

# Stay calm, sleep well. Modi to Paris-bound athletes



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Indian athletes who are going to represent the country in the upcoming Paris Olympics

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Neelesh Chopra shared his fitness concerns, P V Sindhu had about the significance of the medal and Nikhat Zareen said she barely hides her excitement about being a first-time Olympian during a light-hearted interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who advised the Paris-bound group to stay calm and sleep well for best results.

The interaction, held on Thursday, also featured the men's hockey team and the 21-strong shooting contingent in person, while some others, including Chopra, Sindhu and Zareen, joined online from their respective training bases abroad.

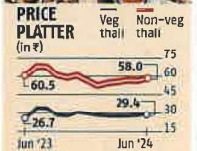
"Don't get lost in the magnitude of the Olympics because that can break your focus. We need to have faith in our talent, and the focus should be on it and it will produce results," Modi said in his address.

The upcoming Games will be held from July 26 to August 11 and India would be hoping to better its best ever tally of seven medals including Chopra's historic javelin throw gold, achieved in the Tokyo Games.

## Veg thali price up 10% in June on costlier veggies

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New Delhi, 5 July

The average cost of a vegetarian thali in India rose by 10 per cent in June due to an increase in prices of onion, potato, and tomato, a report by Crisil said on Friday. But, during the same period, the cost of a non-vegetarian thali saw a 4 per cent decline due to a drop in the price of broiler chicken.



Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics' monthly *Rati Rice Rate* report said that the cost of vegetarian thali, which comprises root, vegetables (onions, tomatoes and potatoes), rice, dal, curd and salad, increased to ₹294 in June from ₹267 in June 2023. Sequentially, it saw a six per cent rise as in May a vegetarian thali's cost was ₹278.

The overall hike in vegetarian thali prices was attributed to a 30 per cent increase in prices of tomato, 59 per cent in potato and 46 per cent in onion. For the non-vegetarian thali, which comprises all the same ingredients but dal gets replaced by chicken, the price declined to ₹258 in June as compared to ₹260 in May. However, it was considerably higher when compared with May's price of ₹259 per thali.

## Scrapping NEET-UG not rational, Centre tells SC

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New Delhi, 5 July

The Centre on Friday told the Supreme Court that scrapping the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG)-2024 examination would not be a rational step in the absence of proof of large-scale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination. The Centre added that such a move could "seriously jeopardise" lakhs of honest candidates who attempted the questions.

The submission was made amid the controversy surrounding the medical entrance examination following allegations of malpractices, mass question paper leaks, and cheating. In its affidavit submitted in response to a batch of petitions filed by candidates, coaching institutes and parents of NEET-UG aspirants, the Union Education Ministry said that the Central Bureau of Investigation has been asked to conduct a comprehensive probe into the alleged irregularities in conducting the exam last month.

In the absence of any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared," the Centre stated in its affidavit. The affidavit further said that confidentiality of question papers is of utmost priority in any examination.

NEET-UG exam on Aug 11 The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences on Friday announced that it will conduct the NEET-UG-2024 exam on August 11 in two shifts. The exam was earlier scheduled to be held on Thursday, 24 July 2024, but was postponed a day before that by the Union Health Ministry as a "precautionary measure" in the wake of paper-leak controversy.

# Lone Fox in the twilight

NANDINI BHATA

For readers and non-readers alike, Ruskin Bond has been a beacon of Indian literature for children, especially in the heart-story genre. His literary alter-ego, Rusty, stands within the ranks of Enid Blyton's The Famous Five or R.K. Narayan's Malgudi. But the man behind the stories is equally appealing.

Once scared of going out of his room and running out of stories, Bond now cherishes his readership with gratitude, and has lived the life the narrator in *Tales of Fostergay* (2013) dream of: "All I wanted was a quiet life... a writing pad, books to read, flowers to gaze upon, and sometimes a little love, a little kiss..."

In Delhi after he returned to India. Of the years he spent abroad, he writes, "it was an existence not a life". To add to it, the bias against his Anglo-Indian descent has kept him hunched— from being a lonely young boy in the mountains as an "Angrez", to being unfairly tried for what he calls a "mildly erotic story".



THE HILL OF ENCHANTMENT: THE STORY OF MY LIFE AS A WRITER  
Author: Ruskin Bond  
Publisher: Aleph  
Price: ₹399 Pages: 128

As a writer who penned his first poem as a schoolboy to now at age 90, he keeps seeking the sacred and it keeps finding him. *The Hill of Enchantment* is a life-affirming recollection of his journeys as a young reader and a youthful writer, his travels between hills and cities and beyond the ocean, the wins and the reflections in between, and of his twilight years, as he welcomes the change in and the evolution of the literary landscape, with the advent of the internet and the rise of literary festivals celebrating the spirit of literature.

This memoir is a tribute to the lifelong connections he made at the start of his writing career, as he wrote for magazines (many, now out of print) — "anyone who would publish me!" he writes. It also records his tryst with a long line of editors and publishers, including the Irish editor of *Illustrated Weekly of India*, CR Mundy, who was succeeded by Khashwant Singh (founder of *Ruskin* magazine, for which Ruskin Bond also wrote); British oldest magazine, *Blackwoods*; and London, or the reluctant city-years

ignored him. He has been awarded the third- and the fourth-highest civilian awards in India, Padma Bhushan (2014) and Padma Shri (1999), respectively, as well as a Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2021.

These are details one can find across his memoirs, but not all of them feature in *The Hill of Enchantment*; the latter is much more optimistic and forthcoming, leaning towards the brighter side of life, like his stories. "I don't suppose I would have written so much about childhood or even about other children if my own childhood had been all happiness and delight," he confesses in *Scenes from a Writer's Life*. Nonetheless, Ruskin Bond has created a treasury of a lifetime's worth of experiences and wisdom with his writing, carving out a space in children's literature that cannot be filled by any other writer, not for a long time at least.

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**NOTICE OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on **Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 11.00 A.M. (IST)** through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM) in compliance with applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular 09/2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, dated 12.06.2023 and SEBI Circulars SEBI/MD/CF/DO/PD/PC/2023/187 dated October 7, 2023 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars") to transact the business set forth in the Notice convening the AGM. Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VCI OAVM facility and their attendance shall be counted for the purpose of appointing the person under Section 103 of the Act. The instructions for joining the AGM are provided in the Notice of the AGM. The deemed venue for the AGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company.

In compliance with the aforementioned circulars, the Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report for the FY 2023-24 has been sent electronically to all Members of the Company whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company's Depository Participant(s) i Company Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (STA). The aforementioned documents will also be made available on the Company's website www.redingtongroup.com, website of the Stock Exchange viz. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com. The dispatch of Annual Report including Notice in electronic form was completed on July 5, 2024.

The Company has arranged to provide remote e-voting facility (remote voting) and the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM (e-voting) to all its Members till all the resolutions set forth in the Notice. Members are hereby informed that:

- (a) Date and time of commencement of remote e-voting: Friday, July 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. (IST).
- (b) Date and time of end of remote e-voting: Monday, July 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (IST).
- (c) Remote e-voting will be disabled at 5:00 p.m. (IST) on July 28, 2024.
- (d) Cut-off date as on which the right of Members to vote at the 31st AGM shall be reckoned: Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

(e) A person, whose name is recorded in the register of Members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting at the AGM.

(f) Any person who acquires the shares of the Company and becomes a member of the company after dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date, i.e., Wednesday, July 24, 2024 or any person eligible to vote participate in the AGM, but does not have his/her details entered in the Notice and/or the instructions in the Notice.

(g) Members attending the AGM, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting, shall be eligible to cast their vote through a voting during the AGM.

(h) Once votes are cast by the Members, the same shall not be allowed to be changed subsequently. A Member may participate in the AGM even after exercising the right to vote through remote e-voting but that shall not be allowed to vote again during the AGM. Members are requested to note that the manner of voting remotely during the AGM for shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for shareholders who have not registered their email addresses have been provided in the Notice. Instructions for attending the meeting through VCI OAVM are also given in the Notice.

(i) Any of its agents, who may refer to the Financials/Board Documents (FBDs) by the website and/or e-voting system. Members will be able to copy the details of the website www.evotingindia.com or call on 022-4521-7229 and 022-2563-7322 or send a message to: Mr. M. Vignesh, Vice President - IT & IT Infrastructure, Senior Manager National Services Operations, Level 4, "Space" 4th Floor, T. Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. Contact No: 044-42423030, Email: m.vignesh@redington.com

Dividend: The Board has recommended a final dividend of INR 20/- per share for the financial year 2023-24. If the same is approved by the members at the AGM, such dividend will be payable to the members of the Company whose names are entered in the Register of Members as on Friday, July 5, 2024 after deduction of tax, as applicable. TDs can submit requisite statements in this regard to the Company's ITA on or before July 10, 2024. Any communication received after this date through any mode, will not be considered for deduction of applicable tax. For detailed tax rates, documents to be submitted and further queries, Members are requested to refer to the general communication and FAQs on Dividend available on the website of the Company.

For Redington Limited  
K Vijayasham Acharya  
Company Secretary

Date: July 5, 2024  
Place: Chennai

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and other circulars issued including the General Circular No. 19/2023 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 providing relaxation to companies, kindly take note that the Company has convened the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Tube Investments of India Limited as an e-voting AGM (e-AGM) through Video Conferencing (VC) to be held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 3:00 PM (IST) to transact the business set forth in the Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (AGM Notice), the return (with copy of the AGM Notice setting out the business to be transacted together with the Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors has been sent electronically on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to the Members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company's Depository Participant(s) and the Company has also sent copies of the Notice and the Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors to all its Members who have requested for physical copies. No physical copies of the above has been or will be sent unless requested.

Soft copies of the AGM Notice and the Annual Report are made available on the website of the Company, www.tiiindia.com, National Securities Depository Limited, www.nsdl.co.in and the Company's Registrar, www.tieggroup.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited, www.nseindia.com.

Notice is also hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act 2013, (Act) and the applicable Rules thereunder and Regulation 42 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations 2015 (SEBI Regulations) that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of determining the Members eligible to receive the Final Dividend, if approved by the Members at the ensuing 16<sup>th</sup> AGM.

As stated in the AGM Notice, in compliance with the provisions of Section 103 of the Act, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of SEBI Regulations, the business before the AGM may be transacted through e-voting by electronic means and accordingly, the Company is providing the Members the facility to exercise their right to vote on all the resolutions proposed for consideration at the AGM electronically through the e-voting services of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).

The remote e-voting shall commence on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (9:00 a.m.) (IST) and end on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (5:00 p.m.) (IST) after which date and time, NSDL shall disable the remote e-voting and no further e-voting shall be allowed. During the said period, Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024, may cast their vote by remote e-voting.

A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the remote e-voting facility as well as vote at the AGM. Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the cut-off date of the AGM Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date may avail the right to ID and cast their vote by sending a request to their Depository Participant. Persons already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting can use their existing ID and password for casting their votes.

After the e-voting period in the AGM ends, all those who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM. Members who have not cast their votes through remote e-voting may be entitled to vote at the AGM. Members may refer to the AGM Notice for detailed instructions on remote e-voting participation in the AGM through VC, voting at the AGM and the Frequently Asked Questions on e-voting system, manual available at the Depository section of [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com). In case of any queries or grievances relating to e-voting procedure, Members may contact NSDL, members by sending a request to [nsdl@nsdl.co.in](mailto:nsdl@nsdl.co.in) or call on 022-43053377.

Tax on Dividend: Dividend shall be subject to deduction of tax at source ("TDS") at the prescribed rate as on the date of the income paid, (60%) in order to enable the Company to comply the applicable TDS rule as applicable. Members are requested to submit TDS category with appropriate form, return on or before 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024, details which are available on the Company's website.

Request for update of Bank account details: Shareholders are requested to update their complete bank account details with their Depository Participant(s) shares are held in dematerialized mode with Company/NSDL Technologies Limited. Shares held in physical mode may be submitted by submitting Form IEPF along with requisite documents (check bearing the name of the shareholder).

Notice to Physical Shareholders: SEBI has issued circular no. SEBI/MD/MS/DMS/RS/2023/MP/22/2023 dated March 16, 2023, effective from April 1, 2023, mandating physical shareholders to submit their PAN, Nomination Details, contact details, bank account details and specimen signature in prescribed form viz. Form ISR-1, IER-2 and SR-13 etc.

By Order of the Board  
For Tube Investments of India Limited  
S KRITHIKA  
Company Secretary

Chennai  
5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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