenities and public utilities were checked, and directions were issued for their upkeep. Sanitation drives were carried out across the city, and residents and others were counseled on ways to ensure better hygiene and cleanliness in their localities.

## SDM probe in Berasia molestation case involving a minor girl complete

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The investigation of the protest that took place on September 12 in the premises of Berasia police station in Bhopal and the case of sending obscene messages to a minor has been completed. SDM Berasia Aditya Jain conducted the investigation. The report will be submitted to Collector Kaushlendra Vikram Singh in the next 3 days. Only 3 girl students have given statements in this case, while no one else has given evidence. The administration will take further action after the report. SDM Jain said, evidence related to the case was also sought from the people, but no evidence was found. Statements of 3 girl students related to the case have been taken. The report will be submitted to the Collector on Monday. Collector Singh had given orders for a detailed investigation in this case that took place in Berasia. After this, a team was formed under the chairmanship of Berasia SDM. SDOP Manju Chauhan was made a member. The incident was to be investigated and the report was to be submitted within a week. However, this period has ended. The SDM had issued

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an order saying that if anyone else has evidence or documents related to the incident, they can submit it to the SDM office within a week. However, no one gave evidence. During the demonstration on September 12, Collector Kaushlendra Vikram Singh climbed on the bonnet of the car and explained to the protesters. After the ruckus in Berasia police station on September 12, Collector Singh climbed on the bonnet of the car and explained to the protesters. After this, action was taken against those who sent obscene messages to the minor. The collector took action under NSA against two accused. After this case, the SDM had banned sending messages on social media such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram that incite the sentiments of any caste-religion, sect, institution, person or common people for the next two months.

## 40-year-old contractor commits suicide

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 40-year-old contractor committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at Anand Nagar, reason for the suicide could not be revealed, police have started investigation. Initial investigation revealed that the young man had been married for 12 years and had no children from the marriage. According to the police, Golu Meena of Ashok Bihar Colony, Anand Nagar, Piplani, was a contractor for building houses. In statements given to the police, the family members said that he did not have any financial problems. His three other brothers live separately in Piplani area while he lived separately with his wife. Even after a long time of marriage, he had no children. He never mentioned any kind of problem to the family. His wife was not present at home on Friday evening. Golu committed suicide by hanging himself. The police say that the real reason for the suicide could not be revealed. The detailed statement of the deceased's wife could not be recorded. The police are investigating the case.

## It's our responsibility to work in Hindi: Chaubey

Bhopal: Addressing the prize distribution ceremony of 'Hindi Pakhwada' organized by Rabinathan Tagore University, senior poet-storyteller, director of Vishwa Rang and Chancellor of Rabinathan Tagore University, Santosh Chaubey said that it is our responsibility to work in Hindi and to keep working for Hindi at the global level. At present, there are immense possibilities for Hindi at the global level. Soon we will organize 'International Hindi Olympiad' under the joint aegis

of Vishwa Rang and Tagore International Hindi Center. In this, we will connect one million youth and Hindi lovers from different countries of the world. Hindi Pakhwada will also be organized at the global level. He further said that the doors of employment in Hindi are also open at the global level. Hindi is being taught in more than 150 universities of different countries. Hindi ranks third among the most spoken languages in the world. The time is not far when Hindi will be the leader of the

world. Senior educationist Prof. Amitabh Saxena said that Hindi Day is celebrated every year on 14 September. On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly had decided that Hindi would be the official language of the Central Government. Because Hindi language is spoken in most parts of India. To establish the importance of this decision and to spread Hindi in every region, since the year 1953, 14 September is celebrated as Hindi Day every year in the whole of India. Prof.



Traffic police personnel penalize vehicles with illegal hooters at Roshanpura square in Bhopal on Saturday.

## Pranpur, Sawarvani and Ladpura of MP receive best 'tourism villages' titles

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The central government conferred on three villages in Madhya Pradesh the title of Best Tourism Village in various categories on the occasion of International Tourism Day. Pranpur has been awarded in the Craft category, while Sawarvani and Ladpura Khas received award in the Responsible Tourism category. These villages emerged as winners in the Best Tourism Village competition 2024 organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Pranpur is located in Chanderi, while Ladpura Khas is in Niwari, and Sawarvani is in Chhindwara district. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav congratulated these villages for their achievement. The competition for the Best Tourism Villages was started in 2023 to promote tourism in rural areas. The aim is to identify and recognize villages that preserve and promote cultural and natural heritage through community engagement with a commitment to maintaining sustainability in all aspects. In the second edition of the Best Tourism Village competition, a total of 991 applications were



received from 30 states and union territories, out of which 36 villages were declared winners across 8 categories. Sawarvani village, located 6 kilometers inside the Tamia development block of Chhindwara, has become a tourism village since 2019, comprising around 300 houses. Over 300 international tourists have visited this village to experience its culture and ethnic food. Tourists have also actively participated in agricultural and animal husbandry activities. Visitors include citizens from South Africa, France, Europe, Russia, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Sawarvani offers all the essential facilities expected of an ideal village, with a particular focus on cleanliness. The tranquility and natural surroundings attract tourists. Visitors can enjoy the serene environment while exploring nearby natural attractions such as Anhoni Hot Spring, Anhoni Fair, Sapthadhara, and Khara Water Diving Pool near Chawalpani, as well as Ghoghra Waterfall, Tamia, Patakhol, and the hills of Mauni Baba with Jhigariya Waterfall. The buffer zone of Satpura National Park is adjacent to the village. Tourists can enjoy a full package for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Additionally, experiences such as bullock cart rides, milking cows, feeding them, participating in

small agricultural tasks, and trekking on nearby Monakhedi Hill, along with the availability of devotional music groups and tribal Karma dance troupes, make a stay in Sawarvani memorable, leaving lasting impressions. Pranpur: The Village of Weavers Pranpur village, located about four kilometers from the picturesque terrain of Chanderi, is noteworthy for its 243 houses where weaving is going on for years. The villagers have been using handlooms for two to three generations. More than fifty artisans in the village work with bamboo, wood, stone, jewelry, and clay

crafts, making it a special attraction for tourists. The road leading to the village has been repaired using locally available stones. Tourists can drive to a designated spot within the village and explore the beautiful places by foot. A parking area has also been developed for visitors. A café called 'Handloom Café' has been constructed specifically for tourists. A garden has been developed for the convenience and entertainment of tourists, including the construction of an amphitheater. Local cultural troupes periodically present cultural programs to entertain visitors.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Loan Account No./Branch	Description of secured assets (immovable property)	Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1	Dilip Vishwakarma / Arti Vishwakarma / JLRJL22007188 / JABALPUR	In The Rights, Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Mouza - Rimjha, N.8.397, P.H.No. 79 New Kathodha, R.N.M. Maharajpur NewMadhotal, Khasra No. 64 part, Private Layout plot No.122, plot Area 888 Sq Ft. (82.52 Sq.Mtr.), Rimjha New Ward No.72, Tahsil Adhartal, District-Jabalpur. 482004 Madhya Pradesh. Boundaries - East - Property of Neighbor, West- Side Road, North- Plot No. 121 A, South- Plot No. 123 A	12-07-2024 Rs. 7,48,413/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen only.)	18.09.2024
2	Neetu Verma / Sanjay Varma / JLRJL22007539 / JABALPUR	In The Rights, Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Land bearing part of kh. no. 176/2, after mutation khasra no. 176/2/1 area measuring 727.5 sq.ft., Situated at Mouza Gurga, Sett. No. 600, P.H. No. 24/81, Ward no. 74, R.I.Circle Maharajpur, Tehsil Panagar now Adhartal, Distt. Jabalpur 482004. Boundaries - East - Property of Seller, West- 19 ft. Side road, North- Property of Seller, South-Plot of Kallu Bai Sen, Imratial, Santosh Kumar Sen	12-07-2024 Rs. 6,76,826/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six)	18.09.2024
3	Ranjeet Singh Dhumketti / Rani Dhumketti / JLRJL23011702 / JABALPUR	In The Rights, Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property Residential purpose land bearing Mouza Madal, sett no. 665, P.C. No.21/16 (old), 54 (new), ward no. 76, Revenue circle bilpura, part of khasra no. 45, plot no. 26, total plot area 1500 sqft. Tehsil and distt. Jabalpur. Boundaries - East -Seller Property, West- Property of Pramod Chourasiya, North- Property of Ramratan Singh, South- Property of Pramod Chourasiya	12-07-2024 Rs. 10,84,371/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One only.)	18.09.2024

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# FIR against Siddaramaiah exposes Congress corruption: BJP

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The BJP on Saturday asserted that the registration of a case on several criminal charges, including corruption, against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has exposed the Congress, as it noted that the FIR was lodged following a court order and central agencies had no role in it. BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi told reporters that it is a rare case of a sitting chief minister being made an accused in a corruption case and has unmasked the "corrupt face" of the Congress. Siddaramaiah is the accused number one in the case, he said and took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, asking if he stood with the chief minister accused of corrupt practices. The Karnataka Lokayukta police on Friday registered an FIR against Siddaramaiah and others in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority



(MUDA) site allotment case, following the court order. A special court in Bengaluru on Wednesday ordered a Lokayukta police probe against Siddaramaiah in the case, setting the stage for filing an FIR against him. With the Congress leadership accusing the BJP of targeting the chief minister for political reasons, Trivedi noted that the central probe agencies had no role in this FIR.

He claimed that the case is an outcome of Siddaramaiah's own misdeeds, as he and his family abused government powers to acquire assets illegally. He said a Congress candidate in the Haryana assembly polls had recently said that his party leaders will use power to enrich themselves and their relatives, and alleged that the Karnataka chief minister had already been doing it.



While Congress leaders pocket thousands of crores of rupees, they give "lollypop" of a few thousands to people, he said. At the press conference, the BJP spokesperson also slammed the Trinamool Congress government in West Bengal for its "nexus" with criminals over the case of rape of an IAS officer's wife. He made a mention of the Calcutta High Court's critical observation of the police

investigation in the case to hit out at the regional party. It shows how dangerous the state has become for women, and a heinous nexus is visible between government officials and criminals, he alleged. Replying to a question about the poor had no place in the Ram temple inauguration ceremony, Trivedi accused the Congress of repeatedly disrespecting the temple and

noted that workers involved in its construction were felicitated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and showered with flower petals. He objected to the use of phrase like "naach gana" (song and dance) by Gandhi in the context of the temple's inauguration ceremony. He said three generations of Gandhi family had gone to Mughal king Babar's grave in Afghanistan to pay their respects, and claimed that their stand on the temple shows their real nature and contempt for Hinduism. Referring to Pakistani prime minister's comments in the UN targeting India over developments in Kashmir, Trivedi said the Congress-National Conference has also been speaking the same language. Noting that the anniversary of the surgical strikes targeting terrorists in Pakistan in 2016 fell on Saturday, he said the Congress and Pakistan have been echoing each other's views since then.

# Youth will defeat BJP, says Kharge

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Citing Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data, he said despite all efforts, this Government data is not able to hide the helplessness of the youth. "There is no bigger issue in the country than unemployment. Modi ji has the biggest contribution in ruining the future of the youth. If we take a closer look at the latest data of PLFS, despite all efforts, this Government data is not able to hide the helplessness of the youth," Kharge said in a social media post in Hindi. "Narendra Modi ji must answer — Isn't youth unemployment at a frightening 10.2% in 2023-24? Instead of giving colourful slogans and doing photo ops, what did Modi ji do to provide jobs to the youth?" he asked. Is it not true that the number of women who have regular



salaried jobs is now the lowest in seven years at just 15.9 per cent, Kharge asked. "Has not the number of women engaged in unpaid labour in rural areas increased from 51.9% (2017-18) to 67.4% (2023-24), which reflects rural unemployment? Why has the Modi Government, which makes a lot of noise about the manufacturing sector, not increased employment in it in the last seven years?" the Congress president posed. How did this figure fall from 15.85 per cent in 2017-18 to just 11.4 per cent in 2023-24, he asked.

# BHISMA medical kits for Mahakumbh

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Uttar Pradesh, which is readying to host one of the world's largest religious festivals, the Mahakumbh 2025, has sought at least 22 BHISMA kits—India's first indigenous state-of-the-art portable medical facilities housed in a cube—from the Centre to address medical emergencies and ensure prompt healthcare for the anticipated influx of devotees at the mega event. "The UP Government has requested at least 22 portable BHISMA (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita, and Maitri) Cubes to be installed at strategic locations during the event in Prayagraj which is expected to attract around 40 crore devotees and visitors. Two Cubes will be set up in each of the 11 zones, covering a total of 43 zones," said an official from the HLL lifecare Ltd, a PSU of the Union Health Ministry which has been tasked with assembling the equipments enclosed in the innovative product under the Government's Project Arogya Maitri. Tailored to save the 'Golden Hour' for up to 200 individuals at once, the BHISMA Cubes have already found successful deployments in countries like Laos, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and recently Ukraine when India had gifted four units during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country. Back home in India, during Ram Mandir inauguration in Ayodhya, it emerged as a crucial lifesaver for a man during a medical emergency.

Dr Ankita, a member of the taskforce of the Union Defence Ministry for the Government's Project Arogya Maitri, shared that the Cubes are portable and rapidly deployable modular medical facilities intended to provide emergency lifesaving clinical care in event of disaster/public health emergencies. These can be deployed within minutes and entails operation theatre, mini-ICU, ventilator, blood test equipment, X-ray machine, cooking station, food, water, shelter, power generator and much more. Due to its modular design and ease of use, it can be transported by air, sea, land, or drone, ensuring timely medical assistance to even the most remote locations. The Cubes will help expedite treatment of the injured and save precious lives. These cubes can handle several severe injuries including 40 bullet injuries, 25 major bleeds, 25 major burns, around 10 head injuries, long limb fractures, spinal injuries, chest injuries and spinal fractures, she explained. The BHISMA cube is already finding huge takers. The Union Health Minister JP Nadda too recently announced that there are plans to set up BHISHM Cubes in 25 AIIMS and Institutes of National Importance (INIs) for rapid deployment in the respective region in case of disaster / health emergencies in the first phase. To enable operators to swiftly find items, track their usage and expiration dates, the cutting-edge BHISHM has a software system in a tablet along with the Cubes.



# Modi pays tribute to Lata Mangeshkar on her birth anniversary

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid tributes to renowned playback singer Lata Mangeshkar on her 95th birth anniversary, and recalled his "special bond" with her. He said in a social media post, "Remembering Lata Didi on her birth anniversary. She will always live on in the hearts and minds of people due to her soulful songs. "Lata Didi and I had a special bond. I have been fortunate to receive her affection and

blessings," he added. The Prime Minister also shared an article written by her brother and music composer Hridaynath Mangeshkar in a national daily, which highlighted the bond between Modi and the great singer. The unchallenged queen of playback singing for several decades, Lata Mangeshkar has been hailed by connoisseurs for her mastery of the intricacies of classical music and adored by the masses for her popular connect of her voice.

# Justice system must respond to disabled children's vulnerabilities: CJI

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Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Saturday said it must be ensured that the justice system, from the police stations to the courtrooms, understands and responds to the compounded vulnerabilities of children with disabilities. Speaking at the ninth National Annual Stakeholders Consultation on Child Protection, the CJI said the challenges faced by persons with disabilities extend far beyond issues of physical accessibility and they must also contend with entrenched societal biases, stereotypes and misconceptions that permeate nearly every facet of life. "We must ensure that the justice system, from the police stations to the courtrooms, understands and responds to the compounded vulnerabilities of these children. The incorporation of restorative justice approaches is one such solution. The JJ Act (Juvenile Justice Act) outlines various and



reintegration measures for children in conflict with the law such as counselling, education, vocational training and community service. For children with disabilities, these measures can be adapted to ensure they receive the specialised support they need to thrive," he said. The two-day programme was organised under the aegis of Juvenile Justice Committee of the Supreme Court in association with UNICEF, India. Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi

gave the special address for the two-day programme, while the opening remarks was given by Justice BV Nagarathna, who is also the chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Supreme Court. Country representative of Unicef, India Cynthia McCaffrey, gave the introductory address on the topic. The CJI said the challenges faced by persons with disabilities extend far beyond issues of physical accessibility and "they must also contend with entrenched societal

biases, stereotypes, and misconceptions that permeate nearly every facet of life." "When we talk about juvenile justice, especially in the context of children with disabilities, we cannot ignore the concept of intersectionality. Disability often intersects with other marginalised identities such as gender, caste, socio-economic status, and ethnicity, amplifying the discrimination children face," he said, adding the doctrine of intersectionality highlights how multiple identities intersect to create unique experiences of discrimination. Highlighting that for children with disabilities, these compounded vulnerabilities can have devastating effects, the CJI stressed the state must ensure that children with disabilities are provided additional safeguards, recognizing that they face heightened risks and unique challenges. "We must ensure that our legal, social and institutional systems are designed not just to accommodate, but to actively protect and empower these children," he added.

# Special Gram Sabhas to guide Panchayat development plans

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Special Gram Sabhas will be held on October two to guide panchayats on preparing their development plans for the 2025-26 financial year, officials in Panchayati Raj Ministry said. The sabhas (meetings) would engage over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats (GP) across the country, they said. The training and orientation programme is being conducted under the 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' Abhiyan of the Panchayati Raj Ministry, which is aimed at fostering participatory planning and timely preparation of Panchayat Development Plans (PDPs) across all panchayats in the country. It would involve 20,000 college students who will assist in the handholding and preparation of PDPs across



various gram panchayats, the officials said. According to a ministry official, the special Gram Sabhas would involve over 2.55 lakh gram panchayats, 6,700 block panchayats, and 665 district panchayats. Ahead of the October two programme, the ministry will also organise a national

workshop on September 30, which will bring together representatives from various Union ministries and departments, state departments, faculty members from training institutes, and elected representatives from different levels of Panchayats to share best practices for adoption

across states and UTs. The officials said the workshop will be inaugurated by the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan'. "The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), coordinated by IIT-Delhi, will play a critical role this year by involving over 20,000 students in the 'Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas' Abhiyan,

also known as the People's Plan Campaign," another official said. These students will participate in the Special Gram Sabha on October two, and also assist in the handholding and preparation of GPDs across various Gram Panchayats, the official added. "The partnership between UBA and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj aims to engage young minds in grassroots-level planning, marking a first in the history of the campaign," the official said. Young Fellows working under the 'Project for Creating Model Gram Panchayat Clusters' as well as Fellows from Piramal Foundation, Aspirational Bharat Collaborative and Transforming Rural India Foundation will play a crucial role in co-facilitating the October 2 Gram Sabha, the official added. The sarpanchs (village head)

would be provided help in pre-planning and orientation on Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDG) and their themes, orienting Gram Sabha members on Panchayat Development Index (PDI) scores, and in identifying appropriate interventions. Additionally, special sabha-orientation programmes will be held in 750 Gram Panchayats, where senior citizens aged above 75 will share their experiences, the official said. A tree plantation campaign under the banner "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", involving the planting of 75 trees in each Gram Panchayat will also be undertaken, during which the participants will take pledges on "swachhata" (cleanliness), "Nasha-mukt Bharat" (drug-free India), Fit India, and youth-driven visions for the future, according to the official.

# Health Ministry drafts guidelines for passive euthanasia

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Brainstem death declaration, medical consensus on the patient's prognosis, documented informed refusal from the patient or surrogate, and adherence to Supreme Court protocols are some of the major specific conditions that have been outlined in the Union Health Ministry's draft guidelines for withdrawing life support in terminally ill patients. The 'Draft Guidelines for Withdrawal of Life Support in Terminally Ill Patients' come weeks after the Supreme Court refused to grant an aged couple's plea to

allow "passive euthanasia" for their 30-year-old son, who has been lying comatose at home for 11 years after a fall from the fourth floor of a building. In 2018 also an elderly couple from Maharashtra had written to the President's office, seeking permission for "active euthanasia", where a person is killed, usually by administering an overdose of pain-killers. The legality of euthanasia varies across the globe, with a small number of countries like Belgium and Australia permitting it under strict conditions. As per the Ministry, these guidelines aim to ensure

ethical decision-making while recognizing that many patients in critical care may not benefit from continued life support. The Ministry is seeking feedback from the stakeholders before finalizing the guidelines. As per the draft, the conditions are whether the individual has been declared brainstem death, if there is a medical prognostication and considered opinion that the patient's disease condition is advanced and not likely to benefit from aggressive therapeutic interventions, patient/surrogate documented informed refusal, following prognostic awareness, to continue life

support and compliance with procedure prescribed by the Supreme Court. It also states that doctors should take a considered decision to not start a life supporting measure in a terminally ill patient that is unlikely to benefit the patient and is likely to lead to suffering and loss of dignity. In such a case, three conditions — on whether the individual has been declared brainstem death, if there is a medical prognostication and considered opinion that the patient's disease condition is advanced and not likely to benefit from aggressive therapeutic interventions, patient/surrogate



documented informed refusal, following prognostic awareness — has to be taken into account. It also discusses the importance of Advance

Medical Directives (AMD), which allow patients to specify their treatment preferences in advance. However, IMA's national President Dr R V Asokan

stated that the proposed guidelines expose doctors to legal scrutiny and put them under stress. "Such clinical decisions have always been taken in good faith by doctors. The patient's relatives are explained and given all information, taken into confidence in a given case and decision is taken on merit in every single case. Putting it down in sort of guidelines and also alleging that inappropriate decisions have been taken or they have been prolonged is misunderstanding the situation," Dr Asokan told a news agency. "First the perception and

assumption that unnecessarily machines are used and lives are prolonged is wrong. It exposes the doctors to legal scrutiny. "More so what is left of a doctor-patient relationship... Trying to define it in four corners of black and white documentation which is legally scrutinised is nothing but exposing the doctors to further stress," he said. Terminal illness in the draft guidelines has been defined as an irreversible or incurable condition from which death is inevitable in the foreseeable future. Severe traumatic brain injury which shows no recovery after 72 hours or more is also included.



# Mumbai on high alert ahead of Navratri, Diwali festivities

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Mumbai police have placed the country's commercial capital on a high-alert on Saturday, after they received a tip-off from the central intelligence agencies about a possible threat of a terror strike in public places during the upcoming Navratri-Diwali festival season.

The police have beefed up security in and around the metropolis, particularly at the religious and crowded public places. The police stations across the city have been directed to maintain a strict vigilance at temples, tourist spots and other important locations.

The police on Friday conducted a mock drill at the Crawford Market area, where there are two famous religious sites including the Juma Masjid. "We are also conducting such mock drills in other parts of the city," a senior police officer said.

In a related development, the famous Siddhivinayak Temple at Prabhadevi in north-central Mumbai has come under a thick security blanket. Confirming that the Mumbai police had asked the temple management to beef up security in the temple, Sada Sarvankar, the chairman of the



Siddhivinayak Temple Trust, said: "We have been asked by Mumbai Police to increase the security at the temple. We have been told to pay attention to all the security arrangements." Similarly, the management of the major religious places including temples have been advised to increase their internal and external security detail. The Zonal Deputy Commissioners of Police have been asked to keep an eye in their juris-

dictions for any suspicious activities. Security has also been strengthened at railway stations and public installations keeping in view the safety and security of the people. Apart from the upcoming festivals like Navratri and Diwali, the authorities have also considered the forthcoming State Assembly as one of the reasons for increasing the security in and around Mumbai.

The Mumbai police are not taking any chances in matters relating to security in view of the recurring terror strikes that Mumbai has witnessed over the years. The country's commercial capital has witnessed 12 terror strikes ever since it had its first brush with international terrorism on March 12, 1993 when 257 people were killed and 713 others injured. The 12 terrorist strikes have collectively claimed a staggering 704 lives and left 2,300-odd people injured, besides a trial of destruction.

Among these terror strikes, the 1993 serial bombings, the twin blasts at Zaveri Bazar and Gateway of India on August 25, 2003, the July 11, 2006 suburban train bombings and the 26/11 Mumbai attack have been major ones both in terms of casualties and loss of property.

In all, 166 people were killed and 300 others injured in a brazen attack indulged in by the 10 Pakistani terrorists, including Kasab, on various prominent landmarks in the metropolis like Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Taj and Oberoi-Trident hotels, Jewish centre Nariman House, and popular eatery Café Leopold, between the night of November 26 and the morning of November 29, 2008.

# Rahul Gandhi asks Jaishankar to help TN fishermen arrested in Sri Lanka

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday raised with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar the issue of the arrest of 37 fishermen from Tamil Nadu and urged him to take up the matter with the Sri Lankan authorities to ensure the early release of the Indian nationals and their boats.

In a letter to Jaishankar, Gandhi said the "recurring incidents of small and marginal Indian fisherfolk being apprehended by Sri Lankan authorities and the unjust seizure of assets and imposition of hefty fines by them warrants strict condemnation". Referring to the arrest of 37 Tamil fishermen and the seizure of their boats by Sri Lankan authorities on September 21, 2024, the Congress leader said, "R Sudha, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency informed me that the arrested fishermen are small-scale fisherfolk operating close to the coast, and that



on the day of the incident they had attempted to rescue a Sri Lankan boat in distress." It was stated that despite contacting Sri Lankan authorities for assistance with the rescue, the fishermen were arrested on the grounds of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line, he said. Furthermore, the fishing boats seized were community property purchased through pooled resources, he said. "A copy of Adv. R. Sudha's representation

is enclosed herewith..," he said. "I request you to kindly take up this matter with the Sri Lankan authorities and ensure the early release of the fishermen and their boats," Gandhi said in his letter to Jaishankar. Tamil Chief Minister M K Stalin had on Monday apprised Jaishankar of the arrest of the 37 Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy and the seizure of three boats while seeking measures for their release.



# 4.78 million tourist arrived in India this year 2024

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

During the first six months this year, India welcomed nearly 4.78 million foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs), with Bangladesh and the US being the top source countries, according to data available from the Union Tourism Ministry. This reflects a 9.1 per cent increase from the same period in 2023, although it still trails pre-pandemic levels from 2019, which recorded over 5.29 million FTAs.

The FTAs in June 2024 were 7,06,045 as compared to 6,48,008 in June 2023 and 7,26,446 in June 2019 registering a growth of nine per cent and a fall of 2.8 per cent with respect to 2023 and 2019 respectively, according to the data released by the Ministry on the occasion of the World Tourism Day marked on Friday.

"The FTAs during the period January- June 2024 were 47,78,374 as compared to 43,80,239 in January-June 2023 and 52,96,025 in January-June 2019 registering a growth of 9.1 per cent and -9.8 per cent with respect to 2023 and 2019 respectively," it added.

According to the data on the percentage share of FTAs in India during January-June 2024, among the top five source countries were -- Bangladesh (21.55 per cent), the US (17.56 per

cent), the UK (9.82 per cent), Canada (4.5 per cent) and Australia (4.32 per cent).

The FTAs trend for the month of June 2024 was similar with Bangladesh (28.49 per cent) occupying the first spot among the top five source countries, followed by the US (22.59 per cent), the UK (6.10 per cent), Australia (3.74 per cent) and Canada (3.01 per cent), as per the data shared by the ministry. In June 2024 alone, FTAs reached 706,045, up from 648,008 in June 2023 but slightly down from 726,446 in June 2019. The increase in foreign exchange earnings, which rose to USD 15,339 billion for January-June 2024, suggests that spending per tourist is higher despite the overall lower number of arrivals.

Leisure travel remains the primary motivation for visitors, with the ministry emphasising the need for vigilance in monitoring and encouraging travellers to report symptoms of illnesses. Notably, recent geopolitical tensions could impact the recovery of inbound tourism.

The Ministry also announced the winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024, recognising 36 villages for their contributions to tourism.

Overall, while inbound tourism is on the rise, it continues to face challenges in fully recovering to pre-pandemic levels, said the experts in the sector.

# Yuva Sena sweeps Mumbai University Senate polls

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a mini elections of sorts held ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the Yuva Sena - the youth wing of the Shiv Sena (UBT) - swept the Mumbai University (MU) Senate polls from the Graduates' constituency by bagging all the 10 seats and handing a humiliating defeat to the ruling BJP's students wing Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in the polls.

In a repeat of its sweep posted in the March 2018 Mumbai University Senate polls when it had won all the ten seats from the Graduates' constituency, the Yuva Sena - led by Sena MLA and former state minister Aadiya Thackeray - scored a perfect ten when the counting ended in a vast electoral constituency spread over 850-odd affiliated colleges Mumbai and neighbouring districts of

Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg. The ABVP drew a blank in the MU Senate polls - in which there were 28 candidates for the ten seats. Nearly 55 per cent of 13,406 graduate-voters had cast their votes in 38 polling stations and 64 polling booths. Candidates required a minimum of 1,114 votes to win in the open category. "Once again! 10 on 10 it is! We have not only repeated but bettered our performance at the Mumbai University Graduate Senate elections. 100 percent strike rate. From here we start the election victory stream," Aadiya Thackeray wrote on micro-blogging site "X" early today, thanking all his colleagues in the Yuva Sena and SS (UBT).

The Yuva Sena not only walked away with all the five open-category seats in the Graduates' constituency, but it also posted



a victory in all five reserved-category seats which included candidates from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and women. The ten Yuva Sena candidates who romped home in the polls were: Sneha Gawli, Sheetal



Sheth Devrukkhar, Mayur Panchal, Dhanraj Kohchade, Kisan Sawant, Pradeep Sawant, Shashikant Zore, Milind Satam, Alshahi Bhoir and Paramatma Yadav. Yuva Sena supporters celebrated their victory, chanting slogans in favour of their leaders

after the Bombay High Court stayed a directive from Maharashtra's higher and technical education department seeking postponement of the elections.

The counting of votes that took place at the Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall in Mumbai University's Fort campus ended in the small hours of Saturday. Accepting the defeat in the Mumbai University Senate polls, the ABVP's Konkani region head Sankalp Phaldesai said: "It was an election between political giants and the student union. We did our best. There may have been some strategic faults, which we will surely introspect. The ABVP congratulates the winning candidates and wishes them the very best. We hope they will now focus on solving the issues of the student fraternity rather than on political agendas."

# Sitaram Yechury kept INDIA bloc united: Rahul Gandhi



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi paid emotional tribute to late CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury on Saturday terming him as a glue between

Congress and other parties in the INDIA bloc. Speaking at the condolence meet, Rahul said Yechury was 100% trustworthy person who never compromised. "It's rare to see politics bring out the best in someone. I saw Yechury from the first day I

started my political journey, and I observed him quite carefully. What I found was someone who was flexible and who listened," he said. Whatever he did, he always acted in the best interest of our country. Every single time, his

starting point was India, said Rahul. He shared memories of Yechury's habit of smoking cigarettes, something Yechury was never able to quit.

Rahul also reminisced on the time the two leaders would talk about BJP or the RSS and said that the late leader wouldn't say that they were doing this and that, just that "this is a danger to the country".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also paid tribute to Sitaram Yechury and noted his "huge role" in the formation of INDIA bloc.

Left leaders Prakash Karat, Brinda Karat, D Raja, Pinarayi Vijayan, Dipankar Bhattacharya, other opposition leaders Supriya Sule, Kanamozhi, Feroz Abdullah, Gopal Rai and Ram Gopal Yadav also spoke on the condolence meet.



# Three Mpx cases in India till October

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

This year till date India has reported three Mpx cases with two from Kerala who have been infected with the fast spreading Clade One B variant, all the three had traveled abroad.

The first case that the country reported was of a 26-year-old resident of Haryana's Hisar, who had tested positive last month for the West African Clade 2 strain, similar to the earlier 30 cases reported in India from July 2022 onwards. He was admitted to a government hospital in Delhi and later discharged after being fully recovered.

However, the two cases reported from the Southern State have been found to be infected with the fast spreading virus that led the WHO to issue an advisory about the public emergency about the outbreak of the pathogen.

The youth diagnosed with Mpx (Clade One B) in Ernakulam, Kerala, is reported to be in satisfactory condition while receiving treatment at a private hospital in Kochi, said the health official from the State Government.

He exhibited symptoms after returning from the UAE and tested positive following an examination at Kochi airport. This marks the second Mpx case in Kerala; the first involved

a 38-year-old resident of Malappuram who had tested positive for Mpx. Tests revealed that he was infected with the Clade One B variant. Both cases highlight the importance of monitoring and swift testing for travellers showing symptoms like Mpx.

In response to these cases, health authorities stress the importance of monitoring symptoms and encourage anyone feeling unwell after travel to seek medical attention.

The World Health Organization has declared Mpx a public health emergency in Africa, with symptoms including fever, headache, sore throat, and muscle aches.

To enhance awareness, health camps have been set up at airports, and isolation facilities are established in 14 districts across the state, Kerala's Health Minister Veena George told reporters in the State.

She confirmed that a contact list for the latest patient has been created and that preventive measures are in place. Since Mpx was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the WHO in 2022, India has reported a total of 30 cases.

In view of the present situation, health authorities are emphasising on vigilance in monitoring symptoms and discouraging anyone feeling unwell after recent travel to seek immediate medical attention.

# FIR against Nirmala Sitharaman over electoral bonds

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In an interesting development, Karnataka police on Saturday registered a case against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and others on the directions of a court here, following a complaint relating to the now-scrapped electoral bonds scheme. According to police, an FIR was registered under IPC sections 384 (punishment for extortion), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) against Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, ED officials, BJP leaders JP Nadda, BY Vijayendra, Nalin Kateel, based on the order of a special court.

The complaint was lodged by Adarsh R Iyer, Co-President of 'Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishath' (JSP) alleging that the accused "committed extortion under the guise and garb of electoral bonds and benefited to the tune of 8,000 and more crore of rupees. "The complainant further alleged that Sitharaman through the clan-



destine aid and support of ED officials facilitated extortion of thousands of crores of rupees for the benefit of others both at the state and national levels. "The entire extortion racket under the garb of electoral bonds has been

orchestrated hand in glove with officials of BJP at various levels." The Supreme Court in February had struck down the electoral bond scheme, saying it violates the right to information and the freedom of speech and expression under the

Constitution. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramiah, whose resignation is sought by the opposition BJP as an FIR was registered against him over the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment

case, said: "According to BJP leaders' argument, Nirmala Sitharaman should resign now, right?" Responding to this, JD(S) leader and Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy, said: "Why should Nirmala Sitharaman resign? Has electoral bond funds gone to Nirmala Sitharaman's personal account to resign? Has she misused power and benefited herself like you (Siddaramaiah)?"

Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly and BJP leader R Ashoka said the Congress doesn't have moral right to comment on the Union Finance Minister, and there can be no comparison between the electoral bond issue against her and MUDA case against Siddaramaiah. "...[electoral bond] issue is over, it has been decided by the Supreme Court, and our leader will take necessary action in accordance with law (in connection with FIR). Where is the comparison to a case where you (Siddaramaiah) used the government (land) for personal benefit, to this (electoral bonds case)..." he said.



# Hurricane Helene kills at least 44, cuts a swath of destruction across Southeast US

AP ■ PERRY (FLORIDA)

Hurricane Helene has left an enormous path of destruction across Florida and the southeastern US, killing at least 44 people, snapping towering oaks like twigs and tearing apart homes as rescue crews launched desperate missions to save people from floodwaters.

Among those killed were three firefighters, a woman and her one-month-old twins, and an 89-year-old woman whose house was struck by a falling tree. According to an Associated Press tally, the deaths occurred in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

The Category 4 hurricane knocked out power to some hospitals in southern Georgia, and Gov. Brian Kemp said authorities had to use chainsaws to clear debris and open up roads. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 225 kph when it made landfall late Thursday in a sparsely populated region in Florida's rural Big Bend area, home to fishing villages and vacation hideaways where the state's panhandle and peninsula meet.

Moody's Analytics said it expects USD15 billion to USD26 billion in property damage.

The wreckage extended hundreds of miles northward to northeast Tennessee, where a "dangerous rescue situation" by helicopter unfolded after 54 people were moved to the roof of the Unicoi County Hospital as water rapidly flooded the facility. Everyone was rescued and no one was left at the hospital as of late Friday afternoon, Ballad Health said.

In North Carolina, a lake featured in the movie "Dirty Dancing" overtopped a dam and surrounding neighbourhoods were evacuated, although there were no immediate concerns it would fail. People also were evacuated from Newport, Tennessee, a city of about 7,000 people, amid concerns about a dam near there, although officials later said the structure had not failed.

Tornadoes hit some areas, including one in Nash County, North Carolina, that



critically injured four people. Atlanta received a record 28.24 centimetres of rain in 48 hours, the most the city has seen in a two-day period since record keeping began in 1878, Georgia's Office of the State Climatologist said on the social platform X. The previous mark of 24.36 cm was set in 1886. Some neighbourhoods were so badly flooded that only car roofs could be seen poking above the water. Climate change has exacerbated conditions that allow such storms to thrive, rapidly intensifying in warming waters and turning into powerful cyclones sometimes in a matter of hours.

All five who died in one Florida county were in neighbourhoods where residents were told to evacuate, said Bob Gualtieri, the sheriff in Pinellas County in the St. Petersburg area. Some who stayed ended up having to hide in their attics to escape the rising water. He said the death toll could rise as crews go door-to-door in flooded areas.

More deaths were reported in Georgia and the Carolinas, including two South Carolina firefighters and a Georgia firefighter who died when trees struck their trucks. Video on social media showed sheets of rain and siding coming off buildings in Perry, Florida, near where the storm hit land. A news station showed a home that was overturned, and many communities established curfews.

Also in Perry, the hurricane peeled off the new roof of a church that was replaced after Hurricane Idalia last year. President Joe Biden said he was praying for survivors, and the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency

headed to the area. The agency deployed more than 1,500 workers, and they helped with 400 rescues by late morning. In Tampa, some areas could be reached only by boat.

Officials urged people who were trapped to call for rescuers and not tread floodwaters, warning they can be dangerous due to live wires, sewage, sharp objects and other debris.

More than 3 million homes and businesses were without power in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas as of late Friday, according to poweroutage.us. The site also showed outages as far north as Ohio and Indiana due to Helene's rapid northward movement throughout the day.

In Georgia, an electrical utility group warned of "catastrophic" damage to utility infrastructure, with more than 100 high voltage transmission lines damaged. And officials in South Carolina, where more than 40% of customers were without power, said crews had to cut their way through debris just to determine what was still standing in some places. The hurricane came ashore near the mouth of the Aucilla River, about 20 miles (30 kilometers) northwest of where Idalia hit last year at nearly the same ferocity. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said the damage from Helene appears to be greater than the combined effects of Idalia and Hurricane Debby in August. Soon after it crossed over land, Helene weakened to a tropical storm and later a post-tropical cyclone. Forecasters said it continued to produce catastrophic flooding, and some areas received more than a foot of rain.

Forecasters warned of flooding in North Carolina that could be worse than anything seen in the past century. Evacuations were underway and around 300 roads were closed statewide. The Connecticut Army National Guard sent a helicopter to help. School districts and universities cancelled classes. Florida airports that closed due to the storm reopened Friday. Inspectors were examining bridges and causeways along the Gulf Coast, the state's transportation secretary said.

# Iranian Gen also killed in Israeli strike in Beirut

AP ■ DUBAI

A prominent general in Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard died in an Israeli airstrike that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, Iranian media reported Saturday.

The killing of Gen. Abbas Nilforushan marks the latest casualty suffered by Iran as the nearly yearlong Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip teeters on the edge of becoming a regional conflict. His death further ratchets up pressure on Iran to respond, even as Tehran has signalled in recent months that it wants to negotiate with the West over sanctions crushing its economy. Nilforushan, 58, was killed Friday in the strike in Lebanon that killed Nasrallah, the state-owned Tehran Times reported. Ahmad Reza Pour Khaghan, the deputy head of Iran's judiciary, also confirmed Nilforushan's death, describing him as a "guest to the people of Lebanon," the state-run IRNA news agency said.

Khaghan also reportedly said that Iran had the right to retaliate under international law. The US Treasury had identified Nilforushan as the deputy commander for operations in the Guard. It sanctioned him in 2022 and said he had led an organisation "directly in charge of protest suppression." Those sanctions came amid the monthslong protests in Iran over the death of Mahsa Amini following her arrest for allegedly not wearing her headscarf, or hijab, to the liking of police.

Nilforushan also served in Syria, backing President Bashar Assad in his country's decades-long war that grew out of the 2011 Arab Spring. Like many of his colleagues, he began his military career in the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s. In 2020, Iranian state television called him a "comrade" of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of its expeditionary Quds Force who was killed in a US drone attack in Baghdad that year.



Smoke rises as a building collapses in Beirut's southern suburbs on Saturday.

AP/PTI

# Brazil judge sets fresh terms for X to resume services

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes has added conditions for Elon Musk's X to have its service reestablished in the country, one day after the social media platform said it had complied with all the judge's demands, including naming a legal representative.

De Moraes said in a ruling on Friday that X may only be reinstated in Brazil after another company linked to the billionaire, satellite-based internet service provider Starlink, withdraws its appeals related to the case. X has been blocked in Brazil for nearly a month. De Moraes ordered the shutdown after sparring with Musk for months over free speech, far-right accounts and misinformation. Earlier this month, de Moraes ordered Starlink's assets be used to cover X's fines that already exceeded USD3 million.

The Brazilian justice argued the two companies are part of the same economic group — a justification that has been questioned by some legal experts. His new ruling also established a fine of 10 million Brazilian reais (USD1.84 million). Experts examining X's IP addresses — numeric designations that identifies sites' location on the internet — said the company temporarily routed users through the servers of Cloudflare, a content delivery network. X said it changed its servers to service clients in Latin America, which inadvertently brought the social media network back online in Brazil. One source familiar with the judge's decision told The Associated Press that both de Moraes' conditions are new. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak publicly. De Moraes also accepted X's newly designated legal representative, but fined her in 300,000 reais (USD55,000) for not complying with other decisions he made in August. The company's lack of a legal representative in the country was the trigger for his decision to suspend the social media channel on August 30.

The company has clashed with de Moraes since earlier this year over free speech, accounts associated with the far-right and misinformation on the platform, and it claims to be a victim of censorship. Musk and his supporters have called de Moraes an authoritarian and a censor for his rulings, but those have been repeatedly upheld by his peers — including X's nationwide suspension. On August 28, X said it was removing all remaining Brazil staff in the country "effective immediately", saying de Moraes had threatened its legal representative in the country with arrest.

## BRIDGE RENEWAL WORKS AT KATHIHAR DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No. KIR/Engg/39 of 2024 Dated: 20-09-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. 1 Name of work:** Hatwar-Maldia Town (UP/DN)-TSR (P) Bridge Approach-13.400 Tkm & Bridge Approach Sleeper-66 sets under the jurisdiction of Sr. DENI/Kathihar. **Tender Value:** ₹3,23,01,499.77/- **Bid Security:** ₹3,11,500/- **Tender No. 2 Name of work:** (A) BG TRR (P) of the existing 60 kg Rail by 60 kg/90 UTS Rail on PSC-6 sleeper from Km 144.30 to 145.10 (UP line), from Km 149.20 to 152.40, 156.70 to 157.40, 157.60 to 158.40, 158.70 to 159.10, 162.60 to 164.70, 165.10 to 165.90, 166.00 to 167.00 (DN line) between Hatwar-Kumedpur section under the jurisdiction of Sr. DENI/Kathihar (Total = 9.80 Km) (B) BG TTR (P) of the existing 60kg rail in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg/1 in 12 (TWS) by 60 Kg/1 in 12 (TWS) Pt. No. 104, 110, 109, 103, 105, 101 at Kumarganj yard, Pt. No. 122 at Ekdakhi under the jurisdiction of Sr. DENI/Kathihar (Grand Total = 7 sets). **Tender Value:** ₹95,25,423.56/- **Bid Security:** ₹1,90,500/- **Tender No. 3 Name of work:** (A) BG TTR(P) of the existing 60kg rail in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg/1 in 12 (TWS) Pt. No. 101 at Ambari Falakata Yard, Pt. No. 111, 113, 115, 116 at Belakoba Yard, Pt. No. 121, 122 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri Jn. Yard (Total = 7 Sets), BG TTR(P) of the existing 52kg rail in 8.5 (FS) by 60 Kg/1 in 8.5 (FS) Pt. No. 107, 108 at Panjipara Yard, Pt. No. 108, 111 at Gaisal Yard (Total = 4 Sets), BG TTR(P) of the existing 60kg rail in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg/1 in 12 (TWS) with sleeper Pt. No. 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121, 127 at Ambari Falakata Yard, Pt. No. 101, 105, 106, 103 at Belakoba Yard, Pt. No. 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 126, 124, 125, 127, 131 at Raninagar Jalpaiguri Jn. Yard (Total = 26 Sets) under the jurisdiction of DEN/Line/Kathihar. (B) BG TTR(P) of the existing 60kg rail in 12 (FS) by 60 Kg/1 in 12 (TWS) Pt. No. 101, 105, 102, 110 at Mangurjan yard, Pt. No. 101, 103, 105, 102, 106 at Tin Mile Hat Yard, Pt. No. 101, 105, 102, 104, 106, 110 at Dumdangi Yard, Pt. No. 103, 105, 102, 106, 110 at Chatter Hat Yard under the jurisdiction of DEN/Line/Kathihar (Grand total = 20 sets). **Tender Value:** ₹2,52,16,656.79/- **Bid Security:** ₹2,76,100/- **Tender No. 4 Name of work:** New Jalpaiguri Jn. Kishanganj & Raninagar Jalpaiguri - New Jalpaiguri Jn. (UP/DN) - Cess Repair - 19.200 Tkm & 12.000 Tkm. **Tender Value:** ₹4,45,14,697.84/- **Bid Security:** ₹3,72,600/- **Tender No. 5 Name of work:** Kathihar- Replacement of Overhead tank at Old Pit line by RCC Over Head tank 30000 gallon under Sr. DENI/Kathihar. **Tender Value:** ₹2,61,27,528.39/- **Bid Security:** ₹2,80,600/- **Tender No. 6 Name of work:** Kathihar- Replacement of MG Loco tank No. 10 by RCC Over Head tank 50000 gallon under Sr. DENI/Kathihar. **Tender Value:** ₹4,58,90,853.67/- **Bid Security:** ₹3,79,500/- **Date & time of closing of tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 21-10-2024 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 21-10-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 21-10-2024 in website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

# Floods, landslides kill 59 in Nepal

Kathmandu (PTI): Floods and landslides caused by incessant rain killed at least 59 people and injured 36 others in Nepal, officials said on Saturday. Parts of Nepal have been inundated with rainfall since Thursday, prompting disaster

authorities to warn of flash floods. Nepal Police Deputy Spokesperson Bishwo Adhikari said that out of the 59 people killed in the Himalayan nation due to the continuous rainfall, 34 were killed in the

Kathmandu valley. As many as 36 people were also injured in the floods. A total of 44 people remain missing countrywide, with 16 missing in Kathmandu Valley. More than 1,000 people have also been rescued.

## STORES E-PROCUREMENT

**Tender Notice No.:** S/21/2024-25, Dtd: 27-09-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

**SI.No.:1; Tender No.:** 50/24/5162/OT/170/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 02-10-2024. **Brief Description:** 1) Schedule item No 1.Coral Flexicom 6000 Exchange 24 SLS Card [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-20 Nos for SSE/TELE/AUTO/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-539836680130. 2) Schedule item No2.Coral Flexicom 6000 Exchange 24 SFT Card [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-4 Nos for SSE/TELE/AUTO/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-501027190060. 3) Schedule item No 3.Coral Flexicom 6000 Exchange PPS Card [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-5 Nos for SSE/TELE/AUTO/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-539836680141. 4) Schedule item No 4. Coral Flexicom 6000 Exchange RPS Card [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-4 Nos for SSE/TELE/AUTO/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-501024960097. 5) Schedule item No 5. Coral Flexicom 6000 Exchange PB ATS Card [Warranty Period: 36 Month after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-6 Nos for SSE/TELE/AUTO/Maligaon, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-560608650050.

**SI.No.:2; Tender No.:** 30/24/0333/OT/171/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 03-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Head stock complete for BG/ICF, as per Drg. No. Drg. No.ICF/STD-1-2-001, Colum-III, alt-I/5 specn: Mat.Spec.-As per drg. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp. No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. 1) Qty- 6 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 18 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-30126150.

**SI.No.:3; Tender No.:** 30/24/1275A/OT/172/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 07-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Primary Spring (INNER) for Power car (LWLRM), AC Three Tier Sleeper/EOG (LWACCN) to Drawing No. 1277143 Ver.01R or latest Mat Spec.- RDSO/2017/CG-01 (Rev-2) or latest [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. 1) Qty- 648 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 169 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty- 100 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 4) Qty- 21 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal), 5) Qty- 47 Nos for Kathihar/GSD, NFR (Bihar). P.L.No- 33500356.

**SI.No.:4; Tender No.:** 30/24/0248/OT/173/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 14-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Decorative thermosetting synthetic resin bonded Laminated Sheet, Size:3x1220x2440 mm. Ir marking as per drg. RDSO Shad Pattern NAC- SP05. Drawing - RDSO Drg. No.- SK-88143, alt-1. Mat. Spec. - C-K 514(With Amnd. Slip. No.-7) [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0]. 1) Qty-70 Nos for Kathihar/GSD, NFR (Bihar), 2) Qty- 4010 Nos for Dibrugarh Town/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 3) Qty- 126 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 4) Qty- 100 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, (West Bengal), 5) Qty-3020 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No- 30478200.

**SI.No.:5; Tender No.:** 37/24/0665/OT/174/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 14-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Draft gear assembly RF 361. Drawing - RDSO Drg. No. - WD-81010-S-3, Alt-12, item-19. Mat. Spec. - 71-BD-15 Rev-01 of November 2017. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. i) Qty-50 Nos for Pandu/GSD, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 1500 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam). P.L.No- 38134676

**SI.No.:6; Tender No.:** 37/24/0878/OT/175/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 14-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Flap door complete for BCNA Wagon Drg. No: RDSO, WD-90030-S-66 item-3, 13,14,15 & 16, alt-10. Mat. Spec: As per Drg. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. 1) Qty- 664 Nos for New Bongaigaon/Workshop/Depot, NFR (Assam), 2) Qty- 20 Nos for New Jalpaiguri/GSD, NFR (West Bengal). P.L.No- 38450756.

**SI.No.:7; Tender No.:** 30/24/1094/OT/176/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 14-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Roller Blind Complete for LHB type coaches as per RCF specification No. MDT5 078 REV-03 Mat. Spec.-MDT5 078 REV-03. [Warranty Period: 36 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. i) Qty- 47 Nos for Pandu GSD, NFR (Assam), ii) Qty 2149 Nos for New Jalpaiguri GSD, NFR(West Bengal), iii) Qty-52 Nos for Kathihar GSD, NFR(Bihar). P.L.No-33556088.

**SI.No.:8; Tender No.:** 60/24/5013A/OT/177/2024-25; **Closing/Opening Date:** 14-10-2024. **Brief Description:** Supply, fitment and commissioning of Eddy Current Array Testing Equipment on turnkey basis with scope of supply and other parameters as per detailed specifications attached. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0] [Item Type: Goods]. Qty-1 Set for SSE/MWS/Dibrugarh Workshop, NFR (Assam). P.L.No-657929670011.

**Note :-** For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

PCMM, Maligaon

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COURT OF SH. RAJESH MALIK I.D. DJ-06 CENTRAL DISTRICT, ROOM NO. 33 TIS HAZARI COURT DELHI CITATION UNDER SECTION 276 OF THE INDI SUCCESSION ACT, 1925 PC-38/2024

ASHISH GROVER VS. THE STATE & ORS. Whereas an Application under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of Probate/Letter of Administration in respect of the Estate of LATE JAGTAR GROVER S/O LATE SH. HARDAVAL MAL, R/O HOUSE NO. D-42, SECOND FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110027 DIED ON 13.10.2021 AT HORTHURST HOSPITAL FORTSYTH (CUMMING CITY GEORGIA STATE, COUNTY FORTSYTH) HAS BEEN MADE BY ASHISH GROVER S/O LATE JAGTAR GROVER R/O 5765, WILLOW OAK PASS CUMMING, GEORGIA-30040 (U.S.A) LOCAL ADDRESS: J-56, FIRST FLOOR, VISHNU GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110018 THROUGH ATTORNEY HOLDER SHRI SUSHANT SUMAN S/O SHRI BHAGYA NARAYAN SINGH, FLAT NO. 504, SECTOR NO. 2 BRAHMO GARDEN, GOLF COURSE ROAD, PLOT NO. 24, SECTOR-43, SIKANDERPUR GHOSI, GURGAON, HARYANA-122002.

Whereas the 20.11.2024 has been fixed for hearing of the case, notice is hereby given that any person having any interest in the probate/Letter of Administration of the estate of the said deceased if he/she desire to appear in this court of the 20.11.2024 and show the Proceedings before the grant of letter of Administration.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this court, this 27TH day of SEPTEMBER 2024 (SH. RAJESH MALIK) DJ-06 (CENTRAL) DELHI. ROOM NO. 33 TIS HAZARI COURT DELHI

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg: Entire Ground Floor, without roof rights (i.e. the said floor), on Built-up Property Bearing No. 196, area measuring 60.89 sq. mts. in Block No. 09, Sector No. 21, situated in Rohini Residential Scheme, Rohini, Delhi-110085; hereinafter referred to as "said property". Be it known to all that our client, Mr. Kundan Kumar Singh (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intends to purchase the said floor, from Mr. Abhishek Singh (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said floor. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the said floor was owned by Mrs. Anju Singh vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Pramod Jain and registered as Document No. 2681 on 02/04/2009 (SRO-VI). Mrs. Anju Singh expired and the said floor devolved on her legal heirs viz. Mr. Harbans Singh and Mr. Abhishek Singh. Later on, Mr. Abhishek Singh relinquished his share in the said floor in favour of Mr. Harbans Singh vide Relinquishment Deed registered as Document No. 543 on 07/02/2019 (SRO-VI). Shri Harbans Singh also expired and the said floor devolved on his legal heir viz. Mr. Abhishek Singh. Thus, Mr. Abhishek Singh (present seller) became the sole and absolute owner of the said floor. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Banks, Financial Institutions/ relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever in or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered Ad Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever. Shivkant Arora, Advocate M/s Intellectual Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

**OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER , CONSTRUCTION UNIT, UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM**  
GHINGARIKHAL, RANIKHET, DISTT.- ALMORA 263645

Letter No.: 01/Camp Dehradun/ E-Tender Notice Date : 28-09-2024

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Tender Value without GST (Rs. In Lakh)	Period of Completion
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF CONSERVATION OF ART OBJECTS OF G.B.PANT MUSEUM, ALMORA, DISTRICT- ALMORA	35.78	12 Months

3.Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 28-09-2024 (17.00 hrs)

4.Online Bid submission: End date :- 15-10-2024 (17.00 hrs)

5.Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 18-10-2024 (11.00 hrs)

6.Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ranikhet.

7.Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 04-10-2024 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Ranikhet.

8.For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

**PROJECT MANAGER**

**STORES E-PROCUREMENT**

**Tender Notice No.:** S/66/09/24-25; **Dated:** 25-09-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:- **SN. 1; Tender No. NJ241269;** **Closing/Opening Date:** 15-10-2024

**Brief Description & Qty:** BRAKE PAD half 200cm\*2 made of organic materials to RDSO Spec:-RDSO/2013/CG-01(Rev-2)amendment-1. Warranty-The composite brake pad will have warranty against any manufacturing defect noticed during the service before the condemning limit is reached or 24 months from the date of supply whichever is earlier. Consignee:- GSD/New Jalpaiguri, NFR. Qty : 1200 Pairs.

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Dr. CMM/New Jalpaiguri  
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## E-AUCTION FOR AWARDING PARKING STAND CONTRACT

E-auction for awarding parking stand contract at following locations over Kathihar Division for a period of 03 (Three) years. **Description:** Parking Lot for Two Wheelers, Three Wheelers, Four Wheelers & Passenger Carrying Commercial Vehicles. **Auction Catalogue No.:** C-KNE-EK1-ARR24; **Auction Start Date & Time (All Lots):** 10:00 hrs. on 08-10-2024; **Auction Close Date & Time:** 11:20 hrs. on 08-10-2024; **Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee; **Trips/Days:** 1095.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Location
AA/1	PARKING-KIR-AUB-MX-96-24-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Aluabari Road
AA/2	PARKING-KIR-ARR-MX-111-24-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Araria
AA/3	PARKING-KIR-KNE-MX-105-24-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Kishanganj/PRS Side
AA/4	PARKING-KIR-FBG-MX-125-24-3 (Parking - Mixed)	Forbesganj Station
AA/5	PARKING-KIR-EKI-MX-103-24-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Eklakhi Station
AB/1	PARKING-KIR-NJP-PCCV-104-24-1 (Passenger Carrying Commercial Vehicles)	New Jalpaiguri Goods shed

The press notification has already been uploaded in the IREPS website on 23-09-2024 through e-Auction portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Divisional Railway Manager (C), Kathihar  
**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY**  
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**Public Notice**  
General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Lalchand S/o Sh. Ramnath and his wife Asha, both R/O C-337, GA, Indrapuri, Block-C, Loni Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201102, do hereby disown and disinherit their Elder Daughter, Soni Gupta from all their movable and immovable Properties for her unacceptable act & bad behaviour. Now, my clients will have no concern with their daughter Soni Gupta in future. Any person dealing or transacting with aforesaid daughter, will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibility and my clients will not be responsible for any act, deed, or dealing done by Soni Gupta.

Vishnu Verma & Laxmi(Advocate)  
KKD Courts, Delhi-110092



## CHANGE OF NAME

I, Harpreet Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O M-133-136, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden, Delhi-110027 declares that name of my wife is wrongly mentioned in some of my minor daughter's namely Brahmaleen Kaur documents as Pawan Kaur were in her actual name is Pawan Kumari. Her Date of Death is 19/04/2021.

PD(789)C

I, Rahul Gupta S/O Dudh Nath Gupta R/O RZ-C-77A Pole No-1 Gali No-98, Kamal Park West Sagarpur, Nangal Raya, South West Delhi-46, Do here I declare that my father name is wrongly written i.e Rakesh Gupta on my driving licence-DL09 20160373069 And the correct name is Dhudh Nath Gupta.

PD(802)C



# RAIN WASHES OUT SECOND DAY OF KANPUR TEST



**PTI ■ KANPUR**  
The second day of the second Test between India and Bangladesh was on Saturday called off without a ball being bowled due to persistent downpour. The drizzle in the morning turned into heavy rain, not letting the action begin on day two at Green Park Stadium. The groundsman put the three super soppers to work around 11:15 am

after the rain stopped. The visibility was also poor. As conditions did not improve, the second day's play was called off officially at 2:15pm. As per the weather forecast, the city is expected to receive rain even on Sunday but Monday and Tuesday are likely to be sunny and warm. In that scenario, the match seems to be headed for a draw. Bangladesh had ended the rain-curtailed opening day at 107 for three as only 35 overs could be bowled. India pacer Akash Deep accounted for Bangladeshi openers — Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam — while off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin sent back rival skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto. India are leading the two-match series 1-0, having won the Chennai.

# Canadian striker Larin scores against old club as Mallorca win 2-1 to maintain good start to season



**AP ■ MADRID**  
Canadian striker Cyle Larin scored against his old club as Mallorca kept up its promising start to the Spanish league season with a 2-1 win away at Real Valladolid. It was the third win in a row for Mallorca, which moved into fourth place with 14 points from eight games. Valladolid, meanwhile, has not won a league match since the opening day of the season and has now taken only two points from its last seven games. Although all five of its points this season have come at home, the newly promoted side was unable to make much of an impact in front of 20,000 fans.

Yet it took almost an hour for Mallorca to make its dominance count when Larin, who signed from Valladolid last month, controlled a nice ball from Dani Rodriguez and then converted with poise from close range. Substitute Valery Fernández made it 2-0 with seven minutes remaining, before Iván Sánchez got one back in stoppage time for Valladolid. "We're very disappointed because we've been strong at home," Sánchez said.

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नई दिल्ली, बुधवार, सितंबर 25, 2024  
NEW DELHI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION**  
New Delhi, the 19th September, 2024  
S.O. 4048 (E). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/2/4 laning with paved shoulder), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No. 752-B in the stretch of land from Km. 0+000 to 4+500 K.m. Jirapur to Susner MP-RJ-Border Road in the district of Rajgarh, in the state of MADHYA PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.  
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.  
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, the Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) and Land Acquisition Officer Jirapur, District Rajgarh, in writing and shall set out the grounds there of and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.  
Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.  
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.  
**SCHEDULE**  
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 0+000 to 4+500 km. Jirapur to Susner MP-RJ-Border Road NH-752 (B) the district of Rajgarh in the state of MADHYA PRADESH.  
State: MADHYA PRADESH District: RAJGARH  
Sl. No. Survey/Plot Number Type of Land Nature of Land Area (in Local Unit) Area (in Hectare)  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
Taluk: Jirapur  
Village: Haripur  
1 5/15 Private Irrigated 0.1 (Hectare) 0.1  
Total 0.1  
[F. No. CE-RO BPL/30010/36/2018-19/3A] ABHAY JAIN, Director

**निविदा प्रकाशन**  
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क्रमांक/मबावि/वा.नि./2024-25/135 भोपाल, दिनांक 20.09.2024

संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए अनुबंध अवधि से 03 वर्ष (02 वर्ष अनुबंध एवं 01 वर्ष संभावित वृद्धि) के लिये फोटोकॉपी एवं स्केनिंग कार्य के लिये ई-निविदा आमंत्रण निविदा आमंत्रण

:: ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ::

संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए अनुबंध अवधि से 03 वर्ष (02 वर्ष अनुबंध एवं 01 वर्ष संभावित वृद्धि) के लिये फोटोकॉपी एवं स्केनिंग कार्य के लिये 2 Bid सिस्टम (वित्तीय एवं तकनीकी Bid) के आधार पर <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app> के माध्यम से अधिकृत एवं प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

निविदा क्रमांक एवं दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	ऑनलाईन निविदा जारी दिनांक	ऑनलाईन निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम दिनांक
क्रमांक/ मबावि/ भण्डार/ निविदा/ 2024-25/135 भोपाल, दिनांक 20.09.2024	संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए अनुबंध अवधि से 03 वर्ष (02 वर्ष अनुबंध एवं 01 वर्ष संभावित वृद्धि) के लिये फोटोकॉपी एवं स्केनिंग कार्य के लिये निविदा आमंत्रण।	25.09.2024	15.10.2024 (शाम 06:00 बजे तक)

निविदा प्रपत्र से संबंधित विस्तृत जानकारी एवं शर्तें वेबसाइट <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>, [www.mpwcdmis.gov.in](http://www.mpwcdmis.gov.in) एवं शासकीय कार्य दिवसों (कार्यालयीन समयावधि) में कार्यालय, संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास भोपाल की भंडार शाखा से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा में होने वाले समस्त संशोधनों आदि का प्रकाशन केवल उपरोक्त वेबसाइट पर ही किया जावेगा, इस हेतु समाचार पत्रों में पृथक से विज्ञापन प्रकाशित नहीं किया जावेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 15.10.2024 (शाम 06:00 बजे तक) है।

संयुक्त संचालक ( भण्डार )  
संचालनालय महिला एवं बाल विकास, म.प्र.  
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JABALPUR ZONAL OFFICE, WRIGHT TOWN, JABALPUR PH: 0761-2480065,67,68  
**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" on 16.10.2024, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property are being sold	Description of properties	Type of Possession	Date of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Bid Increase Amount
1) Branch - Asset Recovery Branch, Jabalpur Borrower - 1.M/s Ramendra Kumar Virendra Kumar Jain Prop. Mrs. Indra Jain, W/o: Mr. Ramendra Kumar Jain 2. Mr. Ramendra Kumar Virendra Kumar Jain 3. Mrs. Indira Jain, W/o: Mr. Ramendra Kumar Jain All R/o. - GBB no. 20 Anaj Mandi New Karond, Huzur Bhopal Guarantor: 1.Mr. Ramendra Kumar Jain, S/o: Mr. Amrit Lal Jain 2.Mr. Virendra Kumar Jain, S/o: Mr. Amrit Lal Jain 3. Mr. Vishal Jain, S/o Mr. virendra Kumar Jain All R/o- House B 65 Coral Kasha, 2nd Line, Behind Pepuls Mall, Karond Road, Huzur - Bhopal	Rs.3,16,61,366/- + Unapplied interest on contractual rate w.e.f. 06.05.2022+ penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses	All pieces and parcel of land and building one leasehold godown/Shop constructed on area admeasuring 3000 sq.ft bearing plot no. GY-A-1 new Mandi Premises karond, ward no. 78, The-Huzur, Dist.Bhopal. Owner: M/s Jain Brothers through Shri Virendra Kumar Jain.	Physical	16.10.2024	Rs.34,80,000/- Rs 3480000/- Rs.10000/-
2) Branch - Asset Recovery Branch, Jabalpur Borrower - M/s UR Engineering Company Prop. Shri Rajan Mishra, S/o Shri Munnalal Mishra 52B, Industrial Area 1-I, A B Road, Dewas Guarantor: 1.Smt. Usha Mishra, W/o: Shri Rajan Mishra R/o: 119, Tilak Nagar, AB Road, Dewas 2.Shri Akram Baksh, S/o: Shri Shakur Baksh 13, Anand Nagar, Ujjain Road, Dewas	Rs.3,09,25,642/- + Unapplied interest on contractual rate w.e.f. 06.04.2017+ penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses	Prkoth no. 410(4th Floor), Block -C."GMB Tower(Silver Mall)", M.H.No.2 (present no. 8-A) South Tukoganj, Gali no. 2, Indore (MP) admeasuring are 998 sq.ft. Owner: Shri Rajan Mishra	Physical	16.10.2024	Rs.17,96,000/- Rs 1796000/- Rs.10000/-
3) Branch - Satna Borrower - Hindal Wood Contractor, Mr. Istaque Ali s/o Mr. Kallu Khan Proprietor - M/s. Hindal Wood Contractor Residing at - House No.152/1, Ward No.05 Purani Basti, Kila Chowk, Malhar (M.P.) Pin - 485771 Guarantor - Mr. Dinesh Kumar Mishra s/o Mr. Brahm Deo Mishra Housing Board colony, ward no.19 Malhar (M.P.) -485771	Rs.3687033.00 plus unapplied interest @ 11.45 % p.a. w.e.f. 29.11.2023	Open land situated at ward no.2, ahead of Gurukul Academy Higher Secondary School, Udhay Nagar, Ph.no.41 Mouza Udaypur, Malhar. L S no. 10/09/1/2/2/2 Dist: Satna	Physical	16.10.2024	Rs. 48,00,000/- Rs 4800000/- Rs.10000/-
4) Branch - Asset Recovery Branch, Jabalpur Borrower - M/s Gupta Rice Mill Add: At Village Mordongri, Po: Sarni Tah Ghoradongri Dist:Betul-460447 Mr. Gopal Gupta S/o Anandi Prasad Gupta (Proprietor) Add: At Village Mordongri, Po: Sarni Tah Ghoradongri Dist: Betul-460447	Rs. 49,14,111/- + Unapplied interest on contractual rate w.e.f. 30.04.2022 + penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses Rs. 49,14,111/- + Unapplied interest on contractual rate w.e.f. 30.04.2022 + penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses	All those pieces and parcels of property (commercial land & building) with construction & fixture there being & lying at Village Mordongri Tah Ghoradongri Dist. Betul/ Survey No.50/2 PC no.46 (New), Settlement No.559/1, Area known as area Admeasuring 0.101 Hect., Plant and machinery installed in The Rice Mills at Village Mordongri Tah Ghoradongri Dist. Betul	Physical	16.10.2024	Rs. 50,70,000/- Rs 5070000/- Rs.10000/- Rs. 10,60,000/- Rs 1060000/- Rs.10000/-

**Inspection of Properties by bidder: 11.10.2024 to 12.10.2024 between 11.00 a.m to 05.00 p.m**  
**Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid application/KYC documents/EMD etc. 15.10.2024**  
**Date & time of E-auction with auto extention for 5 minutes-16.10.2024 from 12.00 p.m to 04:00 p.m.**

The auction sale will be On-line E-Auction / Bidding through website <https://ebikray.in/eauction-psb>, email-support.ebikray@psballiance.com. Mob. - 8291220220 The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal using their mobile number and email id. Please take note that the registration and KYC approval etc take 2-3 working days.  
For detail terms and conditions of sale please refer to the link provided in <https://bankofmaharashtra.in/asset-for-sales-search> and <https://ebikray.in>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorized officials Shri Hariom Trivedi: 9405719723, Shri Ravi Verma:9300955688, Shri Vishal Kanoje: 9822188704  
Date: 29/09/2024  
Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER QUALITY CONTROL UNIT DIVISION PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, BHOPAL**  
E:mail eephedqcbpl@mp.gov.in Telephone No. 0755-2661511 Shyamla Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)  
Bhopal, Dated : 24/09/2024

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Online digitally sealed tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of M.P. for the following work in Form "C" From Manufacturer or their authorised Agency to be provided for Chemical Required for State Research Laboratory Shyamla Hills, Bhopal. Tender can be purchase from 24.09.2024 to 08.10.2024 at 17.30 hours & submission of tender 08.10.2024 at 17:30 hours. Envelop "A" will be open on 09.10.2024 at 17:30 hours Website: [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) (E-Tender No 2024\_PHEd\_371725\_1, Date 24.09.2024).

S. No.	Name of work	Probable amount of contract	Earnest Money	Cost of tender documents	Time allowed for completion
1	Chemical Required for State Research Laboratory Shyamla Hills, Bhopal.	Rs. 403367.00 (Rs. Four Lakh Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	Rs. 8067.00 (Rs. Eight Thousand Sixty Seven Only)	Rs. 2000.00 (Rs. Two Thousand Only)	90 Days

1. Detailed condition can be seen in this office in working hours.  
2. Last date for purchase of tender : 08.10.2024 upto 17:30 hours.  
3. Last date of submission of tender : 08.10.2024 upto 17:30 hours.  
4. Envelop A will be open on dated : 09.10.2024 at 17:30 hours.

Ashish Martand  
Executive Engineer  
Quality Control Unit Division, Bhopal.  
G-16856/24

**Public Notice - Khandwa**  
This is inform to Public in general that the Property Recorded in Gram Panchayat Demand Panji No. 20, of Village Dohad P.H.No. 66, Tehsil Punasa Dist. Khandwa (M.P.) Total area 2040 Sq.ft is in Possession and ownership of Mr. Sunil Sitole S/o Mr. Vikram Sitole & Smt. Sunita W/o Mr. Sunil Sitole who have got the Reg. Co-Ownership Deed No. MP219262023A1791706 Dated 02-03-2023 for the said Property. The aforesaid property having mortgage in Aditya Birla Finance Limited, Khandwa (M.P.) Through Deposit title Deeds/Documents therefore any person, society, bank, Marketable Title etc have any objection on said transaction then he filed objection within 7 days with legal documents from publication of this notice, otherwise any objection raise by any person, society, bank, etc may not be effected and loan is disburse to concern person.  
Dated 28-09-2024  
Harsh Sharma  
Advocate  
119, Kshipra Bhawan Anand Nagar  
Khandwa (M.P.) Mobile:- 7000300741

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is informed to the general public that my party, Aadhaar Housing Finance Limited Khandwa, Bearing Najul Block No 4, Old Plot no 36 New plot no 37, Mohalla Dudh Talai Khandwa, Tehsil Khandwa Dist. Khandwa Paiki area 255 sqft. which is recorded in the name of Mr. Ramesh Rav S/o Mr. Kishan Rav having following Boundaries on East-Common Road, on West- Normal School Galihara than Ground, on North- Tappar of Talibai sold to Gyanu and on South- Galihara than plot of Shankar S/o Bapuji. Aadhaar Housing Finance Limited branch Khandwa is providing loan to the prospective borrower Mr. Ramesh Rav S/o Mr. Kishan Rav on the property of the said Nazul block. If any person, institution, body, bank, government, semi-government department, local government department etc. have any objection regarding the loan given on the said property, then all concerned may write to us within 7 (seven) days of publication of this open notice. Got proof. Otherwise, no objection will be valid after the expiry of the time period. Please know the information.  
Date 29/09/2024  
MUKESH N. MALAKAR  
(Advocate)  
Office -10, Stadium Ground Complex  
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HOUSING FINANCE Regional Office - 101-B, 1st Floor, NRK Business Park, Vijaynagar, Indore(MP) - 452010

**Appendix IV : Physical Possession NOTICE (for Immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issued by Authorized Officer of the Company to the Borrower(S) / Guarantor(S) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice here by given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrower's 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. The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the change of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor / Co-Borrower	1. Demand Notice issued Date 2. Loan Account No, 3. Amount Due as on Notice Date	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)	Date of Physical Possession
Mr. Sachin Prajapati (Borrower) Mrs. Gyanvati Prajapati (Co Borrower) Mr. Sunil Prajapati (Co Borrower) Mr. Laxmi Narayan Prajapati (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 26-11-2023 2. MP/BPL/BOPL/A000000509 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 26,12,142/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lacs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Forty Two)	Plot/House No. 44, Part of Land Khasra No. 90/4, 92, 93/1/2, 99/1/1, 101, 103 to 106, Situated at Sharda Nagar, Gram Lambakhedha, PH No. 06, New No. 10, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. Bhopal, (M.P.), Total plot area 1366.25 Sqft & 126.97 SqMt. Bounded as per sale agreement under- East: Sewage Line of Society, West: Road, North: Plot No. 45, South: Plot No. 43.	27/09/2024
Mr. Ajay Singh Singh (Borrower) Mrs. Shweta Solanki (Co Borrower)	1. Issuance Date - 27/09/2023 2. MP/DR/INDR/A000000493 3. Total Amount Due - Rs. 19,11,923/- (Rupees Nineteen Lacs Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Three)	Fiat No.01 (Flat No.G-I), Ground Floor, Madhav Regency, Plot No.01, Shri Krishna Paradise, Village Rau, Indore Measuring 926 Sq. ft. (Super Built Up Area) with following four boundaries Bounded as - East:- Parking, West:- Parking, North:- Parking Plot No. 02, South: Parking Road.	27/09/2024

**STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS**  
Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time herein after by way of public auction/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002. Authorised Officer Mobile No. - Vaibhav Shrivastav - 7987969803, Rajesh Chakotiya - 84355 71111, Sitaram Prajapat - 95845 67867, Pankaj Joshi - 9806133578, Ashish Singh - 9981998190  
Place : Indore, Date : 29/09/2024  
Authorised Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited





# ELEGANCE REDEFINED

## Experience the joy of fashion

Ravi Bajaj, renowned for his elegance in fashion, recently unveiled his redesigned store at DLF Emporio, New Delhi. This event showcased his latest collection, celebrating the blend of traditional craftsmanship and modern design, writes SAKSHI PRIYA



### From the Man Himself An Exclusive Interview with Ravi Bajaj

Ravi Bajaj's redesigned store is not just a new chapter in his fashion journey but also a clear example of his commitment to innovation and excellence. As he continues to shape the future of fashion with his unique vision, one thing is certain: his influence and creativity will remain at the forefront of the industry for years to come. He talked to Sakshi Priya about his passion. Excerpts: **What story do you want to convey through your new store?**

Well, it's somewhat art-inspired. You can see it up to the ceiling. It's art-inspired but very subtle - not in your face. If you notice it, you notice it. The entire ceiling features French and Italian masks, symbolising Mars and Venus. We also have Iris and Morpheus, the god of sleep, and the famous depiction of Adam and God. The rest is quite modern with clean lines - that's my style. There's a touch of grandeur as well, with handmade chandeliers combining elements from Firozabad and Swarovski. So, it's a blend of modernity and subtle artistry.

**Which piece from your latest collection are you most excited about?**

Oh, that's a tough one. It's like choosing a favourite child! I probably like about 20% of my work and not the other 80%. That's how you keep yourself motivated. The day you like 100% of your work, I think you're done.

**What challenges did you encounter in shaping the final design?**

Ravi Bajaj: There weren't any significant challenges in terms of ideas. The challenge usually comes with execution. Conceiving an idea is easy; the germ is always there. But translating it into reality - that's the tough part. Once it's done, it's beyond your control, and then it's about how it's perceived. What's in my control are the initial idea and its execution.

**How do you foresee the intersection of fashion and retail experiences evolving over the next few years?**

It's difficult to say. The biggest challenge is staying relevant. There's so much happening in the industry, and I've been in this business for 37 years. Staying persistent and maintaining your grit is essential.



Ravi Bajaj has always been synonymous with style and sophistication in the fashion industry. His unique ability to blend traditional craftsmanship with modern sensibilities has made his designs timeless and appealing to a wide audience. As the festive season approaches, there was a strong sense of excitement surrounding the grand unveiling of his newly redesigned store at DLF Emporio in New Delhi.

Upon entering, guests were welcomed by a warm and inviting atmosphere. The stunning wall art and soft, warm lighting created a comfortable yet elegant setting. The store's transformation was impressive, with every detail thoughtfully curated to highlight the exquisite fabrics and intricate designs on display. The ambience was perfect for an evening dedicated to celebrating fashion and creativity.

The new collection was nothing short of a visual delight, showcasing a captivating range of colours and designs. One standout piece was a beautiful blue saree adorned with intricate red lacework. Its vibrant shade and delicate detailing instantly captured the attention of the guests, who couldn't help but admire its elegance. Nearby, a striking black saree with white lacework also drew admiration. The classic contrast of black and white offered a timeless elegance that resonated with many. But it was a stunning lavender saree embellished with silver and gold embroidery that truly left a lasting impression. As it caught the light, one enchanted guest described it as "simply gorgeous," perfectly echoing the sentiments of those around. The teal colour of the sarees also captured attention, their



stunning shades receiving numerous compliments. One guest perfectly expressed the sentiment with a single word: "Outstanding."

The collection also featured a range of warm-toned kurtas in various colours, designed to beautifully blend traditional and modern styles. The bandis and coats, crafted with great attention to detail, provided a sophisticated touch to the ensemble. There was something for everyone, making it clear that these were not just garments but pieces meant to be treasured and worn with pride. As the evening unfolded, the atmosphere was filled with lively conversations and laughter. Guests moved around, appreciating the intricate details of the collection. One particular item that caught many eyes was a striking white saree, decorated with designs of

musical notes in black and shimmering glitter that sparkled beautifully in the store. At first glance, its simplicity was striking, but a closer look revealed delicate embroidery that showcased its craftsmanship. It served as a reminder that sometimes, the most understated designs leave the biggest impact.

As the night came to a close, it became evident that this event was about more than just launching a store. It was a celebration of elegance, creativity, and the joy of fashion, perfectly timed for the festive season ahead. Ravi Bajaj's redesigned store is more than a shopping destination; it's a place where people can experience the beauty and artistry of fashion in a welcoming environment. With his signature blend of tradition and modernity, Ravi Bajaj continues to be a favourite for those who appreciate style and craftsmanship.

## NEW OFFERINGS

### JOIN THE DJGF CELEBRATION!

Don't miss the 12th edition of the Delhi Jewellery and Gem Fair (DJGF) at Pragati Maidan! This premier B2B jewellery exhibition features over 650 exhibitors showcasing 150,000 stunning designs, including gold, silver, diamonds and more. Enjoy networking opportunities, informative sessions and the exciting DJGF Silver Show. Connect with industry leaders and explore the latest trends in jewellery.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**Dates:** 29th September - 1st October, 2024  
**Location:** Pragati Maidan, New Delhi  
**Time:** 10 AM - 6 PM

### SCULPTING MASTERCLASS

Atelier Della Firenze by Niyamat Mehta is hosting a Masterclass series led by renowned sculptor Niyamat Mehta. This four-session course offers personalised attention with only 7 seats per class, focusing on sculpting the human portrait. Perfect for anyone aged 16+, this is a unique opportunity to master the anatomy and proportion of the human skull. Don't miss out!

#### COURSE DETAILS

**Dates:** 5th, 12th & 19th October, 2024  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Top Floor Studio, Sector 3, Noida  
**Price:** Rs. 50,000 (materials included)



### NATIONAL COFFEE FESTIVAL 2024!

Calling all coffee lovers! Join this October for the India International Coffee Festival featuring the National Barista Championship across three cities. Experience thrilling competitions, tastings and workshops celebrating coffee culture. Don't miss out on this caffeinated celebration!

#### EVENT DATES

**Delhi:** 4th-6th October, 2024 at Pacific Mall, Tagore Garden  
**Mumbai:** 11th-13th October, 2024 at Phoenix Marketcity, Kurla  
**Bangalore:** 28th-30th October, 2024 at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur

## YUDHRA: A HIT OR MISS ACTION

Action scenes come to the rescue for an unhooked plot for Yudhra, says ABHI SINGHAL

Yudhra is an action thriller film directed by Ravi Udyawar. Its script is done by Shridhar Raghavan and dialogues are written by Farhan Akhtar and Akshat Ghildial. The film stars Siddhant Chaturvedi in the title role, alongside Malavika Mohanan, Raghav Juyal, Gajraj Rao, Ram Kapoor, Raj Arjun and Shipra Shukla.

Yudhra, who is struggling with anger issues, is assigned an undercover mission to bring down a powerful drug syndicate headed by Firoz and his son Shafiq. Yudhra accepts the responsibility as he wants to exact revenge against Firoz for his parents's death.

The film commences with a loose narrative from the start and revolves around the character's anger issues. The movie opens with an over aggressive orphan kid played by Siddhant. It is the point from where action packed role of Chaturvedi as Yudhra starts. To counterbalance Yudhra's irascible demeanour and immense power, the film features Gajraj Rao as his foster father who plays his deceased father's friend. Gajraj is a senior and experienced actor but unfortunately his role does not add weight to the movie. Siddhant who made his electrifying debut in Gully Boy, tries to experiment with the action cinema.

The scenes in the film are set with a narrative of high octane action and Siddhant Chaturvedi is seen pushing his limits with the role. The bike chasing scene raises expectations but only to be dashed shortly after. The romantic subplot in the film between Yudhra and

Nikhat (Malavika Mohanan) remains underdeveloped and fails to resonate with the audience. Their chemistry does not work and disappoint to say the least. Yudhra lacks a distinctive quality that sets it apart from other action films. The storyline could have been more engaging to keep the audience interested. There are some violent scenes that captivate the audience.

Raghav Juyal, playing the antagonist in the film. His entry could be more powerful. His presence does help you to sit through the film. Siddhant could have shone but the sloppy storyline snatches away that from him. But Raghav Juyal does prove himself despite short screen time he gets and that too spaced by an hour. Gajraj Rao and Ram Kapoor have played their roles in a decent manner and have adjusted well to their roles. Raj Arjun as Firoz plays Yudhra's father's killer's rival and fits in well. The music of the film is also average, and was not expected from someone like Shankar Ehsaan Loy. He has composed two songs in the film. The film can be considered a one time watch but it lacks clarity to Siddhant Chaturvedi's character and is a bit blunt and intimidating to understand. The film's duration of two hours and thirty minutes is rather long and could have been much less.

That would have made it crisp and tight. As an action genre lover you would want to like Yudhra. Despite its fast-paced action sequences it fails to captivate audiences. While action lovers may watch it for its action but they could well be

disappointed with its storyline and mediocre performances.

Rating: 2/5





"The best way to approach Navratri is in a spirit of celebration. This is the secret of life: to be non-serious but absolutely involved"  
— Sadhguru



Over the centuries, Durga Puja has evolved from a private affair of Zamindars to a mass celebration on a global scale. It is now much more than just a religious festival – it's a cultural spectacle, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

## DURGA PUJA

# A SYMPHONY OF TRADITION AND TRANSFORMATION

Come September and everyone is busy making plans for the 'Puja', a festival dedicated to Goddess Durga, in eastern India. Of course it is Kolkata which is the epicentre of all celebrations. Over the years, *Durga Puja* has evolved into a pan-Indian and global festival. With unmatched fervour and devotion, people across the world now come together to honour the goddess, celebrating her victory and divine power.

Durga Puja, one of the most revered and vibrant festivals in India, particularly in West Bengal, celebrates the victory of the goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. Rooted in Hindu mythology, the festival commemorates the goddess as the embodiment of Shakti, or divine feminine power. Over the years, *Durga Puja* has transformed from a primarily religious observance into a grand socio-cultural extravaganza that has few parallels.

*Durga Puja* marks the victory of Goddess Durga, a fierce yet compassionate deity, over Mahishasura, who threatened to disrupt the balance of the universe. According to legend, Mahishasura received a boon that no man could defeat him. As he unleashed terror, the gods united to create Durga, a divine warrior goddess, who fought and eventually killed Mahishasura. The festival celebrates Durga's strength, resilience, and protective nature, while also invoking blessings for peace, prosperity, and protection against evil forces. That is mythology for one and all but it is a metaphor which might have fewer takers but nevertheless the message is crystal.

The metaphor and hidden message of Goddess Durga lie in her embodiment of divine feminine power, resilience, and protection. As a multi-armed warrior goddess, Durga symbolises the shakti (cosmic energy) within all beings, representing the strength needed to overcome life's obstacles. Each weapon she holds signifies various tools required to defeat inner and outer evils like fear, ignorance, pride and injustice. Metaphorically, Durga's battle with Mahishasura, the demon king, is a reflection of the ongoing struggle between good and evil, not just in the cosmic realm but within individuals and society at large. Her victory underscores that evil - be it oppression, greed or violence - can only be defeated through righteous action, courage and the collective strength of the divine and human will.

It is the triumph of dharma (righteousness) over adharma (immorality), a reminder that good eventually prevails even in the face of insurmountable odds. Furthermore, Durga, as a motherly figure, embodies compassion and protection, highlighting the balance between fierceness and nurturing, teaching that strength does not negate love and compassion. Goddess Durga conveys the message of empowerment, particularly for women, demonstrating that power and authority lie in embracing one's true self and purpose. In a broader sense, Durga's story speaks to the need for balance between action and patience, destruction and creation, power and empathy.

The festival is observed during the Hindu Calendar month of Ashwin



**DURGA PUJA IS AN ELABORATE AND COLOURFUL FESTIVAL, TYPICALLY SPANNING FIVE DAYS - SHASHTHI, SAPTAMI, ASHTAMI, NAVAMI AND VIJAYADASHAMI. EACH DAY IS MARKED BY RITUALS, PRAYERS, CULTURAL EVENTS AND, OF COURSE, THE UNVEILING OF THE IDOL OF GODDESS DURGA IN PANDALS (TEMPORARY, ARTISTICALLY DESIGNED STRUCTURES). THE CELEBRATION BEGINS WITH THE RITUAL OF BODHON, OR THE WELCOMING OF THE GODDESS, ON THE SIXTH DAY**



(September-October), culminating on Vijayadashami, the tenth day when Durga's victory is celebrated and her idols are immersed in water, symbolising her return to Mount Kailash, her celestial home.

*Durga Puja* is an elaborate and colourful festival, typically spanning five days - Shashthi, Saptami, Ashtami, Navami and Vijayadashami. Each day is marked by rituals, prayers, cultural events and, of course, the unveiling of the idol of Goddess Durga in pandals (temporary, artistically designed structures). The celebration begins with the ritual of Bodhon, or the welcoming of the goddess, on the sixth day.

### FROM ZAMINDAR PUJA TO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS

Historically, *Durga Puja* was a private affair, celebrated within the homes of wealthy zamindar (landlord) families. However, during the late 18th century, it began to shift towards community-based celebrations. In Kolkata, the first publicly organised *Durga Puja*, known as the Barowari Puja, was held in 1790, and since then, the practice has spread across Bengal and beyond.

The first major move toward a community-based *Durga Puja* or Barowari Puja, took place in 1790 in Hooghly district, near Kolkata. A group of twelve friends organised this puja to make the festival more inclusive and community-oriented, free from the exclusivity of the zamindar class. This concept of collective worship was revolutionary at the time and set the foundation for public celebrations of the festival. The term "Barowari" comes from baro (twelve) and yari (friends), representing this group's efforts to democratise *Durga Puja*. Raja Nabakrishna Deb, an influential zamindar of the Shobhabazar Rajbari in Kolkata, played a critical role in popularising *Durga Puja* beyond the private confines of aristocratic families. In 1757, following the British victory at the Battle of Plassey, Nabakrishna Deb invited British officers, including Robert Clive, to his *Durga Puja* celebration, creating a hybrid of Indian tradition and colonial influence.

In the late 19th century, Swami Vivekananda and the Ramakrishna Mission also played a pivotal role in giving *Durga Puja* a broader, more public dimension. Through the Ramakrishna Mission, *Durga Puja* became associated with nationalistic and cultural identity, with an emphasis on social service and community welfare. Swami Vivekananda himself performed

*Durga Puja* at Belur Math in 1901, marking the festival as both a spiritual and community event.

### PANDAL HOPPING

The centrepiece of the festivities is the pandals, where elaborate idols of Durga, along with her children - Lakshmi, Saraswati, Kartikeya and Ganesha - are displayed. These pandals often feature intricate themes that range from mythological tales to contemporary social issues.

*Durga Puja* pandals have evolved far beyond simple religious displays, becoming powerful platforms for artistic expression and social commentary. Every year, these temporary structures turn into creative masterpieces that reflect not just devotion to Goddess Durga but also highlight contemporary issues ranging from politics to global events and pressing social concerns.

Some pandals artistically engage with local and national politics, offering thought-provoking critiques or support for political movements. For example, some recent themes have explored elections, portraying the goddess battling forces of greed and dishonesty, metaphorically addressing societal upheaval. Several pandals focus on international matters, such as climate change, world peace or refugee crises. They utilise innovative materials and designs to depict how these global challenges affect humanity. For instance, some recent installations have depicted the Amazon rainforest fires, the pandemic or refugee struggles, merging Durga's fight against evil with the global battle for environmental protection or humanitarian aid. Many pandals are now powerful vehicles for raising awareness about social issues. They have addressed women's rights, child labor, education and even mental health. Some pandals creatively use Durga's weapons to symbolise the tools needed to fight social evils like gender inequality or poverty, aligning the goddess's mythology with contemporary societal struggles. Themes such as women empowerment, gender justice and communal harmony are depicted with a blend of artistry and symbolism.

In recent years, with growing awareness about environmental conservation, eco-friendly pandals have gained popularity. Artists use biodegradable materials like clay, bamboo and jute to create these installations, while themes often focus on

sustainability and environmental consciousness. These efforts not only contribute to reducing pollution during idol immersion but also send a strong message about the urgent need to protect nature.

These innovative pandals transform *Durga Puja* into not just a religious celebration but a cultural forum where tradition and modernity intersect, sparking dialogue on critical societal and global issues. Through artistry, they encourage introspection, inspire change, and bring communities together in shared reflection.

### RITUALS AND PRAYERS

Devotees perform elaborate rituals, such as the pushpanjali (flower offerings) and aarti (lamp offerings), invoking the goddess's blessings. On Ashtami, the main day of the festival, the Sandhi Puja, symbolising the transition from Ashtami to Navami, is performed with great fervour. Kumari Puja, where young girls are worshipped as manifestations of the goddess, is also a key ritual.

### CULTURAL PERFORMANCES AND FEASTING

Beyond its religious aspect, *Durga Puja* is also a cultural celebration. Communities organise music and dance performances, theatrical productions and art exhibitions. The festival is a time for feasting, with special foods like bhog (a sacred offering) and traditional Bengali sweets such as sandesh, rasgulla, and mishti doi adding to the festive charm. While *Durga Puja* retains its core religious significance, the festival has undergone significant transformations over the centuries, evolving into a social, artistic, and commercial spectacle.

### GLOBALISATION OF DURGA PUJA

Today, *Durga Puja* is not confined to Bengal. Thanks to the global Bengali diaspora, the festival is celebrated with grandeur in cities like London, New York and Dubai. Modern technology, social media and live streaming of rituals have expanded the reach of *Durga Puja*, allowing devotees from across the globe to participate.

*Durga Puja* has also seen commercialisation, with sponsorships and advertisements driving the festival economy. The shopping, food, and tourism sectors receive a massive boost during this time, as people from across the country and the world flock to experience the grandeur of the celebration. *Durga Puja* is more than just a religious festival; it is a vibrant, living tradition that has evolved with time. While the core message of the triumph of good over evil remains intact, the festival has grown to embody the cultural and social heartbeat of Bengal, touching the lives of millions across the globe. As *Durga Puja* continues to transform, it serves as a powerful reminder of the enduring strength of faith, community and creativity. In today's society, with the increasing disregard for women's dignity, the timeless message of Goddess Durga appears to be lost in the din. People seem more focused on indulging in the festive revelry rather than embracing the deeper significance of Durga's empowerment. Yet, this is the fate that most festivals eventually meet - a shift from reflection to celebration.



# A TASTE OF HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Durga Puja brings feeling of home for everyone. For those in Delhi, *Oh! Calcutta* offers the flavours of Bengal. It Celebrates 25 years, serving authentic Bengali food, making it a perfect spot to enjoy the festival in all its grandeur, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**



Photos: Pankaj Kumar



**D**urga Puja is more than just a festival; it's an emotion, a time when everyone feels an irresistible pull towards home. The smell of incense, the rhythm of the 'dhak' and the sight of the majestic idols fill hearts with nostalgia. For those who find themselves far from Kolkata during this time, there's a place that offers a slice of home: *Oh! Calcutta*.

*Oh! Calcutta* has been serving the flavours of Bengal for 25 years. As the city prepares to welcome Durga Maa, this iconic restaurant remains a favourite for all those hoping for the familiar taste of home-cooked Bengali food. Recently celebrating its silver jubilee, *Oh! Calcutta* has not only kept the essence of Kolkata's cuisine alive, showing that the spirit of Bengali food remains strong and proud, no matter where you are.

Established in 1992, *Oh! Calcutta* was born from a passion to showcase the unique flavours of Kolkata's 300-year-old culinary traditions. The restaurant's menu is a tribute to the city's gastronomic legacy, influenced by British, Armenian, French and Mughal cultures. This blend of influences captures Kolkata's essence as a melting pot of communities. The founder, *Anjan Chatterjee* and his team of chefs envision their cuisine as a tribute to the rich and diverse culinary heritage of Kolkata, which has been shaped over centuries. As they say, "Kolkatay khabar mane sudhu peth bhora noi, eta hriday bhora" (In Kolkata, food is not just about filling the stomach but the heart).

As part of its silver jubilee celebrations, *Oh! Calcutta* has introduced a special anniversary menu that beautifully captures Kolkata's culinary heritage. The menu, curated by *Chatterjee*, marries traditional recipes with a contemporary touch, ensuring that the authenticity of Bengali cuisine remains at its heart. Signature dishes such as *Aam Ada Grilled Bhetki*, *Jackfruit Tikki* and *Prawn Malai Curry* are shining examples of the restaurant's dedication to preserving the old while embracing the new.

One of the highlights is the crispy *Hilsa Fish Fingers*, served with a tangy mustard mayo that brings back memories of home-cooked meals. The *Calcutta Fish Fry* is another star, with its tantalising blend of spices that capture the essence of family gatherings. And, of course, there's the *Bhetki Machher Paturi*,



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(In Kolkata, food is not just about filling the stomach, but the heart)

where fish marinated in mustard and coconut, wrapped in banana leaves, and steamed to perfection.

Mutton dishes hold a special place in Bengali cuisine, and *Oh! Calcutta's* offerings don't disappoint. The rich, slow-cooked *Kosha Mangsho* (mutton curry) is simmered with spices that warm the soul, while the *Railway Mutton Curry*, inspired by the classic railway-style preparation, evokes nostalgia and comfort.

These are dishes that remind you of home-cooked meals during Pujo and family journeys. The vegetarian fare at *Oh! Calcutta* is

equally delightful. Dishes like *Mochar Ghonto* (Banana Floret Subzi) and *Cholar Dal* (Bengal gram lentils cooked with coconut and spices) highlight the rich vegetarian tradition of Bengal.

And let's not forget the *Begum Bhaja*, deep-fried slices of eggplant that are the perfect accompaniment to the *Cholar Dal*.

For seafood lovers, there's the *Prawn Malai Curry*, a creamy and indulgent prawn dish cooked in coconut milk and lightly spiced. And for those seeking something lighter, the *Maacher Dom Jhol* (fish curry) with *luchi* offers a delicate blend of spices with fresh

vegetables and fish. This simple yet heartwarming dish is a staple in Bengali households and is often served during Durga Puja feasts.

No Bengali meal is complete without a sweet ending, and *Oh! Calcutta* makes sure this tradition is upheld. The restaurant offers a range of traditional sweets, including *Sandesh*, *baked Rasgulla* and *Mishti Doi* is a staple at the end of every Bengali meal.

As they say, "Bangalir mishti priyo, eta to shobar jana" (Everyone knows that Bengalis love sweets).

What sets *Oh! Calcutta* apart is its tireless commitment to authenticity. The restaurant sources key ingredients directly from Kolkata, ensuring that every dish retains its traditional flavour. From the *Kakra Chingri Bhapa* on the fragrant *Gobindobhoger Bhaat* (a special variety of rice), every ingredient is carefully chosen to maintain the integrity of Bengali cuisine. This attention to detail ensures that each dish not only tastes authentic but also evokes a sense of nostalgia.

The atmosphere at *Oh! Calcutta* further enhances the dining experience. The decor, featuring traditional Bengali art and nostalgic photographs of Kolkata, creates a warm and inviting setting. The staff, always attentive and knowledgeable, make sure that guests feel at home, guiding them through the menu and sharing the stories behind each dish.

As the festivities unfold, the connection between food, culture and family shines brightly at *Oh! Calcutta*. It's a place where both Bengalis and non-Bengalis can celebrate the rich and diverse cuisine of Kolkata. This Durga Puja, let the flavours of Kolkata fill your heart and your plate as you indulge in the culinary brilliance that has delighted guests for 25 years. As they say, "Banglar khabar mane sudhu taste noi, eta hriday er kotha" (Bengali food is not only about taste, but it's also a matter of the heart).

So, this Pujo, if you find yourself longing for the flavours of home, head over to *Oh! Calcutta* in GK-2, New Delhi. With dishes like *Kosha Mangsho*, *Mochar Chop* and *Gol Morich Chicken*, you will be treated to a culinary journey that's as close to Kolkata as you can get without leaving Delhi. Let the food fill your heart with joy, warmth, and a taste of home, reminding you that the spirit of Durga Puja can be felt wherever you are.

## SIP THE ESSENCE OF ASIA: A UNIQUE BEVERAGES EXPERIENCE

Yauatcha's 'Asia In A Glass' is more than just a cocktail menu, it is an homage to the traditional flavours and modern techniques that define Asian cuisine, says **SHARMILA CHAND**

**Y**auatcha, the well-known contemporary Dim sum Tea House in Bengaluru is celebrating a unique cocktail menu, 'Asia In A Glass'. It is a vibrant celebration of Asian ingredients, masterfully crafted into exquisite cocktails that promise to transport guests on a sensory journey across the continent. I was thrilled to see how they have gone beyond their culinary fare to extend their philosophy seamlessly into the heart of their bar program, where mixology transforms into an art form.

### THE DRINK'S NARRATIVE

Ranging from classic cocktails with a unique twist to refreshing fruit-forward and tea-infused concoctions, each libation at this London-style bar is a meticulously crafted narrative. The carefully designed cocktail menu embodies innovation and sophistication in showcasing Asian ingredients.

"When I was working on the 'Asia In A Glass' article, I had the pleasure of meeting with Merwyn and gained a deeper understanding of the evolution of *Yauatcha's* cocktail scene. *Yauatcha* has always been at the forefront of mixology trends, being one of the pioneers in implementing an innovative ice program. Sitting down with Merwyn provided invaluable insights that helped shape the story. It's truly gratifying to see this meticulously crafted menu come to fruition with this article," said **Aslam Gafoor**,



who inspired the creation of this cocktail menu with his article in the *Yauatcha Life* magazine, titled 'Asia In A Glass'. As the name suggests, Asian ingredients take the spotlight in *Yauatcha's* cocktail program philosophy, turning every cocktail into a distinctive masterpiece. From the invigorating zing of lemongrass to the

comforting warmth of ginger, *Yauatcha's* Head Mixologist, Merwyn Alphonso has curated a sensory experience that reflects Asian culinary heritage in every sip. Furthermore, the glassware and ice story transform into canvases for expression, enhancing visual allure and turning the bar into a dynamic masterpiece where flavours dance and

evolve. Sharing his excitement about the launch of the new cocktail menu, Merwyn said, "Discussing the beverage program at *Yauatcha*, it's clear that it's more than just a dim sum restaurant. When *Allen Yau* founded *Yauatcha*, it was built on the four pillars of hospitality, patisserie, dim sum, mixology and tea. To this day, these pillars

guide us in crafting every cocktail that we put on our menus. The 'Asia In A Glass' menu was created with this ethos in mind, and we hope our guests enjoy these beautiful libations. The cocktails draw inspiration from across the Asian continent, incorporating traditional Asian ingredients such as *Yuzu*, *Lychee*, *Pandan* and *Lemongrass*. The result is a series of exclusive beverages

that are as visually stunning as they are delicious, each one telling a story of its own."

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MENU

- **Tian Shang:** A refreshing blend of Gin, Vodka, raspberry liqueur, lemon, fresh raspberries, elderflower foam.
- **Jian Mei:** A tea twist with Gin, sake, floral tea liqueur.
- **Around The World:** A delightful concoction of White rum, limoncello, Aperol, lychee, homemade apricot compote, rosemary twig.
- **Ginger Martini:** A zesty, aromatic blend with White rum, ginger, green apple, orgeat, lime.

Each cocktail is a testament to the skill and creativity of *Yauatcha's* mixologists, who have drawn inspiration from the diverse culinary landscapes of Asia. Experience the vibrant flavours and innovative creations that set *Yauatcha* apart. The drinks echo *Yauatcha's* ethos, embodying innovation and sophistication in showcasing Asian ingredients. The concoctions are more than just drinks, they are conversation starters and memory makers. Step in, have your pick from the 'Asia In A Glass' menu and see how a world of flavours is waiting to be explored by you! Cheers!

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— JOHN C WRIGHT



# MOSCOW

## A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME: FROM SOVIET SHADOWS TO MODERN MARVELS

From the historical depths of Red Square to the majestic Kremlin, each corner of this sprawling metropolis reveals layers of history - burnt, rebuilt and revived - beckoning travelers to explore its rich tapestry of culture and heritage, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

As I step off the plane at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Alexander S. Pushkin International Airport, the brisk, cold breeze is a refreshing change from the humid warm air of Delhi. This is my second trip to Moscow; my first visit occurred shortly after the Soviet Union disintegrated and Russia emerged as a new entity. Indeed, Moscow has transformed significantly since then. The city's infrastructure has improved dramatically, making it almost unrecognisable; the roads and the cars on them wear a fresh look. Yet, amidst this change, Moscow retains its unique character—inviting yet inherently private. Over its 877-year history, the city has withstood a lot. Moscow lives fully, with its history woven into every brick and stone. Each regime has left its imprint, manifesting in monuments and relics scattered throughout the city, which now stand in contrast to modern architecture.



**MOSCOW, THE CAPITAL OF RUSSIA, BOASTS A RICH AND COMPLEX HISTORY THAT SPANS AROUND 800 YEARS. FOUNDED IN 1147 BY PRINCE YURI DOLGORUKY, THE CITY INITIALLY SERVED AS A MINOR TRADING POST. ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION ON THE MOSKVA RIVER FACILITATED TRADE AND COMMUNICATION, CONTRIBUTING TO ITS GRADUAL RISE IN IMPORTANCE**

Moscow, the capital of Russia, boasts a rich and complex history that spans over 800 years. Founded in 1147 by Prince Yuri Dolgoruky, the city initially served as a minor trading post. Its strategic location on the Moskva River facilitated trade and communication, contributing to its gradual rise in importance. By the 15th century, under Ivan III (Ivan the Great), Moscow emerged as a significant political and cultural centre, ultimately overthrowing Mongol dominance. In 1547, Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible) was crowned as the first Tsar of Russia, marking the official establishment of the Tsardom. This period was characterized by territorial expansion, the consolidation of power, and the construction of iconic structures like St. Basil's Cathedral, which symbolizes Moscow's architectural heritage. Red Square, the iconic heart of Moscow, was established in the late 15th century, specifically during the reign of Ivan III (Ivan the Great). Originally, the area served as a marketplace and a central hub for various activities, but it gradually evolved into a political and cultural centre. It is now a must visit tourist attraction. And if one wants to understand Moscow brace up for a long walk. Red Square transports you to the 15th century. Our guide, an enthusiastic and energetic lady tells us Red is not for colour though the bricks and stones used are Red, Red in Russian means beautiful so it is a beautiful square and I couldn't agree less. You have colourful St. Basil's Cathedral overlooking the square, commissioned by Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible) in 1555 to commemorate the conquest of Kazan. Done in Disney style (or maybe it is the other way round). This style of structure painting is categorical of Russia and is called "Russian patterning." It is the place to click selfies. Red square is also the place where Lenin's embalmed body is kept and many other Generals were buried. We don't get a chance to go inside as it is closed by the time we reach. Vladimir Lenin, leader of the October Revolution and the first leader and founder of the Soviet Union, died in Gorki aged 53 after falling into a coma on January 21,

a smoking burning building. They were restored and did not look burnt now. We moved on to the churches where Tsars were baptised, crowned and laid to rest. All have shining brass tops. Don't know how they keep them so shiny. I can't keep my small Buddha statue that shiny anyway. Moscow became the capital of the new socialist state, undergoing rapid industrialisation and significant urban development, exemplified by the construction of grandiose structures like the Seven Sisters skyscrapers. These seven huge buildings still stand tall and are landmarks. They now house a university, a government ministry, a hotel and no idea about the others. Interestingly the underground in Moscow was used as bunkers by the Muscovites during the second world war. The stations are indeed nothing short of a palace with large murals exquisitely done and preserved. We decide to take a ride. The coaches are neat and people are friendly. We exchange smiles with fellow passengers. Our short but sweet journey comes to an end we are back to our hotel. The dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991 marked another pivotal moment in Moscow's history. The city transitioned from a socialist regime to a market economy, leading to significant social and economic changes. Modern Moscow has seen extensive urban development and globalisation. Moscow has now become a business hub and opened to inter cultural relations and tourists from all over the world. Today, Moscow stands as a vibrant metropolis that beautifully blends its rich historical heritage with modernity, attracting millions of visitors each year who come to explore its vast cultural treasures, including historic churches, museums, and vibrant neighbourhoods. Each brick and stone of this ancient city tells a story of resilience and transformation, reflecting the enduring spirit of its people. Moscow is a foodie's paradise. I enjoyed Zhivago's food, excellent food served with a charming smile. Apart from Dr Zhivago there are many restaurants that dot the city and have amazing food and vibes. Moscow is a vibrant city where culinary culture thrives, offering a rich tapestry of dining experiences that

reflect both tradition and innovation. From elegant restaurants serving classic Russian fare like 'borscht' and 'pelmeni' to trendy eateries embracing global influences, the city's food scene is diverse and sophisticated. In the heart of Moscow, Café Pushkin stands as a symbol of elegance, offering a nostalgic ambiance reminiscent of 19th-century aristocratic Russia. For those seeking modern Russian cuisine with a twist, White Rabbit is a must-visit, famous for its innovative take on local ingredients and breathtaking views of the city. For a more casual yet equally delightful experience, LavkaLavka, a farm-to-table restaurant, emphasizes sustainable dining, offering dishes made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Meanwhile, Dr. Zhivago of course presents a chic, contemporary take on traditional Soviet-era dishes in a stylish setting. For travellers and locals alike, these eateries are more than just places to dine—they offer an immersive experience into Moscow's rich cultural heritage and evolving modern palate. Moscow has a good number of Museums too; they are a must visit if you have taste beyond Malls and Restaurants which Moscow has plenty. The guides are funny and knowledgeable at the same time. Moscow has a huge collection of paintings from bygone eras. Mostly of the Christ, kings but also of the people their life and woes. One could spend a day just watching the masterpieces. For the intellectually inclined, Moscow has a number of libraries with excellent collection of books. Russian libraries are not just repositories of books but vital cultural institutions that embody the country's rich literary and intellectual tradition. The most iconic among them is the Russian State Library in Moscow, one of the largest in the world. Founded in 1862, it holds millions of volumes, including rare manuscripts, maps, and other historical documents, making it a treasure trove for researchers and scholars. The library's architectural grandeur reflects its significance, with vast reading rooms and meticulously curated collections covering a wide range of disciplines. Beyond the Russian State Library, Moscow is home to numerous other libraries, such as the Lenin Library, which is also highly regarded for its expansive catalogue of works. But the best thing about Moscow is its people; friendly courteous and always willing to help. The warmth of the Russian people is often a pleasant surprise for those visiting the country for the first time. Once you break through the initial formalities, you'll find that Russians are deeply hospitable, warm-hearted, and generous, especially when it comes to welcoming guests into their homes. The tradition of hospitality runs deep—guests are treated with great respect, and hosts often insist on sharing hearty meals and meaningful conversations, making you feel genuinely at home. As we pack bags, they are filled with souvenirs and memories one would share back home. As you board the flight and bid goodbye to Moscow you are still yearning for more.

1924. It has been 100 years since he died. The GUM Department Store is a major shopping destination nearby. It is beautiful no doubt and has best brands on offer. I buy nothing but being it is an experience; the aura of the place is awesome. Nearby there is a souvenir shop which has a good collection of memorabilia and offers discounts and prices are negotiable, feels like home. I buy a few souvenirs. Red Square has been the site of numerous significant events throughout Russian history, including military parades, public gatherings, and political demonstrations, making it a symbol of both the historical and contemporary Russian state. Then there is a change of guards where every two hours Presidential guards change their duty. They say you have to be the best to be presidential guards. Three tough looking guys come and replace the three guards on duty and walk beating their boots on the ground. The Moscow Victory Day Parade is an annual military parade of the Russian Armed Forces on Moscow's Red Square on May 9 during the Victory Day celebrations and is a big draw with the tourists and locals alike. The other most visited complex in the world is perhaps the Kremlin, the seat of power, where you still have the president's office. We walk through the door rather easily. Our guide is smart; tells us the President is not there else it would not be that easy. There is the president's office and a broken bell which never rang once as it broke while making it. Then there were buildings that were set on fire when Napoleon attacked. People abandoned them and went to jungles. All Bonapart found was



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— RABINDRANATH TAGORE

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



**ARIES** March 21-April 19  
This week, focusing on financial discipline is crucial as managing your budget becomes a priority. Assess your spending habits and income, noting that while your earnings are substantial, your outlays may exceed them. Aim to establish equilibrium not just in your finances but across all areas of your life that are rapidly evolving and require your focus, such as home matters, property dealings, educational pursuits, and professional growth. Consider limiting social engagements and leisure activities for the majority of the week to concentrate on these pressing issues. As the week progresses, you'll find the weight of stress lifting, allowing you to move forward more freely. You'll end the week feeling vibrant, joyful, and full of zest, ready to embrace your journey with caution and awareness of potential challenges.  
**Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour** Coral  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22  
This week may present a series of challenges, including unexpected obstacles, misunderstandings with friends, and financial delays. Despite these difficulties, your resilience will shine through as you confront each issue with calm and determination. Financially, returns on past investments or repayments may be underwhelming, prompting careful consideration and planning. However, this is only a temporary setback. Prioritizing health through timely medical consultations, meditation, and yoga will contribute to overall well-being. Engaging in spiritual practices can provide additional solace and strength during this period. Stay proactive and remember that your choices have the power to alter your path forward. You are equipped to handle any disruptions, drawing strength from spiritual connections to navigate this complex time.  
**Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour** Tangerine  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21  
Individuals with boundless energy need to channel it effectively to achieve optimal results. There are some immediate adjustments required in your approach. Prioritize delegating tasks and organizing your schedule efficiently, as effective time and resource management is key. A career advancement may be on the horizon this week, accompanied by financial benefits. Work-related travel could be fruitful, providing opportunities to establish long-term connections. Confidence and determination will propel you toward success. By week's end, expect significant financial rewards and the satisfaction of tangible accomplishments. This period also presents a favorable opportunity for investing in assets, though cautious decision-making is advised. Don't be overly concerned about your professional trajectory; you're nearly at your goal. Maintain your focus to ensure you reach your full potential.  
**Lucky number 12 | Lucky colour** Grey  
**Lucky day** Friday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20  
This week might start on a positive note with new possibilities ahead, but be prepared for some unexpected sharp exchanges from a coworker or a close one. Your romantic overtures could face setbacks, potentially leading to feelings of isolation and sadness. It's wise to keep your expectations realistic and maintain a practical outlook. You may find yourself on the brink of ending a relationship that hasn't fully begun. It's important to manage your emotions and keep your temper in check to avoid feeling overwhelmed and drained. Remember, this challenging period is only temporary, and you'll soon regain control of the situation. A maternal figure or a more experienced female relative in your life could offer the support and guidance you need during this time.  
**Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour** RFuchsia  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22  
This week may find you feeling deeply emotional, with nostalgic thoughts urging you to reconnect with old friends or visit your family. You might find yourself exchanging gifts or reliving cherished moments with loved ones. However, matters of the heart could prove challenging, possibly leading to feelings of disappointment or heartache, especially for those anticipating significant commitments in romantic relationships. An inclination towards possessiveness might also surface, suggesting a need for emotional balance and calm. To navigate this period, consider engaging in meditation or other calming practices. Focusing on creative or spiritual activities can be particularly beneficial, offering a productive outlet for your emotions and helping to shift your perspective towards optimism.  
**Lucky number 4 | Lucky colour** Indigo  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19  
This week presents a spectrum of outcomes. Guidance from a mentor or family elder will help clarify your life direction. High ambitions may lead to confusion, especially concerning property matters. Beware of potential deception and criticism from others. Stay grounded to avoid complications, particularly in relationships. Practicality is key in overcoming these challenges. Give yourself and your significant other adequate space and time before making decisions. Emphasize honesty and use your intellect to discern realities. There's a need to cleanse a negative influence affecting your well-being, enabling you to embrace positivity. Trust in your own capabilities and proceed with confidence. Cultivating patience and resilience will fortify your journey through uncertain times. Focus on nurturing your inner peace to ensure you can make balanced and thoughtful choices.  
**Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour** Turquoise  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20  
This week promises an uplifting journey filled with heartfelt connections and personal triumphs. The initial days bring a deepening bond with your partner, marked by a nurturing love that enhances your vitality and encourages your best efforts. Your positive outlook will help you overcome challenges that previously seemed overwhelming. Your abilities and determination are set to earn your admiration, even from those who have doubted you, marking a significant victory. Your inspiring presence motivates others, and your own well-being—both physical and emotional—sees significant improvement. As the week progresses, you will experience a profound sense of vindication and fairness that reaffirms your path and choices. This period culminates in a joyful realization of your desires and goals, illuminating the rewards of your perseverance.  
**Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour** Lavender  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22  
This week you're infused with a dynamic drive to excel in your career. An awaited piece of positive news from afar is likely to arrive, bringing joy and potential opportunities. Financial matters will demand your focus, with transactions, payments, and investments taking center stage. Remember, sharing your prosperity with those in need can bring profound rewards. You'll also find satisfaction in disseminating the knowledge you've accumulated, providing guidance to those around you. Embrace this phase of abundant possibilities, but consider a significant shift in your perspective or approach. Making these adjustments will lead to gratifying outcomes. Challenges may arise, yet your seasoned judgment and keen intellect will enable you to overcome them and thrive.  
**Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour** Teal  
**Lucky day** Monday



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18  
This week presents promising opportunities for career advancement and personal connections. You might unexpectedly receive a promotion or pay increase. Be prepared for potential work-related travel, which is likely to yield significant benefits in the future. If you're renting, this period may also bring changes to your work or living spaces. Midweek, emotions run high, enhancing your romantic and passionate pursuits. However, you might find yourself conflicted about a particular relationship or decision, torn between differing inner voices. Trusting your instincts will serve you well. As the week closes, you'll find greater emotional equilibrium and control over your feelings, leading to a broader perspective on potential opportunities. These could be linked to professional growth, significant personal milestones, or creative inspiration, igniting a strong drive to achieve notable goals.  
**Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour** Orange  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**CANCER** June 21-July 22  
Regulate your emotions! Your emotional responses are currently heightened, possibly leading you to dwell on past mistakes or express frustration toward those close to you. To navigate away from disappointment and a gloomy mood, engaging in mental wellness activities can be very helpful. Consider practices such as meditation, yoga, breath work, or immersing yourself in inspiring literature. Remember, the past is behind you, and focusing on the present can illuminate the path to a brighter future. This week, embrace the closure of old chapters and start anew with a fresh perspective. Being proactive rather than avoiding issues will foster strength and wisdom. Embrace optimism and maintain faith to achieve your aspirations.  
**Lucky number 5 | Lucky colour** Yellow  
**Lucky day** Monday



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21  
This week brings a series of delightful events and laughter-filled moments. You'll find yourself deeply invested in a challenging project, pouring your energy and passion into it. This experience is unique as teamwork amplifies its benefits, enhancing your virtues and introducing you to new skills and untapped potential. Your focus and determination will make it easier to stay on track and meet your objectives. There may be opportunities for international connections, either through friendships or potential travel plans. Your ambitions keep you driven, and undistracted by romance or leisure as you aim for significant financial and professional achievements. Expect recognition for your dedication, possibly in the form of a raise or promotion. Be grateful for these blessings and savor the rewards of your hard work.  
**Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour** Saffron  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20  
This week starts with a focus on reflection and growth as recent efforts and challenges are reviewed. Despite considerable dedication, you may find that the rewards of your labor are yet to be fully realized. It's a period where doubts could cloud your judgment. By midweek, a sense of satisfaction emerges as unexpected professional opportunities present themselves, offering the potential for financial gains. This phase is ideal for initiating new ventures or investments. Throughout the week, various propositions will appear, necessitating careful selection to align with your goals. Financial prudence is advised to avoid unnecessary expenditures. As the week concludes, the desire for travel or leisure activities may arise, leading to plans for enjoyable outings or romantic escapades with a significant other.  
**Lucky number 1 | Lucky colour** Mustard  
**Lucky day** Sunday

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THE TUNING FORK



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# Actions Have Corresponding Consequences

One does not merely earn Karma. One seeds it and grows it. And then - it grows on you. Everything connects with everything else - and Karma is the connect. It is in thought - not only in action. Neither fate nor destiny. A matrix that includes our choices, samskaras and more. Our conscious and unconscious acts, ideas and deeds determine our karma. It is about ownership and deliverance. Simplistically it means the idea of cause and effect, where thoughts, emotions, actions (karma) have corresponding consequences (karma-phala). It comes around as an energy that originates with us. It shapes individual destinies, influences rebirths, and underscores the ethical framework of traditions. It is almost impossible to comprehend the cycle of Karma in a unidimensional way. The limitations of human comprehension restrict our understanding of this extremely complex but immensely beautiful concept.

With its roots in the intention of the action, Karma is also defined as our prescribed duties towards our ecosystem. Krishna asserts in the Bhagavat Gita ...

*tasmād asaktaḥ satataṁ kārātḥ karma samāchara asakto hyācharan karma param āpnoti pūruṣhaḥ*

*"Therefore, always perform your duties efficiently and without attachment. By performing duties without attachment, a person attains the highest."*

Performing duties conscientiously (Sattvik Karma) without attachment to the results, leads to liberation (Moksha). We travel through births, with our accumulated karma due to our past actions. This Sanchita Karma and plays a major role in shaping one's life circumstances. The portion of Sanchita Karma that has to be inescapably experienced in the present life is Prarabdha Karma. It determines the significant conditions and events of one's current life.



The Kriyamana Karma encapsulates theincrediblybrilliant dynamism of how Karma works. While living our Karmas, we continue to createmore in the present life, influencingour future. One of the purposes of spiritual study and growth is to discern right from wrong action. As Krishna explains in the Bhagavat Gita

*karmaṇo hyapi boddhavyam*

*boddhavyam cha vikarmaṇaḥ akarmaṇaḥ cha boddhavyam gahanā karmaṇo gatih*

*"One must understand what is action, what is inaction, and what is forbidden action. The path of action is very mysterious."*

We must understand the nature of different types of actions (karma) and inactions, discerning right actions (Dharma) from wrong

actions (Adharma). In daily life, understanding karma influences decision-making, virtuousconduct, and spiritualapplication in our actions and duties. It encourages us to uphold principles of righteousness (Dharma) and avoid harmful actions, perform our duties selflessly, and practice mindfulness by reflecting on our intentions. Karma grows with intention, and reflects in your volition. It is not merely the content but the context. It is complex. It is not linear and it is Real and authentic. We have the right to it through our choicesand yet are urged not to consider ourselves as the cause of the results. It is about staying connected to the action with commitment but not attached thereafter. One of the most popular shlokas of the Bhagavat Gita, that has been a guiding principle

*karmaṇy-evādhikāras te mā phaleṣhu kadāchana mā karma-phala-hetur bhūr mā te saṅgo ṣtvakarmaṇi*

*"You have a right to perform your prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to the fruits of your actions. Never consider yourself to be the cause of the results of your activities, nor be attached to inaction."*

Karma entwines spiritual evolution, and the interconnectedness of all beings. It is not a punishment. It is a consequence of our choices. It is a reminder to be mindful, conscious, aware, and selfless. As Lord Buddha asserted - it is not possible to avoid experiencing the result of a karmic deed once it has been committed. Karma has no standard Menu - you get served what you deserve.

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