



**Trump sets a new deadline of 10-12 days for Russia, asking it to either make progress towards ending the war in Ukraine in this period or face consequences, underscoring his frustration with Putin for over three-year-old conflict, P 18**

**Thailand & Cambodia agree to an 'unconditional' ceasefire starting at midnight, Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim says, a significant breakthrough to resolve five days of border clashes that killed dozens and displaced tens of thousands, P 18**

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**Coach Gautam Gambhir says the team has not ruled out playing pace ace Jasprit Bumrah in the final Test against England at the Oval this week as India seek to avoid a series defeat, P 23**

## 8 pilgrims killed as vehicle falls into Pjb canal

Eight people died after an overloaded pick-up van carrying 25 pilgrims plunged into a canal in Ludhiana late Sunday. They were returning from Himachal's Naina Devi temple. The dead included four women and three kids. Some of the pilgrims managed to swim to safety. Another latched on to a tree branch as the vehicle swerved off a bridge and fell into the water. Police joined locals in rescue operations. Fourteen divers were deployed, and the search continued all night and into the morning. **P 13**

## Cleric claims 'deal' to save Nimisha

Sunni cleric Kanthapuram AP Aboobacker Musaliyar claimed Monday that an agreement had been reached to revoke Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya's death sentence in Yemen. The statement by the office of Kanthapuram, who had intervened in the matter, could mark a breakthrough in the efforts to save Nimisha. **P 12**

## Gangster wanted in 24 cases shot dead

Dabloo Yadav (45), wanted in 24 criminal cases in Bihar and UP, was shot dead in an encounter with a team of UP STF and Bihar Police in Hapur Sunday. The gangster fired at cops when cornered and was hit in the chest when they fired back. Yadav was the prime accused in the abduction and murder of a HAMneta this May. **P 14**

## At 1.5%, IIP slows to 10-month low

Industrial output growth slowed to a 10-month low in June, pulled down by a contraction in mining and electricity sectors and sluggish capital goods and consumer durables segments. The index of industrial production rose an annual 1.5% in June, slower than the upwardly revised 1.9% in May and below 4.9% in June last year. **P 19**

## Google executives appear before ED

Google officials appeared before ED on Monday with documents in an ongoing case against some betting websites and online shopping fraud. Meta, which is also being investigated, is yet to send its representatives. The betting sites have allegedly collected crores from Indian citizens by engaging in "illegal" activities. **P 14**

## IIT doors opened for gurukul students

Students who have studied in traditional gurukuls, even without formal academic degrees, will now have the opportunity to earn recognised qualifications and receive scholarships for research at IITs. The move marks a major shift in India's education policy, opening up elite research pathways for scholars from non-formal backgrounds. **P 12**

## India pioneers world's 1st int'l tiger rewilding

India is preparing to send around six wild tigers to Cambodia's Cardamom Mountains, where the species was declared extinct in 2016. This marks the first international reintroduction of wild tigers and mirrors India's earlier success with Panna, where tigers were reintroduced in 2009 after extinction, reports P Naveen. The project follows India's 2022 cheetah reintroduction from Africa, but experts say tigers require far more territorial stability and prey biomass. According to the MoU, India will provide Cambodia with technical expertise and financial support. **P 16**

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# Terrorist who led Pahalgam attack killed in J&K gunfight

## 2 Others Also Shot Dead In Op Near Srinagar

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Over three months after Pakistani terrorists gunned down 26 civilians, including 25 tourists, at Pahalgam, the Army's para commandos have killed Suleiman, believed to be the lead killer of the gang, in Dachigam forest area on the outskirts of Srinagar. Two other terrorists were also killed in a joint operation involving the Army, CRPF and JK police, though there was no clarity yet on their involvement in the Pahalgam massacre.

All the three terrorists killed on Monday in 'Operation

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Mahadev' were Pakistani nationals and linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba and its offshoot The Resistance Front, as per sources. A source indicated that the two terrorists killed with Suleiman could be Abu Hamza and Yasir, but officials would run more checks before confirming their identity.

There was no official statement on Operation Mahadev. However, sources told TOI that Pahalgam has been avenged with the killing of Suleiman — a former Pakistani special forces commando who had trained at LeT Muridke hub in Pakistan's Punjab province before crossing the LoC in 2022 to enter Jammu region with his M-4 weapon — in the operation.

► **Pak squad, P 16**

## Much confusion on who does what, even upkeep of drains: HC to Delhi govt

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New Delhi: The time has come for Delhi govt to take a comprehensive decision on how civic services should be managed, the high court said Monday, citing the "enormous confusion" among various agencies, even on the key issue of controlling waterlogging. This, it said, had led to "passing the buck on most occasions".

It cited a "glaring example" of such confusion in the way stormwater drains fall under PWD, while sewage line maintenance is under MCD, lamenting that this has "led to non-maintenance of either of the lines, leading to excessive flooding in Delhi".

"Neither of these drain pipes is being properly managed by the respective agency, which seems to be passing the responsibility to the other agency," a special bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Manmeet PS Arora noted.

In most colonies, it added, stormwater drains were also blocked by residents or constructions, leaving them "perpetually clogged". Directing that its order be sent to the chief se-

## Teen queen: Divya 1st Indian to win women's chess World Cup

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Nagpur's Divya Deshmukh (19) made history by becoming the first Indian and the youngest ever to win the Fide Women's Chess World Cup in Georgia Monday.

In a dream all-India final, she took control of the clock to surprise reigning women's world rapid champion, 38-year-old Koneru Humpy, 2.5-1.5.

Divya took the rapid route to glory after drawing both her classical games with Humpy on Saturday and Sunday.

Divya, who was the world's youngest Woman Fide Master in 2013, also became only the fourth Indian woman to earn the

## 'RESULTS MATTER, NOT WHETHER PENCIL BROKE, PEN LOST'

Before executing Operation Sindoor, our forces studied every aspect and chose the option that would cause maximum damage to terrorists while ensuring no harm to innocent civilians. **Operation Sindoor demonstrated that India will not remain silent if anyone harms its citizens...** In any exam, results matter, not whether the pencil broke or the pen was lost

—Rajnath Singh  
DEFENCE MINISTER

Trump has made the claim 26 times that he used the threat of trade to bring a ceasefire between India and Pakistan. He says 5-6 jets have been downed. One jet is of crores and crores (of rupees). That is why we want to know from the defence minister, the country has the courage to listen to the truth, he must answer as to how many fighter jets were downed

—Gaurav Gogoi  
CONG DY LEADER IN LS

They (opn) do not have faith in the minister of external affairs (S Jaishankar) who has taken oath as member of Indian govt (on his statement that Trump did not mediate the ceasefire). They trust some other country

—Amit Shah | HOME MINISTER

Have you ever heard that a player batting at 90 and heading towards a century, declares the innings. Only Modi ji can do this (suspension of Op Sindoor), no one else...

—Kalyan Banerjee | TRINAMOOL

The country was so angry (over Pahalgam attack) that by the third day, people wanted not Operation Sindoor, but Operation Tandoor...to throw terrorists into that tandoor... (but) op happened 17 days later

—Ramashankar Rajbhar | SP

Sindoor is not a success till you find those terrorists. Until you catch the terrorists, it cannot be celebrated

—Supriya Sule | NCP(SP)

## In LS, Rajnath, Jaishankar reject Trump mediation claim as Cong's Gogoi flags it

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### 'Homegrown terror': PC draws BJP flak

The govt in Lok Sabha on Monday rejected the opposition's charge that Operation Sindoor was halted under pressure from the US as claimed by President Trump, with both defence minister Rajnath Singh and external affairs minister S Jaishankar asserting that the truce offer came from Pakistan and India acted on it after achieving the objective of the operation.

Opening the debate, Singh said the overall "politico-military" objective of the operation was to punish Pakistan

### 'Homegrown terror': PC draws BJP flak

BJP said Congress was speaking Pakistan's language after party veteran P Chidambaram said in an interview that "homegrown terrorists" could be involved in the Pahalgam attack, and that it was wrong to assume they were from Pakistan. **P 9**

for fighting a proxy war in the form of terrorism, and it has just been "paused", not ended. "If Pakistan again tries to carry out any nefarious act, we

are fully prepared for an even more intense and decisive action," he said. Claims of stopping the operation under pressure are "baseless", he said.

Flagging Trump's claim that he leveraged trade to impose a ceasefire on India and Pakistan, Congress' deputy leader in the House Gaurav Gogoi said, "Before whom did PM Narendra Modi surrender?"

Jaishankar said at no stage in any conversation with US were trade and Sindoor linked. The refutation comes at a time when talks with US over a trade deal are delicately poised, with 72 hours to go. **P 9**

## SIR in Bihar: Accept Aadhaar along with voter ID, SC tells EC

### 'Aim Should Be Mass Inclusion, Not Exclusion'

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday told the Election Commission to proceed to authenticate voters based on Aadhaar card and Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) and said that Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state should be aimed at en masse inclusion rather than en masse exclusion.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi turned down the plea for staying SIR. Instead, the court said it would hold day-to-day hearings to enable an expeditious ruling on the issue.

To EC's argument that Aadhaar wasn't a conclusive proof of identity, the court asked which single document gave conclusive proof and

### NO INTERIM STAY

► Bench tells petitioners to give a schedule by today of the time likely to be taken by each counsel, to help court hear the case on day-to-day basis

► Any document can be forged, says SC on EC's apprehension of fake Aadhaar cards. Says EC can prosecute such individuals

► The earlier order is clear — there cannot be any interim order in this case, SC tells petitioners' advocate

### EC red-faced as dog gets residence proof

A mid SIR, EC officials were left embarrassed as a residence e-certificate was issued to a dog in Patna, with "Dog Babu" as its name, "Kutta Babu" as the father and "Kutiya Devi" as the mother. **FLAP OPP**

told the commission to accept Aadhaar along with EPIC for verifying voters' credentials.

► **'No document...', P 11**

## 2 die of electrocution, 46 hurt at UP temple

Lucknow: Two devotees died of electrocution and 46 suffered minor injuries after an electric wire snapped and fell onto a tin shed on the premises of Shri Ausaneshwar Mahadev temple in Haidargarh tehsil of UP's Barabanki district Monday.

The incident occurred during 'jalabhishek' rituals when the temple was teeming with devotees and led to a stampede-like situation, reports Pathikrit Chakraborty.

However, the deaths and injuries weren't caused by the near-crush, DGP Rajeev Krishna said. The electric wi-

### Bengal next? EC releases state's 2002 SIR data

In a move seen as the first step before a fresh SIR in the Trinamool Congress-governed state, Election Commission Monday published data from a 2002 special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bengal, tabling numbers from 11 districts covering 109 of the state's 294 assembly segments.

The 23-year-old data was put out under the heading 'Electoral Roll of SIR 2002 (remaining ACs will be uploaded soon)'. The release coincided with the state-wide training of booth-level officers and their supervisors in Bengal, where polls are due next year. "This is an ongoing process. The electoral data of the remaining districts will be published on Tuesday, or at most in a couple of days," a senior EC official said. **P 11**

### Mansa tragedy: None dared touch victims

A day after a stampede at Mansa Devi temple left eight people dead and 20 injured, it emerged Monday the crowd nearest to the victims initially avoided touching them following rumours they had been electrocuted. **P 13**

re broke after monkeys jumped on it, causing it to fall onto the shed, Barabanki DM Shashank Tripathi said.

► **UP SC panel chief, P 13**

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► Relief to Mamata govt as SC lifts HC's stay on implementation of new list of OBC sub-groups | **P 11**

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► Find out how many temples in India have been taken over by state govt, SC tells petitioner challenging UP ordinance for control of Banke Bihari in Vrindavan | **P 15**

► HC upholds removal of DU prof who challenged adverse findings of internal panel on allegations of sexual harassment against him | **P 6**

cretary, who in turn should place it before the highest functionaries of Delhi govt, the court said the authorities must decide on centralising the administration and management of drains. If required, the matter would be placed before Delhi's lieutenant governor, the court added.

► **Multiplicity of agencies, P 4**

## From Sept 2, US visa interview waiver only in special cases

The US has further tightened its non-immigrant visa norms, including conditions for interview waivers. From Sept 2, all non-immigrant visa applicants, including applicants under 14 and those over 79, "will generally require an in-person interview with a consular officer", barring a few exceptions, the US state dept said in a July 25 update.

One exception includes "applicants renewing a full validity B-1, B-2, B1/B2 visa... within 12 months of the prior visa's expiration, and who were at least 18 years old at the time of the prior visa's issuance".

"To be eligible for an interview waiver (applicants renewing a full validity B-1, B-2, B1/B2 visa), applicants must also meet certain criteria, including that they (a) apply in their country of nationality or residence, (b) have never been refused a visa (unless such refusal was overcome or waived), and have no apparent or potential ineligibility," the update says. **TNN**

► **In-person interview, P 17**

### 4TH INDIAN WOMAN TO BECOME GM

I need time to process it (win). I think it was fate — me getting GM title this way because before this (tournament) I didn't even have one (GM) norm earlier

—Divya Deshmukh

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—Viswanathan Anand

Indian chess is just unbelievable — Judit Polgar, greatest-ever woman chess player

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Divya Deshmukh in action on Monday

GM title after Humpy, R Vaishali and Harika Dronavalli. With this win, Divya took her tally of international gold medals to 24 while representing India on 41 occasions. In her 14-year journey on the 64 squares, she has conquered the world on four occasions: In 2014, she won the under-10 world title before becoming U-12 world champion in '17. Last year, she was crowned world junior champ.

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# SC Turns TOI Story On Strays Into PIL

Expresses Shock, Says Report Is Disturbing And Alarming

MCD committee to meet to chalk out 'acceptable' plan

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Girl (6) dies of rabies weeks after attack ...Boy (4) mauled by dogs, kin say third such attack on him



TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Expressing shock at the alarming number of dog bite cases in the capital, the Supreme Court on Monday took suo motu cognisance of a **TOI** report and decided to examine measures to address the growing menace.

Soon after assembling, a bench comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan remarked that the **TOI** report was deeply disturbing and directed the court registry to register a PIL based on it. According to the report, over 60,000 dog bite cases were recorded in Delhi in 2023—averaging more than 165 cases per day.

"The week has started, and the first thing we should do is take suo motu cognisance of a very disturbing and alarming news item reported by *The Times of India* in today's Delhi edition, titled 'City hounded by strays, kids pay price'. The news report contains some alarming figures and facts.

Every day, hundreds of dog bite cases are being reported across cities and their outskirts, leading to rabies. Tragically, infants, children, and the elderly are falling prey to this dreadful disease. We take suo motu cognisance of this news item. Let the order be placed with the news report before the Hon'ble C.J.J for appropriate directions," the bench stated.

**TOI** had reported on Sunday how the escalating threat of stray dog attacks in the capital had sparked public outrage following the tragic death of a six-year-old girl. Chavi Sharma, a Class I student, was attacked by a rabid stray dog on June 30 while on her way to visit her aunt. In a separate incident, four-year-old Abhishek Rai was attacked by a pack of stray dogs on July 23 in Alipur as he was returning from school. The dogs repeatedly pounced on his face, inflicting serious injuries. According to his family, this was the third such attack on the child.

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**New Delhi:** The first meeting of the committee set up following the directive given by the chairman of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's standing committee to address the growing stray dog problem in the city will convene on Wednesday. The nine-member panel, which includes the additional commissioner and veterinary director of the civic body, was tasked with overseeing the implementation of control measures and proposing necessary modifications to the Animal Birth Control Regulations, which will also be communicated to the central govt. The formation of the panel was prompted by several councillors reporting incidents of dog bites in their wards.

Sunder Singh Tanwar, BJP councillor from Bhati who heads the com-

mittee, said that details had been sought from the veterinary department on the number of sterilisation centres running under MCD's jurisdiction, their functioning status, their per-day sterilisation capacity and grey areas, if any. "We have also asked for details of NGOs and veterinary doctors associated with these centres, the last street dog census conducted by MCD and the status of the current plan to hold a fresh census of stray canines in the city," Tanwar said.

On the basis of this information, the committee will chalk out an action plan. "We will involve the residents' welfare associations, residents and dog lovers in the finalisation of the plan and its implementation to ensure an acceptable solution," said Tanwar. "We plan to identify the assembly constituencies where the action plan will be implemented on a pilot basis."

In the previous standing com-



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**LOOKING FOR A COMMON GROUND**

mittee meeting, chairperson Satya Sharma approved a proposal to establish dog shelters in all 12 municipal zones. "The new committee will work on the initiative on dog shelters. This will include identifying suitable locations, assessing resource requirements, budget estimation and coordinating with NGOs and expert organisations associated with public health and animal welfare. The committee will not only fo-

cus on animal welfare but will also ensure that public safety, sanitation and health concerns arising from stray dogs are effectively addressed," Sharma had said.

The councillors had earlier expressed apprehension that the current ABC Regulations restricted the relocation of stray dogs because of which shifting some dogs to shelters would be difficult to implement. To this, Sharma said there was a need for an amendment to facilitate such a relocation. The committee was directed to examine this legal gap and recommend suitable policy changes.

MCD officials added that in their submission to Delhi govt's chief secretary, they had underlined the need for developing relocation centres where dogs reported to be habitual biters or furious in nature could be housed. "There already is a Delhi High Court direction to Delhi govt

to work on a policy on this matter," an official said. "The policy will require an amendment to the ABC Regulations because we can hold a dog for observation only for a maximum of 10 days. Since now certain dogs could be kept at relocation centres for their lifetime because of people's complaints, we will need changes in the norms."

MCD has 20 sterilisation centres and they are run by 13 NGOs, all registered with the Animal Welfare Control Board of India. "These NGOs have the capacity to sterilise and give anti-rabies vaccination to 10,000 dogs per day. Some of these centres are operational at Delhi govt's veterinary hospital," said an official. "We have floated plans to create additional kennels at some sites in Usmanpur, Rohini, etc., which will share the burden of the hospital centres. We are in the process of having the budgets for these sanctioned.

## Timely intervention, says Goel; Karti highlights 'underreporting'

Vibha Sharma & Koushiki Saha | TNN

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court initiated suo motu proceedings on Monday after reviewing a **TOI** report about rabies cases resulting from dog bites. "The news item contains some alarming and disturbing figures and facts," the bench observed.

Former Union minister Vijay Goel, who has long been championing dog shelters, defined the move as a "timely and much-needed intervention" by the judiciary and said he would present data on the matter. In a press statement on Monday, Goel reiterated his key demands, including amendments to the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, particularly on allowing relocation of biting dogs to a different place or shelter after sterilisation rather than being released in the original location under

Rule 11. A national census of stray canines is also a demand.

Goel's campaign has taken on renewed urgency following two dog attacks in Narela and Pooth Kalan, the latter resulting in the death of a six-year-old girl, who succumbed to rabies. Expressing strong objection to ABC Rule 20, which gives RWAs the responsibility of feeding stray dogs within private societies, appealed for a complete ban on street feeding—with legal consequences for violators.

"I'm trying to save both people and dogs from mutual hatred. If things continue this way, society will turn hostile towards animals," Goel said, responding to dog lovers who have allegedly threatened him online and branded him the 'enemy of animals'.

Appreciating the move of the apex court, Congress MP Karti P Chidambaram, who is actively pursuing the matter



**HAVING THEIR SAY:** Vijay Goel, Karti Chidambaram

with the central govt, posted on X, "Hope a holistic process is set into motion. Key asks: Enforce a no-dog-on-street policy, build shelters & house all strays. Vaccinate & neuter them, promote adoption with safety norms, ensure clear, humane & enforceable policy, hear & protect those who feel unsafe and fund authorities to act urgently & responsibly."

Chidambaram had even met PM Narendra Modi to discuss the problem on March 27.



He claimed to have written to SP Singh Baghel, Union minister of state for animal husbandry and dairying, on July 24 regarding the review of ABC Rules and formulation of a national strategy to manage stray dogs. In his letter, he highlighted the underreporting of dog bite and rabies cases. "Your ministry has reported 3.7 million dog bites and only 54 suspected rabies deaths in 2024 as per National Centre for Disease Control

(NCDC) data. However, multiple independent bodies present contradictory evidence. For example, ICMR's national survey estimates 9 million animal bite incidents annually with up to 5,700 rabies deaths," he wrote. "While WHO maintains that India accounts for nearly 36% of global rabies mortality with 18,000-20,000 deaths annually. Furthermore, the health ministry's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (2023) reported 286 rabies deaths—a sharp contrast to NCDC's 2024 figure of 54."

The MP said that while ABC Rules might seem progressive in theory, it had "failed structurally and operationally". Chidambaram stated that sterilisation targets were routinely missed, and in most urban areas, they reached only 20-40%, far below the 70%+ required for an impact. "Municipalities suffer from severe manpower shortages, lack of coordination with

NGOs and administrative paralysis. While the estimates suggest 6-10 dog bite incidents per minute, with serious injuries, the right of safety of citizens, especially children and the elderly, is being compromised," he maintained.

Nanita Sharma, Supreme Court lawyer, contended that modifications to ABC Rules would be ineffective without committed sterilisation and immunisation efforts.

"The problem is that govt and agencies are hand in glove and none of the agencies are doing their job diligently," Sharma said. "Had the municipal authorities sterilised and immunised 70% of the strays regularly, then the street dog population would have been contained. Relocation will, in fact, make it difficult to cover all strays. There is a need also to act logically and humanely towards these animals to reduce man-animal conflict."

## Multi-agency drill to boost city's disaster preparedness

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The national capital is set to host a drill aimed at bolstering emergency response for major calamities such as earthquakes and industrial chemical disasters, officials said on Sunday.

The field-level drill will mark the culmination of the multi-agency Exercise Suraksha Chakra, designed to enhance emergency response coordination in the National Capital Region, covering 18 districts across Delhi, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, they said.

Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) said the drill will simulate a major earthquake scenario and test real-time preparedness, inter-agency coordination, and public response mechanisms. All necessary preparations were made to conduct the drill smoothly in all 11 districts of Delhi. This is a crucial step towards building a resilient city capable of handling major disasters, an advisory from DDMA said.

It urged citizens to cooperate fully and not to panic during the drill. It is a planned exercise and not a real emergency, it added. As part of the exercise, residents may witness increased movement of emergency vehicles, including ambulances, fire tenders, police vans and army trucks. Sirens and public address systems may be used to signal the start of the drill.

Temporary facilities like incident command posts, staging areas, relief camps, and medical aid posts will also be established, the advisory said.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), armed forces, civil defence, Delhi Police and other stakeholders will carry out simulated rescue operations, casualty evacuations, and offer medical assistance to supposed victims, the advisory added.

The exercise will begin on July 29 with a high-level symposium on disaster risk and strategic preparedness. A tabletop exercise (TTEx) will be conducted on July 30 to allow disaster managers to test their response plans in a controlled environment. The full-scale drill on Aug 1 will be the final phase, putting planning into action on the ground.

The exercise will cover Gurgaon, Faridabad, Palwal, Nuh and Rewari in Haryana, and Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.

## Recharging tourism: Guided tour of city on AC e-buses likely from Sept

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**New Delhi:** Delhi govt is going to expand its city tourism services by engaging two electric buses from Delhi Transport Corporation.

Officials said that these buses would start from the Delhi Tourism's office at Baba Khark Singh Marg and cover the city's popular tourist spots along with some new landmarks before dropping the passengers back from where it started. Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation has entered into an agreement with DTC to hire air-conditioned electric buses. "We hope to start the service by Sept 1 after getting the buses branded in special wrapping promoting Delhi as a tourist destination, and training of guides," said a DTTDC official.

The buses will cover several destinations, including Connaught Place, Police Memorial, historical monuments, Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya and Dilli Haat. The buses will stop at certain destinations for a fixed time to allow the tourists to take a quick round. The proposed

ticket price is Rs 500 for adults and Rs 300 for children aged between 6 and 12.

Officials said that each bus would have a seating capacity of 32 passengers. There are also plans to introduce an audio translation service for which headsets with multiple language options will be provided.

DTTDC planned to start six theme-based tours covering Delhi's heritage monuments, food streets, markets, shopping malls and museums before the G20 Summit in Sept 2023. The plan, however, was shelved considering that not many tourists may be interested in theme-based circuits and would rather prefer one consolidated tour covering all important destinations.

A senior DTTDC official said that the department might consider expanding the service and engaging more buses to run on different circuits after evaluating the response to the soon-to-start city tours. Depending on the number of tourists booking for a city tour or for a trip outside Delhi, DTTDC provides cars as well as bigger vehicles on rent.

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# Deadline Drift: Seven Key Projects Worth ₹700 Crore Caught In GRAP

## Pollution Curbs, Poor Planning, Design Delays Hit Crucial Work Across City

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New Delhi: From critical road repairs to courtrooms, several infrastructure projects in the city totalling over Rs 700 crore in tendered costs have been moving in low gear for some time. One common retardant is the city's pollution control framework, which prohibits construction during high pollution, besides factors like design delays and weather-related disruptions. At least seven projects overseen by the Public Works Department, ranging from road strengthening to the construction of district court complexes, reported delays. In four high-value roadworks, each with a tendered cost exceeding Rs 5 crore, progress was hampered by the restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan and the weather. In fact, GRAP resulted in some projects commencing as late as three months after their scheduled start.

An example is the Rs 5.39 crore project to strengthen a section of Guru Ravi Dass Marg from Maa Anandmayee Marg to Mehrauli-Badarpur Road. Originally scheduled to begin in Aug last year, work did not start until Dec. The revised completion date is set for July 31. Likewise, stretches such as Outer Ring Road from Shastri Park in northeast Delhi, Karkardooma in Shahda-

ra, and Rohini in northwest Delhi. Originally targeted for completion by Jan 2026, all three are now projected to be delayed by 9-10 months until late 2026.

The Rs 120.5 crore district court complex at Shastri Park remains in its early stages, with only 7% of the work completed to date. This is despite the site receiving clearance for construction earlier in the year. Progress has been

<div>4 key road projects are finally nearing completion, almost a year after they were set in motion</div> <div><div><div>1 Outer Ring Road (Chirag Dilli to IIT flyover; other key stretches)</div><div>Tendered Amount ₹11.2 crore</div><div>Start Date Nov 15, 2024</div><div>Expected Completion July 31, 2025</div></div><div><div>Reasons For Delay</div><div>GRAP restrictions, monsoon and climatic conditions</div></div></div> <div><div>2 Outer Ring Road (Modi Mill flyover to Chirag Dilli—Both ways)</div><div>Tendered Amount ₹8.8 crore</div><div>Start Date Aug 2, 2024</div><div>Actual Start Dec 1, 2024</div><div>Expected Completion July 31, 2025</div></div> <div><div>Reasons For Delay</div><div>GRAP restrictions, cold weather</div></div>	<div>CLOCK TICKS AWAY AS DELHI WAITS</div> <div>Seven infra projects, with a tendered amount of over ₹705 crore, have been delayed, with GRAP a common thread alongside other core causes</div> <div></div>	<div>3 Work on 3 court complexes is running way behind schedule</div> <div><div><div>1 District Court Complex (Shastri Park)</div><div>Tendered Amount ₹120.53 crore</div><div>Start Date June 10, 2024</div><div>Expected Completion Oct 31, 2026</div></div><div><div>Progress   7%</div><div>Reasons For Delay</div><div>Structural drawing delays, GRAP restrictions</div></div></div> <div><div>2 Additional Court (Karkardooma)</div><div>Tendered Amount ₹124 crore</div><div>Start Date June 10, 2024</div><div>Expected Completion Oct 31, 2026</div></div> <div><div>Progress   7%</div><div>Reasons For Delay</div><div>Drawing submission delays, GRAP pauses</div></div>
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3 District Court Complex (Rohini, Sector 26)

Tendered Amount  
₹430.6 crore

Start Date  
June 10, 2024

Expected Completion  
Oct 31, 2026

Progress | 3%

Reasons For Delay

MoEFCC clearance pending, design delays, GRAP halts

just as slow (7% work completed) at Karkardooma, where the multi-storey court block is being constructed opposite the existing court building at a cost of Rs 124 crore. The reasons for the delay include late submission of structural drawings and persistently high groundwater levels at the site.

The most ambitious of the three court complexes is at Sector 26 in Rohini. This involves the construction of ba-

sements, a ground floor and two multi-storey towers, designed to accommodate many courtrooms and lawyers' chambers. Despite administrative approval and funding being sanctioned in Jan 2024, construction only began in June. As of now, only 3% of the work is completed. The original completion date of Feb next year has been put off to Oct 31. Sources said high water levels in the area impac-

ted the excavation for the foundation of the buildings. Collectively, these delays reflect the multifaceted challenges faced by infrastructure projects in the city, where bureaucratic lag, regulatory constraints and seasonal pressures often converge. With over Rs 700 crore tied up in these seven projects, PWD faces mounting pressure to accelerate progress and prevent further slippage on sorely needed public facilities.

## Delhi govt plans to build state guesthouse, three land parcels under consideration

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi govt is planning to build a state guest house, for which three land parcels have been identified in Laxmi Nagar, Qutub Institutional Area near Adchini, and Lajpat Nagar. The national capital currently does not have its own state guest house.

A senior official said that in the Qutub area, a plot of 30-40 acres, previously leased to Haryana govt, has completed its lease term. Delhi govt is planning to reacquire it, after which it would explore the possibility of the state guest house.

According to officials, PWD minister Parvesh Verma has submitted a proposal to chief minister Rekha Gupta. Further action will be taken after the final decision is taken based on her recommendation.

Officials said that Delhi govt proposed four options to central govt for the future use

of the official residence of former CM Arvind Kejriwal at 6 Flagstaff Road, which underwent a major renovation during his tenure. The suggestions included turning the bungalow into Delhi's state guesthouse, or the lieutenant governor's residence, or handing it over to the Centre in exchange for houses from the central state pool. The fourth recommendation was to auction the property in the open market.

During the Delhi Assembly elections, BJP had targeted AAP, alleging lavish modifications and refurbishment of the bungalow, where Kejriwal stayed during most of his tenure as CM. Terming the renovated bungalow "Sheesh Mahal", BJP had alleged the modifications showed AAP had given up on its principles of "representing the common man and austerity". In 2022, the vigilance department initiated an in-

quiry on LG V K Saxena's direction into alleged irregularities and cost escalation in the renovation. A senior govt official said Delhi needed a dedicated state guesthouse to accommodate visiting VIPs. "The National Capital Territory of Delhi lacks the facility, unlike other states. The authorities were considering transforming the property situated at 6, Flagstaff Road into a guesthouse, taking into account its strategic location and substantial area. However, the proposal has been put on

hold," he said. Delhi govt also discussed with the Centre the possibility of turning it into LG's residence and allowing the current dedicated LG House at Civil Lines to become CM's residence. Delhi doesn't have a dedicated house for its chief minister, unlike many other states.

When Sheila Dikshit became CM in 1998, she opted to stay at AB-17, Mathura Road. Kejriwal spent most of his years as CM at the 6, Flagstaff Road house. When he vacated it after resigning from office in 2024, Atishi shifted to the bungalow. Currently, PWD has possession of the house.

Officials said auctioning the property in the open market was also an option as it would fetch hundreds of crores. "Or, by handing it over to Centre, we can get several houses from the central pool. There is anyway a shortage of houses with Delhi govt," the official said.

## Residents vs NDMC over Palika Dham evacuation

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New Delhi: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has initiated measures against unsafe buildings that are over 50 years old in Lutyens' Delhi, leading to the evacuation of residential complexes at Pandara Park and Prithvi Raj Lane recently.

The NDMC has now issued notices to Palika Dham residents to vacate their premises due to safety concerns. Officials said that the Palika Dham complex, built in 1974, is a brick masonry structure and requires evacuation, according to a structural analysis report. The residents have been given 15 days to comply.

TOI visited the above sites and found the majority of flats vacated at Pandara Park and Prithvi Raj Lane. The occupants were shifted to Jor Bagh and neighbouring areas. Circulars were also pasted on the display boards, which specified that due to the deteriorating and dangerous condition of the quarters, the structures had been declared unsafe.

"We found these complexes unsafe six months ago on the basis of a ground survey and immediately issued notices to the occupants. They were later allotted houses by a draw of lots," an official said.

However, at Palika Dham, the RWA and residents have opposed the decision, and except for 10-15 vacated Type I flats, the rest were still occupied. Residents suspect NDMC's intention is to construct Type 3 or 4 high-rise buildings, which would minimise their chances of returning to the location.



Residents at Palika Dham refuse to vacate their homes, cite repair as solution

Place, and even commercial complexes constructed in 1935 or later. But these are operating fine. At our complex, there are some seepage issues, but that can be rectified through detailed repair work. The project has been taken up just to get the site vacated, but we will not leave this place," he said. Dakolia added that the issue has been discussed in detail with NDMC representatives. NDMC officials, however, denied having any conversation and claimed that the site will be vacated on due date as the structures have been declared unsafe.

Rahul, who uses only his first na-

me, said that several repairs were done in the area in 2012, including the laying of interlocking tiles and plastering of the Baraat Ghar. "We have our jobs close to this place, and our children studying in neighbourhood schools. Shifting to other places will affect our daily life," he said.

The administration is offering alternative accommodation in Type 2 flats at Sarojini Nagar and Lodhi Road to 150 employees currently residing in Type 1 flats and working in the sanitation and health departments of NDMC. In a circular issued on Wednesday, NDMC's housing department stated that the allotment of Type II accommodations to all eligible allottees or employees of the Palika Dham Complex will be done as per the seniority list by a designated committee on July 30 at the convention centre. "All eligible occupants are directed to be present for a free, fair and transparent shifted allotment to a new location. 100% availability of occupants is solicited as no complaints regarding relocation will be entertained later," the circular said.

An NDMC official added that it places the highest priority on the safety and welfare of its employees. "After a detailed structural assessment, these were declared unsafe for habitation despite regular maintenance of these flats being carried out by NDMC. Employees are offered new, suitable and more spacious alternative accommodations. Once vacated, the architect department will take call on redeveloping the place as multi-storey structures," said the official.

## Govt eyes elevated roads to ease traffic mess in south Delhi

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has planned four elevated roads in south Delhi to accommodate the heavy traffic flow.

These include an extension between the main Chhatrapur road and SSN Marg; an elevated road from Chhatrapur's 100-Foot Road to Ignou Gate; another stretch on Anuvrat Marg to Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport via INA Market. Public Works Department (PWD) has been told to carry out a feasibility report in a recent meeting, an official said.

According to senior officials, residents of several localities in south Delhi, including Freedom Fighters Enclave and Sainik Farm, have been struggling with poor connectivity for years due to jams on the Ignou main road. The geography of the area is such that there is no scope for widening, as there are buildings and shops on either side.

To reduce congestion, the department had earlier installed concrete barriers to separate incoming and outgoing traffic. However, the road still sees heavy traffic. According to the PWD official, the department is now looking to find a permanent solution and exploring the option of elevated roads.

Ignou Road serves as a vital link between Indira Gandhi National Open University and Mehrauli-Badarpur Road, connecting residential areas such as Neb Sarai, Freedom Fighters Enclave, Paryavaran Complex and Saidulajab village to Saket metro station.

However, shopkeepers and hawkers have encroached on the road, reducing available space and worsening traffic woes. The lack of designated alternative routes for commuters means this is the only option for the nearby residential colonies. This also ends up leaving the T-point at the Ignou Road-MB Road intersection and the area near Ambedkar Nagar depot prone to traffic jams.

Another proposal to decongest the area is a 2km elevated ro-

ad that will connect Chhatrapur's 100-Foot Road to Ignou. Officials said that the stretch will decongest the surrounding choked roads and divert traffic going towards Gurgaon and Qutub Minar. Currently, vehicles travelling from Chhatrapur to Ignou and vice-versa have to pass through Qutub Minar and Saket Metro station.

The department is also exploring the possibility of a flyover at the busy intersection of the main Chhatrapur Road and SSN Marg. A feasibility study will be conducted to assess the benefits of a flyover and the flow of traffic, said the official.

The fourth project – an elevated road from Anuvrat Marg to IGI Airport – entails a larger exercise. According to officials, it is at a preliminary stage, and the project's entry and exit points can be proposed after a feasibility report is prepared.

**Residents of several localities in south Delhi have been struggling with poor connectivity for years due to jams on the Ignou main road**

During a recent on-site inspection, it was found that the 100-Foot Road in Chhatrapur is 3km long, with a width ranging from 27 to 30 metres, said officials. Heavy traffic was observed on both sides of the road. On the complaint of the MLA from Chhatrapur, Kartar Singh Tanwar, preliminary solutions proposed included a combined flyover from the Anuvrat Marg traffic signal to DLF Mall cut. The constraint identified was the difficulty in the positioning of the ramp due to the Metro line on Anuvrat Marg.

"These are preliminary observations. A final decision requires a detailed feasibility study by a consultant," said the official.

The executive engineer of the flyover zone has been directed to carry out a site visit with the MLA, maintenance team, Delhi Traffic Police and other stakeholders to assess the feasibility, he added.

## DTC to NGT: No waterbody on Najafgarh bus terminal land

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After National Green Tribunal directed Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) not to carry out any fresh construction in south-west Delhi's Najafgarh, the latter claimed that no waterbody exists on the land on which the terminal is built.

It requested NGT to vacate the stay.

NGT is hearing a plea filed by two residents who have alleged that the land on which the Najafgarh Bus Terminal is operating is a wetland and has been encroached upon by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC).

They have also alleged that DTC is now constructing a new terminal on the wetland, which is a violation of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010.

In a report dated July 3, the sub-divisional magistrate (Najafgarh) said that at present, the terminal stands on that land, and the recorded "johar", or village pond, is encroached upon by DTC. "The subject land is recorded as 'johar' in the revenue records under the ownership of the gram sabha. The land was urbanised in 1963 and later allotted by DDA to DTC. The construction on the said land appears to be carried out without obtaining the necessary environmental clearances, such as change of land use and forest NOC, in violation of Wetlands Rules, 2017," the SDM said in his report.

The NGT, in an order dated July 4, asked DTC not to carry out any fresh construction. However, DTC, in a separate report dated July 22, claimed that the terminal was constructed over 20 years ago and the terminal's revamp was announced in 2019.

"The nearest wetland to the Najafgarh Bus Terminal is behind the terminal and is under the ownership of the SDMC (now MCD). It is prayed that the stay order dated July 2, 2025, be vacated," DTC said.

## Traffic cop helps accident victims reach hospital during golden hour

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A late-night drive home turned into a life-saving intervention for deputy commissioner of police, traffic headquarters, Shashank Jaiswal, when he witnessed a severe road accident and personally ensured the victims received urgent medical help.

Jaiswal was returning to Delhi after delivering a lecture at an educational institution

when he saw a dumper crash along the road in the early hours of Monday. Two men – identified as Dinesh and Jagdeesh, both residents of Ghaziipur – were trapped inside the mangled vehicle.

The officer said, "One of the victims suffered grievous injuries, with his eye bulb dislodged from its socket. Petrol was also reportedly leaking from the crash site, raising the risk of a fire. I, along with the help of a

passing taxi driver, evacuated both the victims from the damaged vehicle. We used the taxi to rush them to Fortis Hospital in Vasant Kunj." The officer also made a PCR call en route and instructed his official vehicle to escort the cab, clearing the path for quicker medical access.

Jagdeesh was later referred to AIIMS Trauma Centre for emergency surgery. The condition of both of them is stated to be stable.

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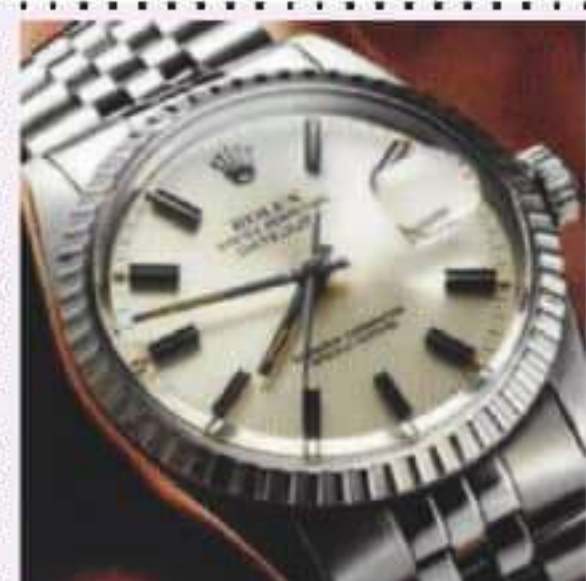


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# Over 24k Seats Allotted For Vacant Slots In 2nd DU List

## Aspirants Can Accept Their Allotted Seats By Wednesday

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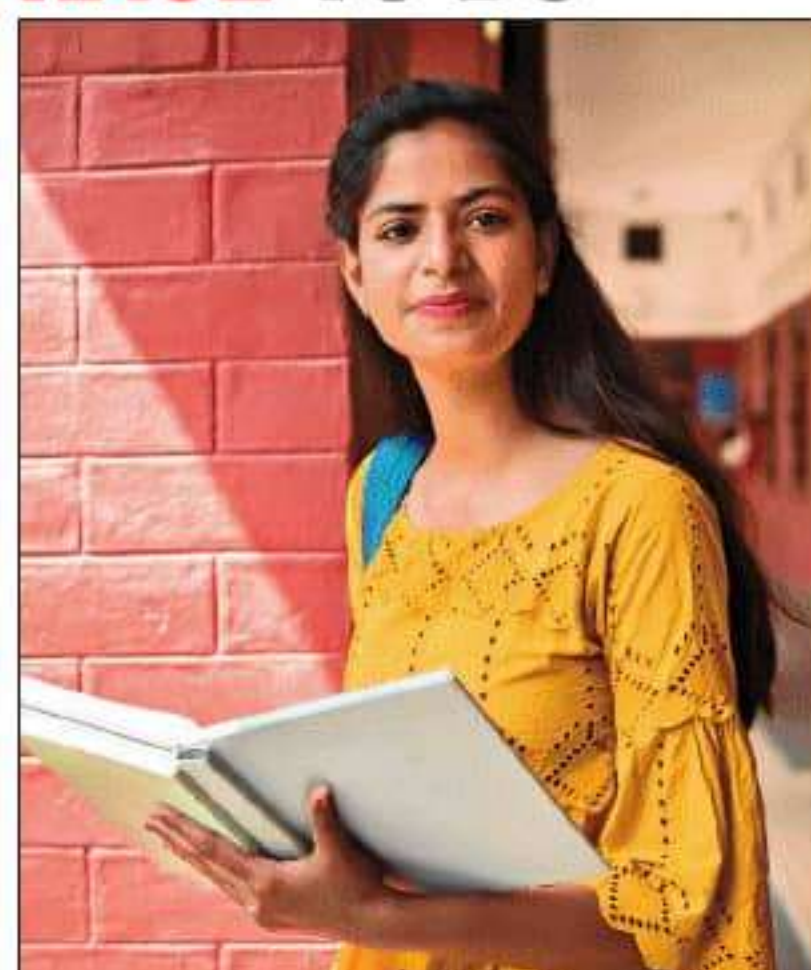
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New Delhi: Delhi University has released the second set of allotment list for undergraduate admissions for the 2025-26 academic session. In this round, 24,843 seats were allotted for approximately 8,000 vacant slots across various programmes.

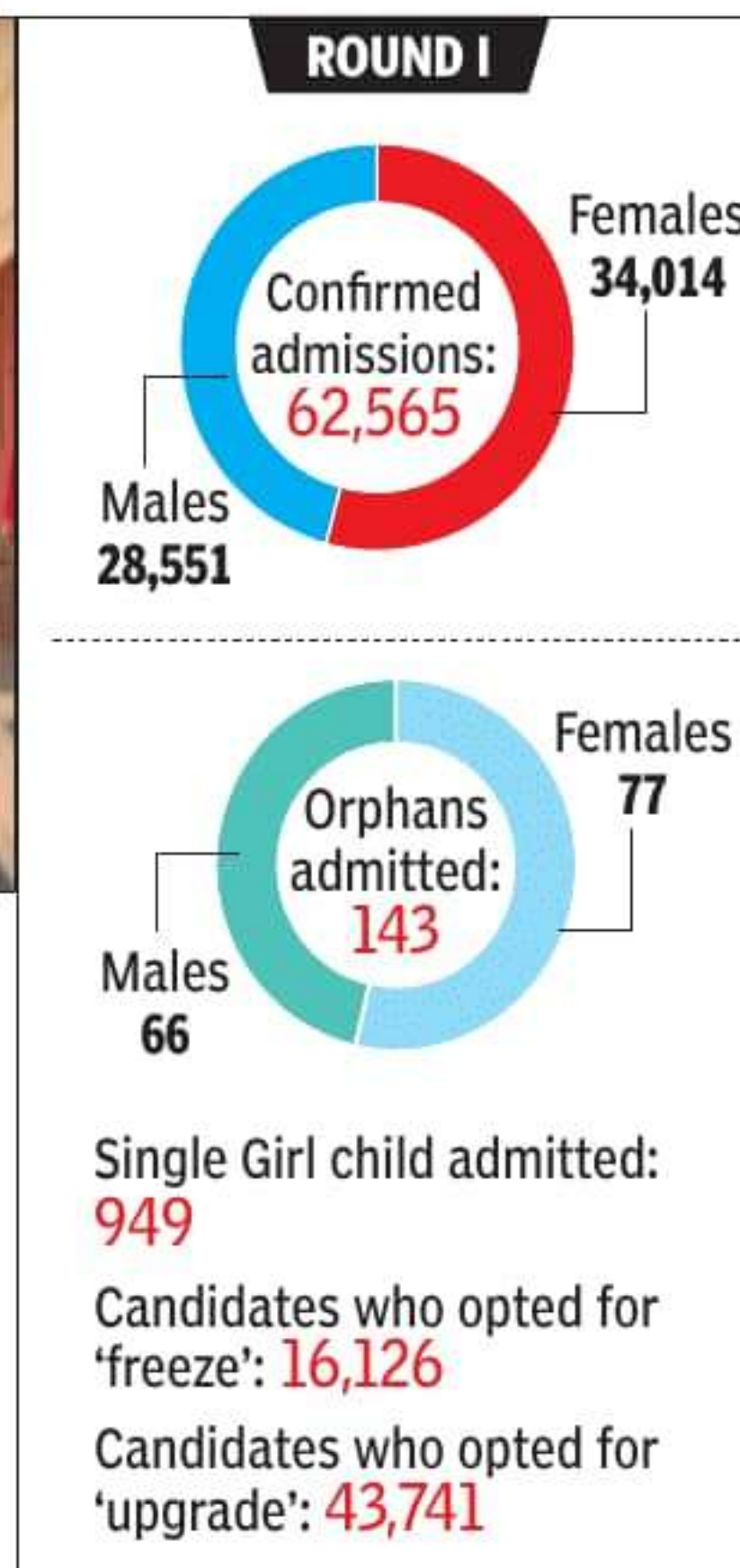
The reason for over-allotment is strategic: to ensure that colleges don't end up with unfilled seats in the subsequent rounds. A similar approach was taken in the first round, where allotments also exceeded the number of available seats. However, the university clarified that no additional over-allotments will be made in the upcoming rounds.

The admission process based on this second list is already underway. Students can accept their allotted seats by July 30, while colleges will approve admissions by July 31. The deadline for fee payment is Aug 1 at 4.59 pm. Among the newly allotted seats, 27,314 students who opted for an upgrade in the first round now received a seat according to their preferences. Students can view their second-round allotment by logging into their admission dashboard. To remain in the

## RACE TO DU



### ROUND 2

Total allocations (including 'upgrade', 'freeze' and new allocations): **87,335**New allocations: **24,843**Candidates who upgraded to their higher choice: **27,314**Candidates who opted for freeze: **17,922**

admission process, it's mandatory for them to accept the allotted seat through their dashboard.

The new academic session will officially begin on Aug 1, in sync with the ongoing admission round. According to DU dean of admissions Haneet Gandhi, a total of 87,335 seat allotments (including fresh allotments, up-

grades, and freezes) were made across the two rounds for 71,624 undergraduate seats. In this round alone, 24,843 new allotments were made, while 17,922 students already froze their seats, confirming their admission. The university strongly advises students to accept their allotted seats. Those who fail to pay the admission fee will

not be eligible for the upgrade option in the next round.

Once the second round wraps up, DU will publish another list of vacant seats. Students will then get a chance to reorder their preferences. Additionally, the mid-entry window will open — this will allow students who haven't secured any admission so far to enter the system. These students will be considered for seat allotment based on the remaining vacancies. The university will soon release a detailed schedule and information regarding vacant seats, mid-entry procedures, and third round admissions. Students are advised to regularly check the DU admission portal for updates.

In the first round of admissions, a total of 62,565 candidates confirmed their seats, including 34,014 female and 28,551 male students. Among these, 143 orphans secured admission, with 77 being girls. Additionally, 949 single girl children were admitted under the special category. When it came to admission choices, 16,126 candidates chose to 'freeze' their allotted seats, while a larger group of 43,741 opted for the 'upgrade' option, hoping for better preferences in the upcoming rounds.

## Biker killed in hit-and-run by speeding bus

New Delhi: A 25-year-old man was killed in a hit-and-run incident after a speeding DTC bus allegedly rammed into his motorcycle near the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal in East Delhi on Sunday morning. The bus driver and conductor reportedly abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene following the collision.

The deceased was identified as Mayank Khurana, a resident of Ram Nagar Extension in Krishna Nagar, who worked for a private firm in Noida.

According to police, the accident occurred around 10.30 am on July 27 near Telco T-Point on Swami Vivekanand Marg, close to the Ghazipur drain. A PCR call reporting a fatal accident was received at Madhu Vihar police station, and officers were immediately dispatched.

At the scene, police found the body of a young man, a damaged motorcycle, and a sky-blue electric DTC bus parked nearby. TNN

## DU identifies students in graffiti case, FIR filed

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New Delhi: Delhi University has identified a group of students affiliated with the left-leaning All India Students' Association (AISA) who had allegedly defaced the wall outside the director of South Campus's bungalow with graffiti carrying slogans related to Bhagat Singh and BR Ambedkar.

The university could take disciplinary action, including suspension, officials said.

An FIR has also been registered in connection with the incident, and the university is examining lapses in campus security that allowed the act to take place. The action comes in the backdrop of a Delhi High Court order last year in which it pulled up DU over widespread poster and graffiti writing during the student elections. Following the court's intervention, the university has intensified its crackdown on defacement, the official added.

According to the FIR, the wall writing was done on Sunday in black and red ink. Slogans such as "Utho mere desh na ye Bharat ke vaaste, Bhagat Singh Ambedkar ke vaaste" and "Lado padhai karne ko, padho samaaj badalne ko", were found painted on the wall near the director's residence on Chhatra Marg, North Campus. The slogans were signed "AISA".

A police complaint was filed at Maurice Nagar police station and an FIR was registered under Section 3(1) of the Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007. It attracts a punishment of up to one year's imprisonment, or a fine that may extend to Rs 50,000, or both.

"Defacement of university property is a punishable offence under Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007, and the university's own regulations. The university takes a stern view of such incidents, and the students involved will be suspended," said an official.

TOI reached out to the AISA unit in DU but there was no immediate response.

# Govt set to appoint consultant for project to ease T1-T3 travel

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New Delhi: Commuting woes between Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport's terminals 3/2 and T1 are finally on the authorities' radar.

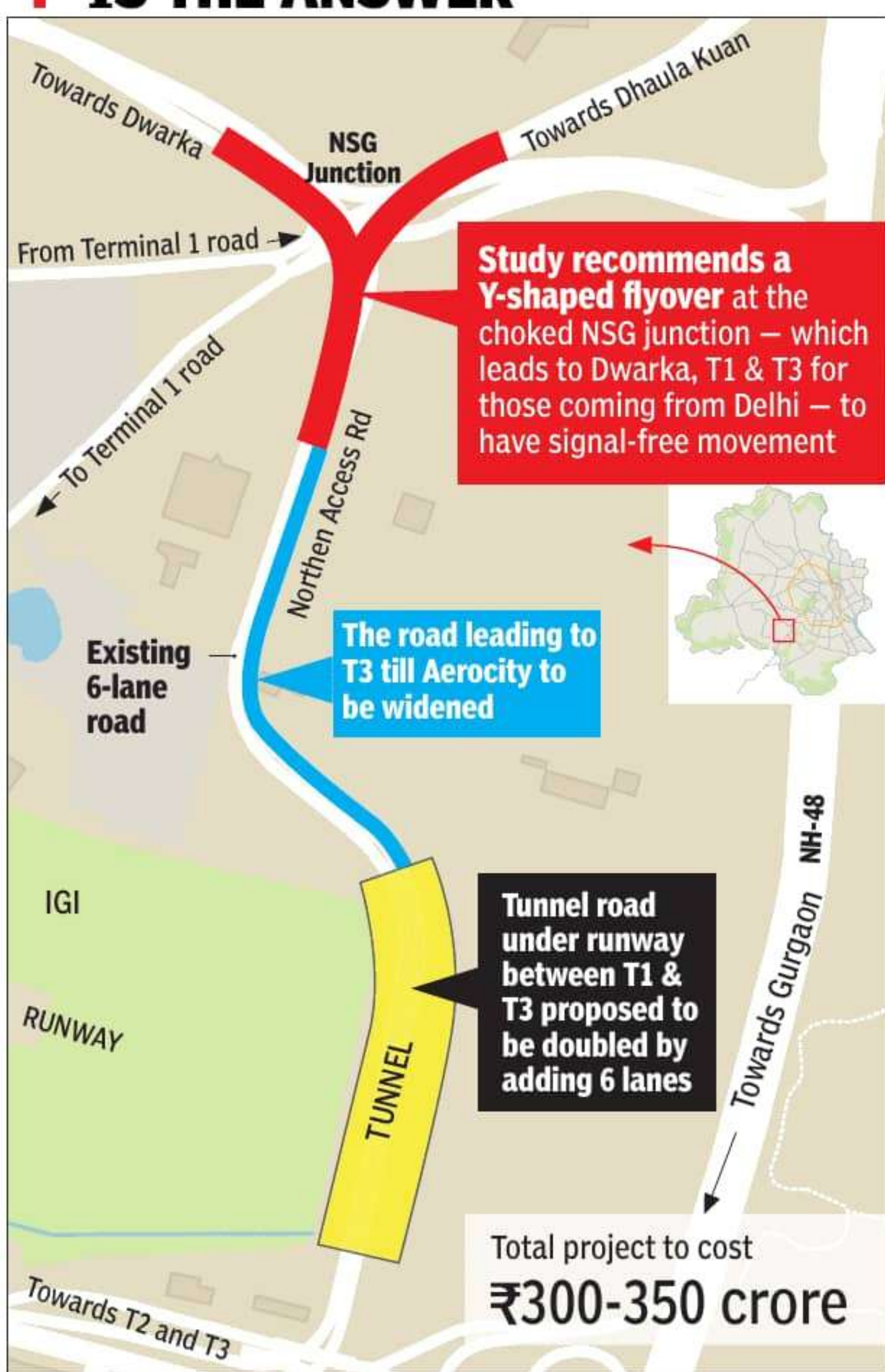
Delhi govt plans to appoint a consultant to study the feasibility and prepare a detailed project report for constructing a Y-shaped flyover and widening the tunnel road under the runway, according to sources. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) officials recently met PWD minister Parvash Verma, who subsequently sent a team to the site for inspection and set the ball rolling to study and implement the proposal that had been gathering dust for years.

"Minister Verma assured us of action in terms of appointing a consultant for the twin project," said a source.

Several years ago, DIAL had proposed doubling India's only tunnel-road-under-a-runway from the current six lanes as part of a comprehensive plan to make commuting between terminals 3/2 and T1 — almost 7km apart — less painful for transit flyers. With T1 handling four crore passengers annually (CPA), the volume of transit traffic has risen exponentially. Moreover, DIAL's proposed air train has also been delayed, with no sign of work on it beginning anytime soon.

To handle the volume of transit traffic between T3/2 and T1 till an air train is ready, DIAL had proposed a Y-shaped flyover connecting the Northern Access Road to the road leading to Dwarka on one side and Indira Gandhi Road that leads to Dhaula Kuan and Vasant Vihar on the other.

## 'Y' IS THE ANSWER



While the proposed flyover would make the commute between T1 and T3 signal-free at the currently choked NSG junction on T1 and Indira Gandhi roads, coping with the increased vehicular movement will require widening the Northern Access Road that links the two terminals. This includes the existing six-lane tunnel road (three lanes for each direction) that is proposed to be doubled by having

an additional six-lane underpass section.

It is learnt the entire project will cost Rs 300-350 crore. As the road belongs to PWD, DIAL has approached both the Delhi and central govt. "The project is proposed to be funded 20% by the state and 80% by Centre through its urban development fund. The request has been made, and both are seized of the issue," said a source.

## HC upholds DU prof's removal after findings in assault case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has upheld the removal of a Delhi University professor who challenged the adverse findings of an internal complaints committee (ICC) that found multiple allegations of sexual harassment against him.

The ICC had also highlighted that virtual interactions between a teacher and students on messaging apps or social media sites fall within the definition of "workplace" under the POSH Act, 2013.

"Teachers shape the careers of young aspiring students for a better future. The act of sexual harassment by these very teachers, who are considered as our guides and mentors, against young female students who have just attained majority, has a deleterious effect on the psyche of such students," Justice Subramaniam Prasad noted in a recent order, dismissing the plea of Dr Amit Kumar, challenging his compulsory retirement by DU.

Kumar was with the department of political science at DU's Bharti College where multiple complaints were filed by students accusing him of sexual harassment. The court noted that all the complaints pertained to the sexual innuendoes/advances by Kumar in Facebook Messenger chats and WhatsApp chats sent by him to the complainants. "This court has perused the content of these messages and the transcript of the tele-conversation which were submitted by the complainants as evidence. Given the obscene and profane nature of these messages, the same are not being reproduced," the court said.

The complaints were made in Feb 2018, shortly after a video of students confronting the professor about his conduct became public and was circulated. It sparked student protests and demands for an inquiry, prompting the university to set up an ICC.

While Kumar argued that there were several irregularities and he was not given a fair hearing by the ICC and DU authorities, the high court found no violation of rules in how the ICC was constituted or how the inquiry was conducted. "The complaint of violation of procedural provision should be examined from the point of view of prejudice, viz., whether such violation has prejudiced the delinquent officer/employee in defending himself properly and effectively," it said.

## NCWEB rolls out first cutoff list

New Delhi: NCWEB of DU released the first cutoff list for admissions to BA and BCom programmes for the 2025-26 academic session. The cutoffs dropped 1-1.5% from last year, with top colleges like Miranda House and Hansraj College seeing a decline. TNN

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Appellant(s) Judgment dated 26.07.2023

(Passed by Ms. Geetanjali, Additional District Judge-25, South East District, South Court, New Delhi in Civil Suit No. 903/2016)

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 18th day of May, 2025.

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Two held for beating man to death over ‘stolen’ auto

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two auto rickshaw drivers have been arrested for allegedly fatally thrashing a man in south Delhi’s RK Puram after he was caught driving an auto-rickshaw claimed to be stolen. Police said the accused wanted to “teach him a lesson.”

According to police, information was received in early June regarding a man found in an unconscious state near Hanuman Mazdoor Camp, Sector-4, RK Puram.

A police team rushed to the spot and learned that the man had been severely beaten. He was later identified as Raj Kumar, 45, a resident of Madanpur Khadar, who was admitted to Safdarjung Hospital by his son. He succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

Investigations revealed that Kumar had been driving a stolen three-wheeler shared rickshaw that had gone missing from Sector-3, RK Puram on the night of May 30. An e-FIR was registered.

“On the night of June 1, an auto driver spotted the missing vehicle at a CNG pump in Sarojini Nagar, allegedly being driven by Raj Kumar. With the help of other drivers, he apprehended the victim and informed Sushil Kumar, the cousin of the vehicle owner. Sushil, along with his friend, Amit, then brought Raj Kumar to Hanuman Mazdoor Camp where he was allegedly beaten,” DCP Amit Goel said.

Based on footage from various CCTV cameras, local intelligence and witness statements, four persons were first apprehended. They named Sushil (22) and Amit (19) as key perpetrators, following which both fled.

“A team was formed and, after weeks of surveillance, both were arrested from RK Puram on July 24. The stolen three-wheeler shared rickshaw was also recovered at Amit’s instance,” DCP Goel added.

Police said Raj Kumar had a criminal background and was listed as a “bad character” in the records of Badarpur police station.

A case under Section 105 (culpable homicide) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered. Police have said that further investigation in the case is underway.

Ggn Staring At No Alerts, No Enforcement In Smog Season

‘Info Gap Hits Public Awareness, Ability To Evaluate Policy Response’

► Continued from P1

The stations progressively went on the blink till the whole network went down on April 2.

On days when the IMD stations don’t record air quality because of glitches or other reasons, the state has no pollution data. This happened in Gurgaon for several days this month when the IMD station in Gwalpahari wasn’t working.

A tender floated in May 2025 for an operator drew only one bidder. The bid was automatically disqualified under govt’s procurement rules that require at least two bidders for competitive selection. According to officials, the second round of tenders is still being prepared and is expected to be issued this week with a late-Aug deadline for submissions.

Once bids are received, a lengthy evaluation follows. The process involves technical scrutiny, financial review, clearance by a high-powered committee and finally approval from the chief minister’s office. That, according to officials, could take 60 to 90 days. That means Haryana could enter peak smog season without real-time AQI data, without which there can be no alerts, no enforcement and no public warnings. These are all critical to Grap (graded response action plan), which usually comes into force from Oct 15.

“There should have been a contingency plan. Even if you want to bring in a new vendor, you don’t shut off surveillance entirely. That’s like switching off CCTV in a high-crime zone because you are changing the camera vendor,” a senior HSPCB official admitted.

Sunil Dahiya, founder and lead analyst at Envirocatalysts, emphasised the importance of timely administrative decisions on bids for new contracts. “Decisions on opening bids for new contracts for govt services are usually planned well before the existing one ends, especially for maintaining such critical infrastructure as air quality monitoring in a state like Haryana, which lies in one of the most polluted areas. It’s unfortunate that this happened, but it should serve as a reminder

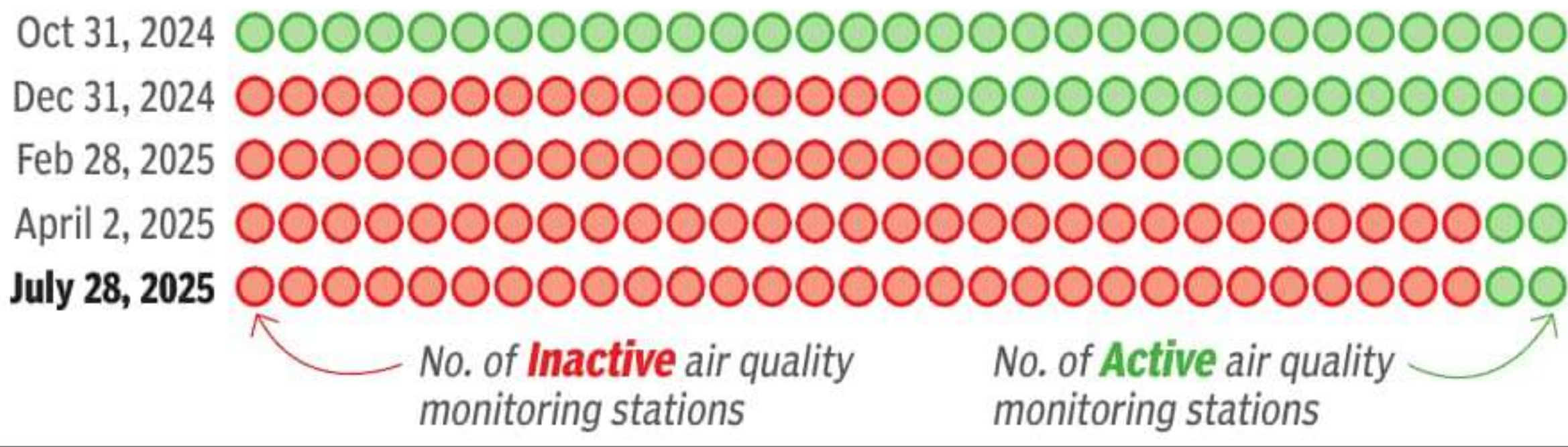
AND THEN THERE WERE (ALMOST) NONE

The state has 31 air quality monitoring stations, 29 under HSPCP and 2 operated by IMD

► The state has been pollution-blind for the last four months and could remain so when the annual peak phase of bad air begins during the winter



As of today, only two IMD-operated air quality monitoring stations are operational in the state, one in Gwalpahari in Gurgaon and another in Sector 6, Panchkula



to plan better for the future and for other states,” he said.

Asked about it, HSPCB chairman Vineet Garg said the board has changed certain conditions in the tender and will be floating it by the end of July.

While Grap’s implementation is based on Delhi’s AQI data, anti-pollution measures are enforced in all NCR cities after analysing indices recorded by local air monitors.

“This blackout is likely to have serious consequences. Winter is the most polluted time of year in Haryana, with air quality often slipping into ‘very poor’ or ‘severe’ category due to stagnant weather, crop residue burning and fossil fuel emissions. Without functioning monitors, district authorities can’t track local AQI levels, identify pollution spikes, decide when to implement pollution curbs,” said Shubhansh Tiwari, research associate at Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), adding that the state would essentially be forced to rely on Delhi data.

The implication goes beyond Grap. Under National Clean Air Programme

(NCAP) and its state-specific pollution control action plans, govt must track, report and demonstrate year-on-year improvements in air quality, all of which are data-dependent.

Manoj Kumar, an analyst at Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA),

On days when the IMD stations don’t record air quality because of glitches or other reasons, the state has no pollution data. This happened in Gurgaon for several days this month when the IMD station in Gwalpahari wasn’t working

said with the entire network rendered non-functional, there is growing concern about the progress, or lack thereof, made over the past six months. “In the absence of real-time data, it is tough to assess if efforts are underway to restore the monitoring system ahead of the upcoming peak pollution season. This gap in

information affects both public awareness and the ability to evaluate policy response,” Kumar added.

The two monitors in Gurgaon and Panchkula cover just a fraction of the state’s urban and industrial landscape. “You can’t extrapolate Delhi’s air to Karnal or Hisar,” said a senior officer who is part of the clean air programme. “The pollution sources, local weather patterns, and emissions vary. A single reading from Gurgaon tells you nothing about what’s happening in Yamunanagar or Panipat,” he said. For that matter, a station in one part of a large city won’t even capture the picture in another part of it.

A study of the air quality data by CREA found that Jan 19, 2025, was Gurgaon’s “overshoot day”. By then, PM 2.5 concentration was already so high that even if levels were to drastically reduce to zero for the rest of the year, the city would still fail to meet the acceptable limit specified by World Health Organisation (WHO). The analysis ranked Gurgaon as the fifth most polluted Indian city in the first half of 2025.

20-year-old who slipped into coma after BMW hit-&-run dies

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Noida: Two days after a five-year-old girl died after a BMW car, allegedly driven by a student under the influence of alcohol, crashed into a scooter near the Sector 30 govt hospital, her 20-year-old uncle succumbed to his injuries.

According to police, Raza suffered fractures to his head, leg and hands. He had slipped into a coma during treatment. He was being treated at a private hospital in Ghaziabad since Saturday midnight after the accident. He died late on Sunday.

On Sunday, his five-year-old niece Ayaat had died in a hit-and-run incident before she could be taken to a hospital. Her father Gul Mohammad, also injured in the accident, continues to remain under observation at a private hospital in Sector 20.

The accident was reported a little after Saturday midnight, near gate number 3 of Child PGI Hospital. The child had complained of an earache and was nauseous earlier in the evening and was taken to the hospital for a checkup by her father and uncle. The three were returning home around 12.20am.

Police said that Gul, a plumber, approached a U-turn near the hospital from the wrong side on his scooter when the BMW rammed it. Passersby, who alerted cops on the emergency helpline number, had claimed the impact of the collision was so severe that the scooter was dragged for about 100 metres.

Driver held for hit & run that injured NSG man, had dozed off

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 30-year-old driver has been arrested by Delhi Police in a hit-and-run case for allegedly seriously injuring a National Security Guard (NSG) personnel after dozing off at the wheel. The accused was apprehended from his residence in Rajokri.

According to police, a PCR call was received at 6am on July 9 reporting that a man had been hit by a vehicle on the service road of RTR Marg in RK Puram. The victim, identified as Narender Singh, a serving NSG personnel, was on a morning walk when the incident occurred. He was rushed to AI-IMS Trauma Centre with serious injuries.

An FIR was registered under Sections 281 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 125 (act endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and a team was formed to investigate. DCP (south-west) Amit Goel said CCTV footage helped trace the vehicle to Hapur, UP. The vehicle’s owner informed police that he had given the car to his driver, identified as Pawan Kumar Chauhan.

Chauhan, a resident of Rajokri village in Vasant Kunj, initially went off the grid. His mobile phone was last active near Noida, and CCTV cameras later tracked the vehicle to Sector-67, Noida, after

which it became untraceable. Through sustained surveillance, photo circulation among informers, and technical tracking, police received a tip-off on July 24 and located Chauhan at his Rajokri residence. He was arrested along with the vehicle involved in the incident.

According to a senior police officer, the accused was returning from Haridwar with

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his family and allegedly fell asleep while driving due to exhaustion. After hitting the NSG jawan, he panicked and fled the scene, ignoring his family’s pleas to stop. He dropped his children off at Rajokri and fled to Noida in an attempt to evade arrest.

Since 2023, about 1,500 people have lost their lives in hit-and-run cases across the capital, revealed Delhi Police data. While 666 people were killed in 2023, the toll stood at 644 in 2024 and 190 till April 30, 2025. The data also showed that on a daily average, two persons were killed in 1,481 fatal crashes.

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18-A, DDA, SCO Complex, Defence Colony,  
New Delhi-110 024

Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are invited from Nationalized Banks/ Scheduled Commercial Banks for providing Cash Pick up Services from the Liquor Vends maintained by DTTDC. Notice inviting Proposals for providing Cash Pick up Services, Terms and Conditions of the contract can be downloaded from the website of DTTDC ([delhitourism.gov.in](http://delhitourism.gov.in)). Pre Bid Meeting is on 01/08/2025 at 12.00 Noon at above mentioned address. The last date for submission of quotation is 18/08/2025 at 4.00 PM.

Dy. Manager (Finance)  
DTTDC

DELHI TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED  
(AN ENTERPRISE OF GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)  
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Sub: Recruitment for the Various posts on deputation / contract basis in DTIDC

DTIDC is an enterprise of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, having its office at 2nd Floor, Maharana Pratap ISBT, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The primary function of the company is to manage and upgrade all ISBTs, BQs and to cater the Infrastructural needs of Transport Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi invites applications for the following post:-

1.	Assistant General Manager (Works-Civil)/ Executive Engineer (Civil) (Selection Post on deputation/ Contract)	- 1 Post
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The last date of receipt of applications is 12.08.2025 Further details regarding eligibility, qualification and experience can be seen on the website of DTIDC i.e., [www.dtidc.co.in](http://www.dtidc.co.in). Further, duly filled application forms will be accepted through offline mode only till 12.08.2025 upto 05.00 PM only.

Sr. Manager (Admn.)  
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Admission Notice - 2025-26

Treatment Assistant Training Course (TATC)

Applications are invited for admissions into **Treatment Assistant Training Course (TATC)** of one year duration at Naturopathy Hospital, Rohini, Delhi. **Academic Qualification:** 10<sup>th</sup> pass. **Number of Seats:** 20, **Last date for submission of Application:** on or before 30/08/2025.

Applications may send to the In-charge, Naturopathy Hospital, Sector-19, Opp. Rohini Jail, Outer Ring Road, Delhi-110085 along-with with a **Demand Draft Rs.200/-** (Rupees Two Hundred only) drawn from any Nationalized Bank in favour of **Director, CCRYN payable at New Delhi**. For more details please visit Council's website [www.naturopathyday.in](http://www.naturopathyday.in). Any addendum/ corrigendum shall be posted only on Council's website.

**Note: A monthly stipend of Rs. 8,000/- will be paid to the trainee/student for a period of 12 months, subject to approval of Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi.**

Director, CCRYN



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Extract from the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June 2025

(₹ In crore unless otherwise stated)						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended		Quarter Ended		Financial year
		30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1.	Total Income from Operations	34,792.45	33,691.63	137,287.56	35,428.81	34,821.89
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,533.43	3,641.62	12,384.53	3,028.84	4,113.82
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,533.43	3,641.62	14,824.56	3,028.84	4,113.82
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,886.34	2,723.98	11,312.32	2,382.24	3,183.35
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,677.19	3,005.54	10,658.10	2,065.75	3,428.76
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of ₹ 10 each)	6,575.10	6,575.10	6,575.10	6,575.10	6,575.10
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	56,665.81	-	-
8.	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Net worth	65,127.23	58,872.67	63,240.91	-	-
10.	Outstanding Debt	15,211.42	16,564.75	13,576.76	-	-
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Debt Equity Ratio (in times)	0.24	0.27	0.26	-	-
13.	Earnings per share (in ₹) (Face Value of ₹ 10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)					
a)	Basic	2.87	4.14	17.20	3.60	4.84
b)	Diluted	2.87	4.14	17.20	3.60	4.84
	(EPS for the Quarter not annualised)					
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	126.74	126.74	126.74	-	-
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (in times)	2.92	3.69	3.88	-	-
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (in times)	11.60	14.13	15.35	-	-

Notes:-

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results for the quarter ended 30th June 2025 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com), [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and Company's website ([www.gailonline.com](http://www.gailonline.com)).
- The above results are in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- For Other Line items referred in Regulation 52(4) SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchanges website ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com), [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and Company's website ([www.gailonline.com](http://www.gailonline.com)).
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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## Advisory on mandatory CCTV unfair, say chemists

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Calling the recent "advisory" by Delhi govt mandating CCTV installation in all pharmacies by the end of July "arbitrary", chemists in the city have claimed that it unfairly targets small retailers.

Retail Distribution Chemists Alliance Delhi president Sandeep Nangia pointed out on Monday that there was no legal framework to regulate online pharmacies in India, with thousands of them operating with impunity, selling medicines without prescriptions, licences or checks. "Yet the crack-down appears to be only on small chemists," he alleged.

"Rules should be applied equally. We are not against CCTV surveillance, but many small chemists earn just Rs 5,000 a month. Who will bear the cost of installation and maintenance?" Nangia asked. He also raised concerns over the absence of any formal notification.

Nangia also cited the example of Gwalior's Drug Control Office in Madhya Pradesh, which recently acted against misleading medicine discount ads. "Such promotions are illegal in Delhi, too, yet big online platforms openly advertise heavy discounts. Why is there no action against them?" he asked.

The July 23 advisory, issued by special secretary (health and family welfare) Danish Ashraf, asked for the installation of CCTV cameras in pharmacies by July-end. A senior official clarified that the order was issued in public interest, following the meetings of the state-level National Narcotics Coordination Portal that focused on improving surveillance at the retail level, among other issues.

## Monsoon Causes Spurt In Hepatitis Cases In Capital

### Docs Advise Caution, Kids And Vulnerable Sections At Risk

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With the onset of the rainy season, hospitals across Delhi-NCR are witnessing a sharp rise in cases of hepatitis A and E, prompting experts to sound the alarm on World Hepatitis Day on Monday. Doctors say the seasonal spike is linked to poor water quality, sanitation failures and unhygienic food practices, which put children, pregnant women and those with pre-existing liver disease at serious risk.

Several city hospitals reported a 30-40% increase in cases of acute viral hepatitis compared with the dry months. There was also a noticeable rise in outpatient visits for jaundice, abdominal pain, vomiting and other classic symptoms associated with hepatitis A and E. "In the last three weeks, we saw a 40% surge in acute viral hepatitis in our OPD," said Dr Abhideep Chaudhary, president-elect.

Liver Transplantation Society of India (LTSI), and vice-chairman, HPB and liver transplantation, BLK-Max Hospital. "Most patients are unaware of hepatitis vaccination. Unsafe water and lack of awareness remain key triggers. Hepatitis E can be fatal during pregnancy, while hepatitis A can cause acute liver failure requiring, in some cases, a transplant."

Monsoon problems such as waterlogging, sewage contamination, and open drains further accelerate the spread of hepatitis A and E viruses, particularly in urban slums and informal settlements.

According to LTSI estimates and hospital data, over 70% of cases in India during the monsoon involve hepatitis E. Meanwhile, hepatitis A remains highly prevalent among children under 15. "This is a seasonal epidemic that returns every year, yet preparedness is lacking," rued Dr Sanjiv Saigal, president, LTSI. "Infection is entirely preventable through clean water, hygienic food handling and vaccination for high-risk groups. As we mark World Hepatitis Day, the focus must shift from treatment to prevention."

### KNOW THE SIGNS, GET VACCINATED, STAY SAFE

#### WHAT IS HEPATITIS

- It's the inflammation of the liver, most commonly caused by viral infections (types A, B, C, D and E)
- Can also be caused by alcohol abuse, toxins, certain medications and autoimmune conditions

#### HEPATITIS IN INDIA

- Hepatitis A & E outbreaks are common during monsoons due to contaminated water and food
- Liver cancer and cirrhosis, caused by chronic Hepatitis B & C, are increasing in rural and urban India
- In some cases, acute Hepatitis A can lead to severe liver failure requiring a liver transplant
- Chronic Hepatitis B and C infections are among the top causes of end-stage liver disease, leading to the need for liver transplant
- In India, 30-40% of liver transplants are due to complications from viral hepatitis such as cirrhosis or liver cancer
- Vaccination coverage for Hepatitis B in children is rising, but adult awareness remains low

#### A DOCTOR SAYS

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The World Health Organization estimates that hepatitis E causes nearly 20 million infections globally each year, with a significant proportion reported from India. In urban areas like Delhi, aging water infrastructure, unregulated street food vendors and rapid urbanisation fuel such outbreaks annually.

Chaudhary added that misinformation around jaundice being "self-limiting" often led to delayed diagnosis and worsened outcomes. "Patients believe they'll recover without treatment. By then, complications will have set in," he warned.



#### HOW TO PREVENT HEPATITIS (A TO E)

##### General Hygiene & Lifestyle

- Always wash hands before eating and after using the toilet
- Drink boiled or filtered water; avoid street food and unwashed fruits
- Do not share personal items like toothbrushes, razors and nail clippers

##### Vaccination & Medical Safety

- Get vaccinated for Hepatitis A & B - it's safe and effective
- Ensure blood transfusions are from licensed centres with proper screening
- Use sterile syringes and needles; avoid unlicensed tattoo/piercing parlors

##### Lifestyle & Regular Health Checks

- Pregnant women should get screened for hepatitis to avoid mother-to-child transmission
- Practise safe sex to prevent Hepatitis B & C
- Regularly check liver function and viral markers if you're in a high-risk group (e.g., healthcare workers)

oked food, drink safe water and regularly wash hands with soap," said Dr Monika Jain, director, liver diseases and GI sciences, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute.

While hepatitis B and C often dominate public discourse due to their long-term effects, doctors stress that hepatitis A and E pose an equally urgent threat during the monsoon season. Symptoms such as fatigue, nausea, dark urine and yellowing of the eyes are often ignored until the infection has progressed dangerously.

On World Hepatitis Day, doctors said the fight must begin with clean water, public hygiene, food safety and early intervention. These illnesses needn't be deadly because they're preventable.

## Charges framed against Amanatullah, 10 others

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A court on Monday cleared the way for the trial of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in a case of alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board recruitment by framing charges against him and 10 others.

Special judge Dig Vinay Singh said there was "strong suspicion" of conspiracy and "prima facie evidence" against the accused. The charges of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct by a public servant were framed against Khan and Mahboob Alam, the then chief executive officer of the waqf board.

The court also framed charges of criminal conspiracy, read with criminal misconduct by a public servant, against Hamid Akhtar, Kifayatullah Khan, Rafiussan Khan, Imran Ali, Mohammed Ahrar, Aqib Jawed, Azhar Khan, Zakir Khan and Abdul Mannar.

CBI registered a case in 2016 under IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act after it was alleged that Khan, being chairman of the board, got Alam appointed as the board's CEO in a corrupt and illegal way and secured the appointments of his relatives and other known persons to various contractual or daily wage posts. The latter appointments were allegedly made by the "misuse and abuse" of the official positions of Khan and Alam.

In its 46-page order, the court said, "It is sufficient at this stage to indicate a conspiracy involving all these parties." It also referred to Section 101 of Waqf Act, which says that besides the board members, any individual duly appointed to perform duties under it would be regarded as a public servant.

The accused pleaded not guilty, following which the court posted the matter for Aug 21.

## Jamia stir: Police reply sought on Tanha's plea

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday sought the police's response to a plea filed by student activist Asif Iqbal Tanha challenging the framing of charges against him in a case of violence during the 2019 anti-CAA protests in Jamia Nagar area.

Justice Sanjeev Narula posted the hearing for Oct 30, when the matter will be taken up along with similar petitions filed by Sharjeel Imam and other co-accused in the case. "Issue notice. Club with others," the court said.

Tanha and others were booked by New Friends Colony police station under provisions of Indian Penal Code, Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and Arms Act. In March, the trial court observed Imam's Dec 13, 2019, speech near Jamia University was "venomous", "pitted one religion against another" and was "indeed a hate speech". It framed charges against Tanha, Imam and nine others, saying "Ashu Khan, Chandan Kumar and Asif Iqbal Tanha committed abetment by prior conspiracy as well as by instigating violent mob activity at the spot, for which IPC Section 109 (abetment) is justifiably invoked against them".

The trial court said Tanha was named by police in the FIR as one of the persons present at the spot of violence and allegedly led the mob. It relied upon CDR and location data of his mobile number.

The case relates to the 2019-2020 protests at Jamia Millia Islamia and Shaheen Bagh following the passage of CAA in Parliament on Dec 11, 2019. Tanha was also accused in the Delhi riots larger conspiracy case, in which he was granted bail on grounds of a delayed trial. **TNN**

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BANKURA DIVISION, P.H.E. DTE.**  
**RABINDRA SARANI (NEAR JAIL ROAD) DISTRICT BANKURA, PIN-722101**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, Tender Corrigendum Notice is initiated by the Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.H.Engg. Dte. for the Corrigendum of NIT-17 of 2025-26 of the EE/BQA, PHE Dte. (Circulated Memo No. 1663/BQA dt.- 24.07.2025). Details information will be available from Office Notice board & website [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, PHE Dte. ICA-115974(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
[(N.I.T. No. 704-CME/IT-3/25-26)]  
(Abridged e-Tender)  
e-Tender, in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial, are invited for the works :- Technical Maintenance (Preventive & Breakdown Maintenance) of A.C. and Non-A.C. buses placed with different depots under CSTC. Tender I.D.: 704-CME/IT-3/25-26. Published on 29/07/2025 at 09.00 A.M. Please visit website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Jt. Managing Director, For WBSTC. ICA-115949(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Abridged e-Tender Notice**  
N.I.T. No. WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT-12/2025-26  
National Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division invites e-Tender from eligible Agencies / Firms / Companies / Contractors having sufficient experience in similar type of works for Creation of QGS 5B/Misc. Plantation at Kalikunda Range Jurisdictions under Kharagpur Division. For further details, please contact the Office of the undersigned, Phone No-03222-277269. Also visit the website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Manish Kumar Yadav, WBFS Divisional Forest Officer, Kharagpur Division. ICA-115934(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**The West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)  
"Shilpa Bhavan", 31, Block, Burn Lane, Kolkata - 700012  
**Notice**  
WBSDCI invites e-Tender bearing no. NIET 12 of 2025-26 & NIET 13 of 2025-26 (Two) nos. Civil Works in the District Kolkata and Birbhum. Last date of submission of Tenders are 04/08/2025 up to 2:00 p.m. & 11/08/2025 up to 2:00 p.m. respectively. For details, log on to <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://www.wbbsidci.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer. ICA-115964(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
e-NIT No. WB/PWD/SD/MSD-X/NIT-09/2025-26  
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for 12 (Twelve) nos. of works under Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No.-X, Kottulpur, Bankura, I&W Dte., Online bid submission closing date: 07.08.2025 till 11.00 Hrs IST. Other details may be seen in the website [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) and [www.wbuidw.in](http://www.wbuidw.in) Sd/- Sub-Divisional Officer Kangsabati Canal Sub-Division No.-X Kottulpur, Bankura. ICA-115948(2)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
[(N.I.T. No. 250/Jt. MD/WBSTD dated 24.07.2025)] (A bridged e-Tender) e-Tender, in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the work :- 1. BLOCK REPAIR AND PAINTING OF VESSEL M.V. SAKAL(LT) Tender I.D.: 2025-WBSTD 881396-1 and Tender Ref. No: WBSTC/IMD/MARINE/NIT-12/25-26. To be Published on 29.07.2025 at 09.00 A.M. Please visit website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Jt. Managing Director, For W.B.S.T.C. ICA-115947(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
The Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Redamation Division invites one no. online percentage rate basis e-tenders vide Tender ID No. 2025\_UDD\_881574-1 WBUD & MA/EE/SLRD/NIT-05(e)/2025-26 of EE/SLRD (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) dated 22/07/2025. Value of work is Rs.22,41,361.00. Start and last date of submission bid online are 29/07/2025 and 12/08/2025 up to 13:00 Hrs. respectively. All documents can be seen/obtained from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. Detailed information can also be seen in the website [www.wburbanservices.gov.in](http://www.wburbanservices.gov.in) and office Notice Board. ICA-115936(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ESII HOSPITAL, DURGAPUR**  
**BIDHANNAGAR, DURGAPUR-713206**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
Medical Superintendent, Durgapur ESII Hospital invites e-tenders for (i) Supply of Medical & Surgical Disposables, (ii) Supply of Stationary and Contingency Items, and (iii) Canteen Service. The NIT documents and other details are available in the website: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT, ESII HOSPITAL, DURGAPUR. ICA-115933(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Abridged Tender Notice**  
Tender No. 01/BTRW/CSS-PT/8TCFT/2025-26 (2nd Call)  
The undersigned invites e-Tender for Hiring of 4 nos of 4 wheeler Maxi cab for patrolling and delivery for 335 Days (May 2025-March 2026) (2nd Call) under Buxa Tiger Reserve (West) Division : Details also can be seen at the website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) and [www.westbengalforest.gov.in](http://www.westbengalforest.gov.in) Last date of Bid submission : 05.08.2025 up to 03:00 p.m. Sd/- Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (West). ICA-115938(2)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
Name of the work :- "Construction of 800m Black Top Road from House of Bhabhotra Bhadra to Paschim Chakdoba Primary School at Dharrapur under Nadia Zilla RMC". Tender ID:- 2025\_WBSBM-879127-1. Tender amount/ Rs.75,289.00. Vide NIT No. WBSAMB/et/CEO/06 (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) of 2025-26, Dated - 14.07.2025, The last date for submission of Tender is on - 20.08.2025 up to 12.00 PM. The detailed information regarding e-NIT will be available from <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Secretary, Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee ICA-115958(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Bid ref. no. - WBMSCL/NIT-637/2025, Dated-22/07/2025  
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Repairing, Modification, Testing and Commissioning of the existing entire Fire Protection and Fire Detection System, Supply and delivery of hose pipe and hose reel at Jangipur speciality hospital, Murshidabad." Last date of submission of bid (online)-18/08/2025 12:00 PM. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbmsc.gov.in](http://www.wbmsc.gov.in) and [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) on or after 29/07/2025, 11:00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to [eewbmscl.krishna@gmail.com](mailto:eewbmscl.krishna@gmail.com) or contact with Sri Krishnaji Banerjee, Executive Engineer (Civil), WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED, Swasthya Sathi, GN-26, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, and phone: 033-40340359. Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Sr. Special Secretary, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-115944(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**e-Tender Notice**  
The Director, IPGME&R, Kolkata, having its office at 244, A.J.C Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 is inviting e-tender for procurement of books for Central Library for various departments of IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital (2<sup>nd</sup> call) from the bonafide bidders. Tender ID: 2025\_HFW\_883153-1. For details log on to [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Director, IPGME&R, Kol - 20 ICA-115953(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
Online bids are invited for the work under Tender ID : 2025\_WBPWD\_883494-1. Bid Submission end Date: 06.08.2025 (upto 15:00 Hrs.). For details please follow the website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- PWD, Malda Electrical Division ICA-115989(2)/2025

**West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)  
**NOTICE INVITING e-Tender**  
NIT No. 40/WBTDCL OF 2025-26 (Technical)  
Tender ID-2025\_WBTDCL\_882733-1 WBTDCL invites e-Tender for the work "Infrastructure development work at Sitala Mata Mandir at Banarhat" from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies in similar works. Last date & time of documents download: 24.07.2025 - 16:30 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 12.08.2025 - 16:00 Hrs. Details are available in website - [www.wbtdcl.com](http://www.wbtdcl.com) or [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited ICA-115988(2)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
WBW/EE-/CD/-NIT-11(e)/2025-26  
Executive Engineer-II, Sanals Division, Sech Abasan, Salt Lake, Sector-III, Kolkata-700106, invites online tender for 4 (Four) nos. urgent repairing and maintenance of damaged wooden bridge within Block-Kulpi, Mandir Bazar for amount put to Tender ranging from Rs.21.51 Lakh to Rs.12.44 Lakh. Tender forms and other details may be obtained from the departmental website [www.wbuidw.in](http://www.wbuidw.in) and <http://etender.wb.nic.in> (direct site). Last date of submission of e-bid online is 12.08.25 till 12:00 PM. (For details visit [www.wbuidw.in](http://www.wbuidw.in) till 14.00 Hrs. (for SI.No. 2 to 4) Sd/- Executive Engineer - II, Canals Division, I & W Directorate ICA-115941(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer-I, Burdwan Division, P.W. Directorate invites N.E.T No. -11 for 4 (Four) Nos. works vide N.E.T No. -11 of 2025-2026. Tender ID : 2025\_P W D - 8 8 3 3 6 9 - 2 2025\_P W D - 8 8 3 3 6 9 - 2 2025\_P W D - 8 8 3 3 6 9 - 3 2025\_PWD\_883369-4. Bid Submission Start Date (Online) : 29.07.2025 from 2:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) : 06.08.2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.E.T and Tender documents may be downloaded from : <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Burdwan Division, P.W.Dte. ICA-115979(2)/2025

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Online advertisement is invited by the Executive Engineer, EB-I, GAP Wing, W&S Sector, KMDA, 2nd Floor, Block-A, Unnayan Bhawan, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bona fide and experienced firms/individuals/companies/individual contractors, for the work, Name of work, Value of the work (including GST & Cess), Earnest Money, time of Completion, Demonstration, Barbed wire fencing at Guard post and Barbed wire fencing at KMDA's Land beside 18 MLD STP Kaliyati Expressway, Barrackpore and other works. Rs. 21.28, 55, 42,564/-, 01 month. Last date & time of online Bid submission: 06.08.2025 Time: Upto 13.30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) (KMDA-472) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) ICA-115963(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
The Executive Engineer, North Bengal Construction Division, PWD, Siliguri, on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal invites e-Tender for one no. work, details of which may be had from the office of the undersigned on working days during the office hours or on website: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> or at [www.pwdwb.in](http://www.pwdwb.in) NIT Ref No: WB/PWD/EE/NBD/NT/13/2025-2026, NIT ID: 2025\_WBPWD\_883542-1. Bid submission End Date for the work: 06.08.2025 upto 05.00 PM. Eligibility: Bonafied Resourceful Contractors. Note:- Any subsequent corrigendum if necessary will be posted on website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer (PWD), North Bengal Construction Division, Siliguri ICA-115996(4)/2025

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**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT No.18 of 2025-2026. (2nd Call of WB/ PWD/ EE/ NBD/SS/NIT No. 11 of 2025-2026 SI No.1) EE, NBD, SS, PW, Dte. invites e-Tender for the works of :- 1. Urgent Repair Renovation including Roof Treatment work of Block-D (Class III), of NBMC and H Quarters, Darjeeling District (Civil Work) Tender ID:- 2025\_WBPWD\_883418-3. Bid submission start date (online): 01-Aug-2025 12:00 PM. Bid submission closing date (online): 16-Aug-2025 02:00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, NBD, SS, PW, Dte., Siliguri, Govt. of WB ICA-115976(4)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
WB/PWD/EE/NBD/SS/NIT No.17 of 2025-2026. EE, NBD, SS, PW, Dte. invites e-Tender for the works of :- 1. Urgent Repair Renovation including Roof Treatment work of Block-D (Class III), of NBMC and H Quarters, Darjeeling District (Civil Work) Tender ID:- 2025\_WBPWD\_883188-3. Bid submission start date (online): 01-Aug-2025 12:00 PM. Bid submission closing date (online): 16-Aug-2025 02:00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, NBD, SS, PW, Dte., Siliguri, Govt. of WB ICA-115975(4)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER / QUOTATION NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Electrical Division, invites e-tender for the work of "Temporary Electrical Installation work in respect of Durga Puja Idol Immersion Ceremony-2025 at Red Road - Part-D: Visual Display System". Vide e-tender no. WBPE/EE/KEB/ENIG-190/25-26. Tender ID: 2025\_WBPWD\_883471-1. Bid submission end date is 14.08.2025 upto 12.00 PM. Details of Tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available at website: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Electrical Division. ICA-115991(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE**  
eNIT No. 08 of 2025-26 of EE/BHD-/PW(R) Dte. for 01 (One) No. Road Restoration/Repairing work at Lahuti-Harora Road under Barasat Highway Division No.I, inviting from bonafide bidders having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) will be 06/08/2025 upto 15.00 hrs. Tender id : 2025\_WBPWD\_883415-1. Other details may be seen from website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <http://wbwpd.gov.in> Sd/- EE/BHD-/PW(R) Dte. ICA-115993(2)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Bid ref. no. - WBMSCL/NIT-635/2025, Dated-22/07/2025  
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Terrace Floor Water proofing at Barjora SSH, Bankura." Last date of submission of bid (online)-18/08/2025, 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from [www.wbmsc.gov.in](http://www.wbmsc.gov.in) or after 29/07/2025, 11:00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to [eewbmscl.krishna@gmail.com](mailto:eewbmscl.krishna@gmail.com) or contact with Sri Krishnaji Banerjee, Executive Engineer (Civil), WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED, Swasthya Sathi, GN-29, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, and phone: 033-40340359. Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Sr. Special Secretary, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-115942(3)/2025

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**P.W.D. e-TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, Kolkata South Division invites e-Quotation for the work of (i) Up-keeping, day to day sweeping & cleaning of entire campus at premises 76, Dr. Deodar Rahaman Road, office of the EE South 24 Parganas Division, PWD, EE Kolkata South Division, 38 SE Southern Circle PWD. (ii) Engagement of Security Personnel at Kolkata South Sub-Division PWD, Jadavpur Sub-Division PWD, Tollygunge Sub-Division PWD and ROB Building, Lake Gardens under Kolkata South Division PWD. e-NIT No: EE/KSD/PWD/EE-NIT07/2025-26. Tender ID: (i) 2025\_WBPWD\_883489-1. (ii) 2025\_WBPWD\_883489-2. For SI (i) & (ii) Technical & financial bid proposal submission start date (Online): 30.07.2025 from 5:00 PM. For SI (i) Technical & financial bid proposal submission end date (Online): 08.08.2025 up to 1:00 PM. For SI (ii) Technical & financial bid proposal submission end date (Online): 14.08.2025 up to 1:00 PM. Details of e-NIT and other documents may be downloaded from <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Kolkata South Division. ICA-115983(3)/2025

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Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/BKTPP/CC-3968, Dtd:23/07/25  
NIT No. WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/EE307/25-26  
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TS-06	30 V-15 Amp. Battery Charger suitable for 30V 100 AH lead acid battery	175 Nos.	19.08.2025
TS-07	30V Lithium Ion Battery set	85 Nos.	20.08.2025
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TS-09	Aluminium Lugs 70, 150 & 300 Sq mm	50000 Nos.	21.08.2025
TS-10	DO Fuse Element assorted ratings	670000 Nos.	21.08.2025
TS-11	PF Unit (Kilkat) 200 Amp. & 300 Amp.	6000 Nos.	22.08.2025
TS-12	HRC Fuse Base 300 Amp.	3000 Nos.	22.08.2025
TS-13	Robust Fuse Unit 150 Amp.	22261 Nos.	25.08.2025
TS-14	i) T Clamp for bus bar for dog to dog conductor ii) Terminal Clamp for busbar for Panther Conductor	5019 Nos. 1578 Nos.	25.08.2025
TS-15	LED Yard Light 90 Watt. With Fixtures for Substations	180 Nos.	26.08.2025
TS-16	DC Distribution Board	36 Nos.	26.08.2025
TS-17	AC Distribution Board with MCB	36 Nos.	27.08.2025
TS-18	Bi-metallic clamps suitable for LV	1728+8264= 9992 Nos.	27.08.2025
TS-19	Bi-metallic clamps for VCB	3744 Nos.	28.08.2025
TS-20	Bi-metallic clamps for Transformer	1939 Nos.	28.08.2025
TS-21	HT Bi-Metallic Clamp for DTR	6198 Nos.	29.08.2025
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# 'Homegrown' ultras may be involved, says PC, sparks row

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**New Delhi:** A major political row erupted over Congress leader **P Chidambaram's** remarks that those behind the Pahalgam massacre could be "homegrown terrorists" and that it was wrong to assume that they were from Pakistan.

Senior BJP functionaries hit out at the former home minister over his statements in a video interview, which was endorsed by a few others in Congress, with Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan accusing Congress and Chidambaram of "speaking the same language" as used by Pakistan.

Chidambaram, however, said his remarks had been taken out of context.

"Why is P Chidambaram saying this?" Chouhan asked. "The language in which Pakistan is speaking, the same language is being used by Chidambaram and Congress...The mask has been removed from the opposition's face," he said, wondering if he was asking for proof about Pakistan's hand in the Pahalgam terror attack in J&K.

In the interview, Chidambaram had said, "...for all we know they could be homegrown terrorists, why do we assume they came from Pakistan."

He later said this bit was part of larger statement which his accusers have suppressed. "Trolls are of different kinds and use different tools to spread misinformation. The worst kind is a troll who suppresses the full recorded interview, takes two sentences, mutes some words, and paints the speaker in a black colour!" he said on X.

BJP MP Anurag Thakur accused Congress of casting doubts on the achievements of the Indian armed forces during Operation Sindoor. "When it comes to terrorist attacks, Pakistan is unable to defend itself, but Rahul-occupied Congress leaders are quick to take its side," he said.

# Rajnath: Sindoor achieved objective, was then 'paused'

## How Is It A Success When You Say Pak Could Do It Again: Gogoi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said in the Lok Sabha that the overall "politico-military" objective of Operation Sindoor was to punish Pakistan, which is fighting a proxy war through terrorism, and the operation was just "paused" when armed forces achieved the desired objective.


The opposition, however, sought to corner him for abruptly ending the operation claiming it was done under US pressure and criticised govt for not sharing details of Indian jets that were downed during the conflict.

"The objective of Operation Sindoor was not to cross the border or capture territory, it was to eliminate terror nurseries which Pakistan had nurtured for years, and provide justice to the innocent families who lost their loved ones in cross-border attacks," Singh said while opening the debate in the House on Operation Sindoor.

Singh termed opposition's claims that the operation was stopped under pressure "baseless and incorrect" and said that on May 10, Pakistan's DGMO contacted his Indian counterpart and appealed for a halt to the operations. And after formal talks on May 12 between the two DGMOs, both sides decided to put a halt to the operations.


On criticism of the losses allegedly faced by the armed forces, Singh said the opposition parties never questioned how many fighter jets Pakistan lost in the conflict. "In any exam, results matter, not whether the pencil broke or the pen was lost. Ultimately, results matter," Singh said.

He said the offer to halt the



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— RAJNATH SINGH



They themselves are saying our intention was not war, why was it not so? They say it was not to take territory, why was it not so? When will we take back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, if not today, then when? The most horrendous terror attacks have happened under your govt... Why did India stop the war and under whose pressure?

— GAURAV GOGOI

## Killing of terrorist who led Pahalgam strike blunts oppn's attack in House

It was just a coincidence but it definitely blunted what seemed set to be one of opposition's lines of attack during the debate on Operation Sindoor. During the build up to the debate, opposition had looked prepared to corner govt for failing to nab the terrorists who massacred 26 civilians in J&K's Pahalgam.

The killing of three alleged terrorists, including Suleiman, who is believed to have led the Pahalgam attack, in an encounter near Srinagar on Monday took the sting out of opposition's attack in the House. SP's Ramashankar Rajbhar, who had come prepared to question the govt on its "failure", did not drop the issue.

"Why have the terrorists responsible for this attack not been arrested yet?" he asked. He referred to Rajnath Singh's statement about 100 terrorists having been killed in J&K and asked whether the number included those responsible for Pahalgam.

The joy over the killing of Suleiman was articulated by BJP's Baijant Panda, "As we are debating this issue, some of us must have seen in the news that Operation Mahadev is being conducted in J&K, targeted at terrorists and it appears that at least one of those eliminated today was involved in the Pahalgam attack." TNN

operation was accepted with the caveat that it was only paused, and if there was any future misadventure on the part of Pakistan, it would lead to its resumption.

Speaking about the scale and extent of the operation, Singh said, "There were a number of options on the table, but we chose the option in which terrorists and their hideouts suffered maximum

through demonstrative use of force," Singh said, asserting that no soldier suffered any casualty.

Launching a blistering attack on govt, Congress' deputy leader in the House Gaurav Gogoi asked why India stopped the war and under whose pressure. Gogoi said home minister Amit Shah must take responsibility for the security lapses that led to the Pahalgam attack and asked govt to clarify how many Indian jets were downed during Operation Sindoor.

Referring to Singh's speech, Gogoi said the defence minister gave a lot of information but did not say how terrorists came to Pahalgam. "The country wants to know... 100 days have passed, but this govt has not brought terrorists to justice," he said.

"Who will take responsibility, the (J&K) LG? It is the home minister who must take responsibility. You cannot hide behind the LG. This govt is such a coward and is so weak that it even blamed tour operators for the Pahalgam attack," Gogoi said.

He said the Prime Minister had been stating post-Uri and after the Pulwama attack that "humne ghar mein ghus ke mara" and "we destroyed terror infrastructure", and the PM is making the same remarks now.

"They are still saying that Operation Sindoor is incomplete and Pakistan can do this again, then how is this a success? They themselves are saying our intention was not war, why was it not so? They say it was not to take territory, why was it not so? When will we take back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, if not today, then when? The most horrendous terror attacks have happened under your govt," Gogoi said.

# At no stage of talks with US was trade tied to Sindoor: EAM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Monday strongly defended India's global outreach after the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack and the subsequent developments related to Operation Sindoor, saying in Lok Sabha that the international community had overwhelmingly backed India. Even as President Donald Trump again claimed he ended the India-Pakistan conflict, Jaishankar asserted there was no conversation between Trump and PM Modi between April 22 and June 17 — the two publicly known days Trump dialled Modi — and also denied trade was a part of the talks that were going on with the US, ahead of the truce. Trump continues to claim that he used trade to enforce peace.

Jaishankar cited statements by Quad, Brics, the US listing of terror group TRF and the UNSC condemnation of the attack, which called for holding the perpetrators accountable, to buttress govt's argument about support for India from across the globe and to dismiss opposition's claim that India had again been hyped with Pakistan.

He was responding to opposition MPs who had said that Indian foreign policy had come a cropper as international support was not forthcoming. He said India's objectives in its engagements with the global community was to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism, and to stress "the right to defend ourselves, right to defend the people of India against cross-border terrorism". Jaishankar said that the UNSC condemnation of the

## Cong trusts US, but not EAM, says Shah

Home minister Amit Shah on Monday slammed Congress for not trusting Jaishankar's statement and instead believing President Trump, and said that was why it was sitting in the opposition and would remain there for 20 more years. Intervening in Lok Sabha as Opposition members interrupted Jaishankar, Shah said, "I know the importance of foreign (opinion) in their party, but it does not mean that they should impose this view on Parliament." TNN

Pahalgam attack resonated throughout the international community, adding that while there are 193 members of the United Nations, only three, apart from Pakistan, opposed India's strikes on terror camps in Pakistan.

Jaishankar also attacked Congress for agreeing with Pakistan that terrorism is a threat to both countries and accepting a reference to Balochistan in the Sharm El Sheikh joint statement, six months after the Mumbai attacks. The minister also defended his recent visit to China saying he went there to discuss de-escalation, trade restrictions and terrorism. "In 2005, China was designated as a Strategic Partner during Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to India. Strategic Partner! And there is a very famous concept called Chindia. A belief that China and India have common interest," he said, while attacking Congress functionary Rahul Gandhi for getting a briefing from the Chinese ambassador while the Doklam crisis was still on.



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**GOLU**

General public is hereby informed that this Male Person (depicted in the photo) namely **Golu S/o Azad R/o F-884, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has been missing from his home since **15.07.2025 at approx. 8.00 pm**. In this regard a **DD No. 80A Dated 25.07.2025** has been registered at **PS Mangolpuri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this male person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 28 years, **Height:** 5' 5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Linning T-Shirt & Black Pent and Chappal in his feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing male person may kindly inform to the following address:- **SHO PS: Mangolpuri, Delhi**

**Website:** <http://cbi.nic.in> **Ph.:** 011-27922168  
**E-mail:** [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **Mobile:** 7065036122  
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**Deepak Pathak**

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Deepak Pathak S/o: Bjender Pathak R/o: H. No. A-30 Rajan Vihar, Hastal, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi** **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans, Black Colour Scarf & Black Colour Shoes in feet. has been missing since 22.07.2025 from H. No. A-30 Rajan Vihar, Hastal, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Uttam Nagar, Dwarka New Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 0079A Date: 23.07.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Uttam Nagar, Dwarka New Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male. Please inform to the following.

**Website :** <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**  
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**Fax:** 011-24368639 **P.S.:** Uttam Nagar, Dwarka New Delhi  
**DP/9900/DW/2025** **Mobile:** 9205634763, 8750871026



**General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo) name unknown, residence and family is unknown age about 40 years was found bare body at Outside Gate No. 3, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi on 07.07.2025, is declared dead during treatment on 21.07.2025. In this regard a DD No. 38A, Dated 21.07.2025 has been lodged at PS North Avenue, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:-

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** about 40 years, **Height:** 5' 6" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Slim, **Face:** Round.

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**SHO PS: North Avenue, Delhi**  
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**Poonam**

General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Poonam, W/o: Vinod, R/o: H.No. B-77, Vijay Vihar Phase-I, Delhi** has been Missing from her house since **14.07.2025 at 6.00 P.M.** In this regard a missing report case vide **DD No.107A dated 16.07.2025** has been lodged at **P.S Vijay Vihar, Delhi-110086.**

Her Physical description is as under:-

**Sex:** Female, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Purple Color Saree and Black Slippers in feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this female please inform to the following.:-

**Phone No.:** 011-24368638, 011-24368641 | **Fax no.:** 011-24368639 | **Email id :** [cic@cbi.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.nic.in) | **Website :** <http://cbi.nic.in>

**SHO P.S – Vijay Vihar, Delhi**  
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**DP/9728/RD/2025**

**दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि**

**अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, कानपुर नगर।**

पत्रांक:-1919 / वि०वि०म०का० / दिनांक: 26.07.2025

**ई-निविदा सूचना**

**निविदा सं० एवं कार्य का संक्षिप्त विवरण**

**1. 45/EDCK/2025-26 :-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-चौबेपुर के अन्तर्गत पूर्ण जमा योजना मद में मन्थना-बिदूर मार्ग अंशजिमा के कि०मी०-2 (500) से (800) के चौड़ीकरण में बाधक 33 के०वी० एवं 11 के०वी० लाइनों को अत्यन्त शिफ्ट करने का कार्य। (सीमेंट तर्नकी आधार पर)।  
प्रपत्र शुल्क-₹ 3,540 धरोहर राशि-₹ 55,860

**2. 46/EDCK/2025-26 :-** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-चौबेपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के०वी० विद्युत उपकेन्द्र-मन्थना, टिकरा, एसाइड चौबेपुर से निर्गत 11 के०वी० कुरसीली, रेकपुर, भगानीपुर पोषक को एन०एच०-91 से मन्थना टिकरा हेतुपुर दूल-भूल मार्ग चौड़ीकरण के कार्य में बाधक 11 के०वी० एवं एल०टी० विद्युत लाइनों को अत्यन्त शिफ्ट करने का कार्य। (सीमेंट तर्नकी आधार पर)।  
प्रपत्र शुल्क-₹ 3,540 धरोहर राशि-₹ 39,960

**ई-निविदा की अन्तिम तिथि : 11.08.2025, 01:00 बजे।**

विस्तृत जानकारी एवं प्रपत्र वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध हैं। अग्रेतर समस्त सूचनाएं वेबसाइट पर ही प्रदर्शित की जायेगी।



**General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Apna Ghar Ashram Pooth Khurd Delhi, Age: about 60 Yrs, Height: 5'4", Complexion : Shallow, Wearing: Sky Blue Lining Shirt and Sky Blue Pajama he Was Admitted in MLV Hospital Pooth Khurd Delhi Vide MLC No.5122/25 where Doctor declared him Brought dead. In this regard, DD No. 81A Dated 25.07.2025 has been lodged at PS Bawana, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light about the relatives of deceased so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about the relatives of deceased may kindly inform to the following.

**SHO P.S., Bawana, Delhi**  
**Ph.:** 011-27751949, 27756090  
**8448299619, 9540176468**  
**DP/9996/ON/2025**

**आनंद विकास एवं प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण**

पुनर्जी विद्युतवहन मण्डल, इलाहाबाद के पास, अजयपुर, दक्षिणीय नगर - 0141-2600032

ई-मेल आई.डी. :- [adma.jalpur@gmail.com](mailto:adma.jalpur@gmail.com)

क्रमांक :- कार्य विदेशक/एडमा/केसा/2025-26/916 दिनांक :- 24/07/2025

**अनुकूलनीय ई-बिड सूचना-08/2025-26**

वित्त मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार SASTC योजना में स्वीकृत Development of (CONIC Amber, Nahargarh and Surrounding Area, Jaipur में विभिन्न सिविल एवं विद्युत कार्य हेतु राज्य सरकारों/केन्द्र सरकार/निगमों/बोर्ड कार्यालयों में सहाम/निर्धारित श्रेणी में पंजीकृत सर्वेदकों से द्विभागीय खुली बिड ई-प्रोक्वायरमेंट प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन वेबसाइट <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर आमंत्रित की जाती है जिनका विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> एवं <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है, जो रेडोय व पडी जा सकती है।

(अनुकूलनीय ई-बिड सूचना-08 / 2025-26 की कुल लागत राशि रुपये 493.25 लाख)

**NIB Code : ADA2526A0009**  
**बिड यू.बी.एन. नम्बर :- ADA2526WSOB00033**

रज.संसाद/सी/175/2000 कार्यकारी निदेशक (कार्य)

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mail, Patiala - 147001.  
Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact no. 96461-17609, 96461-17732)

**3/FE&T/GHTP/FM-67 Dated : 25-07-2025**

Dy. Chief Engineer/FE&T, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for :

Appointment of representative agency for :

1. Witnessing the third party sampling to be carried out by the third party and analysis of the part-3 of the sample prepared by the third party for coal supplies from CIL and its subsidiaries, at the loading ends.

2. The Joint sampling and testing of Third Party's Un-Sampled Samples for coal supplies from CIL and its subsidiaries, at the loading ends. {If the third party sampling could not be conducted by any reason (as per Sr. no. 1)}

For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 25-07-2025 from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
GHTP-6225, DFRPb-1079/12/2025-26/1645

**Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited**

(A Government of India Enterprise)  
Eastern Court, Janpath, New Delhi-110001

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**RFP Nos. MSTC/NRO/MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED/2/New Delhi/25-26/15672, 8/New Delhi/25-26/15680, 9/New Delhi/25-26/15682, 10/New Delhi/25-26/15684, 11/New Delhi/ 25-26/15685 and 12/New Delhi/ 25-26/15688**


MTNL invites bids for sale of six properties through e-tender followed by e-auction, at various locations in Delhi and Noida.

The detailed RFP and other documents are available on the website of MSTC [https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/container.jsp?title\\_id=Notifications&linkid=0&main\\_link=y&sublink=n&main\\_link\\_name=321&portal=property-sale&homepage=index&rcDate=30-11-2021](https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/container.jsp?title_id=Notifications&linkid=0&main_link=y&sublink=n&main_link_name=321&portal=property-sale&homepage=index&rcDate=30-11-2021)

The RFP and other documents regarding MTNL assets monetization, can also be seen on website at link <https://assetmonetization.bsnl.co.in>

The last date of submission of online bids is up to **07/08/2025 at 15:00 Hrs.** **GM AM MTNL CO**

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**General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely Chote, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found Dead on 28.07.2025 at around 9.00 AM, from Plot No.-2, Zakhira Chara Mandi Main Najafgarh Road, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 32A, Dated 28.07.2025, has been lodged at Police Station Moti Nagar, West Distt., New Delhi.**

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

**Sex:** Male, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Upper body Nude & Grey colour Pant. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for identification.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

**SHO Police Station Moti Nagar, West Distt., New Delhi**  
**Ph.:** 8750871125, 9873004567  
**DP/9990/WD/2025**

**General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Name: Prem (Unknown), S/o Bara Prasad (Unknown), R/o: Unknown Age: 41 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Normal, was wearing Black Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Lower, he admitted himself in Safdarjung Hospital on DD NO. 43A, dated 24.07.2025 vide MLC No. 904801/25 and was died during the treatment on 26/07/2025 vide DD No. 57A. In this regard a DD No. 107A, U/s 194 Bhartiya Nagrik Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 dated 26.07.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi.**

His dead body has been preserved in the Mortuary of Safdarjung Hospital. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

**SHO P.S. Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi**  
**Ph.:** 9910123419, 8750870828  
**DP/9971/SD/2025**

**Annexure 'B'**

**DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL WORKS & ESTATES**

**DRDO HQ, DRDO BHAWAN RAJAJI MARG, NEW DELHI-110011**

**Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Enlistment of Engineering Consultant DCW&E, DRDO-2025**

1. Continuous/ dynamic Enlistment of Engineering Consultants in DCW&E, DRDO- 2025 has been commenced. Prior to the enlistment, Expression of Interest (EOI) from capable, high performing and reputed technically competent Engineering Consultancy Indian firms are invited.

2. Presently, DCW&E is inviting Expression of Interest from agencies interested for Enlistment of Engineering Consultant in DCW&E, DRDO-2025 in various categories and class of works as mentioned in the Guidelines for EOI updated on [www.drdo.gov.in](http://www.drdo.gov.in) portal. Interested agencies may forward the completed applications to DCW&E, DRDO Bhawan New Delhi till 28 Aug 2025.

3. Detailed request for proposal (RFP) for Enlistment of Engineering Consultancy Firms in DCW&E, DRDO-2025 shall be issued to all firms qualified and shortlisted through EOI. List of recommended Engineering Consultants will be issued post scrutiny of RFP received from eligible Consultancy firms by DCW&E, DRDO as in various categories and class in DCW&E, DRDO.

**Chairman Enlistment Committee**  
Dte of Civil Works & Estates  
**CBC 10301/11/0077/2526 DRDO**

**NIZAM'S INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**

(A University Established under State Act)  
040-23489000/9244 040-23396552 Fax: 040-23310076 Panjagutta, Hyderabad- 500082, Telangana [www.nims.edu.in](http://www.nims.edu.in)

**Recruitment Notification**

**Rc.No. HR1/2894/2025 Dt. 26.07.2025**

Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences ( NIMS ), Hyderabad invites applications for the post of Associate Professor in the Dept. of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Candidates are requested to see the details of eligibility and application form at [www.nims.edu.in](http://www.nims.edu.in)

For further information, Plz contact Ph. No. 040-23489353

**Sd/-**  
**DIPR R.O. No.: 417-PPICL-AGENCY/ADVT/11/2025-26 Date: 26-07-2025 Executive Registrar**

**MISSING REPORT**

MES/608001 Sh Y Murali Mohan Reddy, EE, working as Dy Dir (Plg) in HQ CE, A&N Zone, Port Blair has proceeded on official duty to attend "Works Conference" at HQ IDS, New Delhi on 29 Aug 2023. The Officer has attended works conference on 30 Aug 2023. The officer has not reported back to this office i.e HQ CE A&N Zone, Port Blair on completion of official duty at HQ IDS, New Delhi.

Sh Y Murali Mohan Reddy, EE is hereby directed to immediately report for duty at Port Blair on publication of this report, failing which his absence will be treated as willful absence and suitable disciplinary action will be initiated against him as per rules.

**Sd/- (Ravi Ranjan, IDSE) SE**  
**Dir (Pers & Legal)**  
**For Chief Engineer**

**CBC 10622/11/0029/2526**

**U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**

**SHAKTI BHAWAN, 14-ASHOK MARG, LUCKNOW**

(A Govt. of UP Undertaking)

**PUBLIC-NOTICE**

Pursuant of Section 64 of the Electricity Act 2003, the State Government owned Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (UPPTCL) submitted its Petition (2166/2024) for ARR & Tariff of FY 2025-26, Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25 and True Up for FY 2023-24 along with Determination of Intra-State Transmission Charges for FY 2025-26 in the capacity of STU before the Hon'ble U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission, Lucknow.

The Hon'ble Commission admitted the aforementioned petition by its order dated 25.07.2025 and in compliance with above order, all stakeholders and general public are hereby informed about the following salient features of the Petition no.- 2166/2024 as under:-

**Summary of True Up for FY 2023-24 of UPPTCL**

Particulars	FY 2023-24		(Rs. in Crore)
	ARR (as per Order dt. 24.05.2023	As per Audited Accounts	
<b>Gross O&amp;M Expenses</b>	1,279.35	1,421.98	1,653.89
Employee cost	743.41	763.42	1,148.23
A&G expenses	66.21	80.27	66.79
R&M expenses	469.73	578.29	438.87
Interest on Loan Capital	1,313.44	1,131.49	1,256.31
Interest on Working Capital	57.43	-	70.87
Finance Charges	-	0.07	-
Depreciation	1,417.79	2,006.75	1,862.74
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>4,068.01</b>	<b>4,560.22</b>	<b>4,843.81</b>
Less: Employee cost capitalized	308.34	204.69	204.69
Less: Interest Capitalization	177.43	115.15	115.15
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>3,582.24</b>	<b>4,240.38</b>	<b>4,523.96</b>
Provision for Bad & Doubtful debts	-	-489.39	-
Deferred Taxes & Comprehensive Incomes/Expenses	-	-48.68	-
<b>Net Expenditure with provisions</b>	<b>3,582.24</b>	<b>3,702.32</b>	<b>4,523.96</b>
Add: Return on Equity	207.54	-	1,688.35
Less: Non-Tariff Income	114.59	538.66	287.82
Less: Income from other Business#	10.41	8.71	6.10
Less: Discount on Return on Equity @ 12.50%	-	-	1,455.47
<b>Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR)</b>	<b>3,664.80</b>	<b>3,154.94</b>	<b>4,462.92</b>
Less: Estimated ARR for UPSLDC	58.22	-	-
<b>ARR for UPPTCL</b>	<b>3,606.58</b>	<b>3,154.94</b>	<b>4,462.92</b>
Add: UPSLDC ARR for FY 2021-22	-	-	38.35
Less: UPSLDC Charges for FY 2021-22	-	-	10.70
Revenue from Operations pertaining to FY 2023-24	-	3,835.40	3,835.40
<b>Net Gap / (Surplus) [Actual/Anticipated]</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-680.46</b>	<b>655.17</b>
Less: Adjustment of Surplus of FY 2022-23	-	-	-
<b>Net ARR (considering True-up Surplus)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,501.27</b>
Energy Supplied to Discoms and LTCs (MU)	1,36,559.84	1,43,392.31	1,43,392.31
<b>Transmission Tariff per unit (Rs./kWh)</b>	<b>0.2641</b>	<b>0.2200</b>	<b>0.3139</b>
<b>Transmission Loss (%)</b>	<b>3.22%</b>	<b>3.16%</b>	<b>3.16%</b>

\*As per MYT Regulation, 2019, ROE permissible is @14.5%, however UPPTCL has claimed ROE @2% only to reduce burden on the discoms/consumers.

**Summary of Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25 and ARR & Tariff of FY 2025-26 of UPPTCL**

Particulars	APR FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	ARR (as per Order dt. 10.10. 2024)	APR Petition	ARR	ARR
<b>Gross O&amp;M Expenses</b>	1,382.51	1,752.52	1,820.82	-
Employee cost	785.49	1,210.88	817.83	-
A&G expenses	73.76	71.10	84.63	-
R&M expenses	523.26	470.54	918.36	-
Interest on Loan Capital	1,186.08	1,195.96	1,098.69	-
Interest on Working Capital	62.84	79.12	83.55	-
Finance Charges	-	-	0.06	-
Depreciation	1,597.45	2,005.15	2,065.55	-
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>4,228.88</b>	<b>5,032.75</b>	<b>5,068.68</b>	-
Less: Employee cost capitalized	456.4	324.67	219.28	-
Less: Interest Capitalisation	154.31	109.62	100.70	-
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>3,618.17</b>	<b>4,598.46</b>	<b>4,748.69</b>	-
Provision for Bad & Doubtful debts	-	-	-	-
Deferred Taxes & Comprehensive Incomes/Expenses	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Expenditure with provisions</b>	<b>3,618.17</b>	<b>4,598.46</b>	<b>4,748.69</b>	-
Add: Return on Equity	224.67	1766.15*	1,824.33	-
Less: Non-Tariff Income	178.76	287.82	287.82	-
Less: Income from other Business	11.17	6.10	6.10	-
Less: Discount on Return on Equity @ 12.50%	-	-	1,522.54	-
<b>Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR)</b>	<b>3652.91</b>	<b>4548.15</b>	<b>6,279.11</b>	-
Less: Estimated ARR for UPSLDC	-	-	-	-
<b>ARR for UPPTCL</b>	<b>3,652.91</b>	<b>4,548.15</b>	<b>6,279.11</b>	-
<b>Net Gap / (Surplus) [Actual/Anticipated]</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	-
Less: Adjustment of Surplus of FY 2022-23	147.58	147.58	-	-
<b>Net ARR (Considering True-up Surplus)</b>	<b>3,505.33</b>	<b>4,400.57</b>	<b>-</b>	-
Energy Supplied to Discoms and LTCs (MU)	1,50,731.78	1,55,578.87	-	-
<b>Transmission Tariff per unit (Rs./kWh)</b>	<b>0.2326</b>	<b>0.2829</b>	<b>-</b>	-
<b>Transmission Losses (%)</b>	<b>3.18%</b>	<b>3.22%</b>	<b>3.18%</b>	-

\*As per MYT Regulation, 2019, ROE permissible is @14.5%, however UPPTCL has claimed ROE @2% only in APR to reduce burden on the discoms/consumers.

**Allocation of Adjusted TTSC for FY 2025-26 Distribution Licence & Indian Railway**

Distribution Licensee	Base TCW (MW)	% Share	ATC Allocation from Adjusted TTSC (Rs. in Cr.)
DVNL	6,480.00	21.00%	1,841.22
MVNL	6,925.00	22.44%	1,967.66
PuvNL	6,897.00	22.35%	1,959.71
PVNL	8,504.00	27.55%	2,416.32
KESCO	862.00	2.79%	244.93
NPCL	751.50	2.43%	213.53
Indian Railway	438.57	1.42%	124.61
NIDP	6.17	0.02%	1.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,864.24</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8,769.59</b>

TTSC- Total Transmission System Charges, TCR- Transmission Capacity Right, ATC- Annual Transmission Capacity

**Intra-State Transmission Tariff for Open Access Customers other than Distribution Licensees & Indian Railways for FY 2025-26**

Particulars	Petition FY 2025-26
Total Transmission System Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	8,573.50
Total Energy at State Periphery (MU)	1,70,224.76
<b>Intra State Transmission Tariff for Open Access Customers (LTOA &amp; STOA) (Rs./kWh)</b>	<b>0.5037</b>

The above mentioned petition, response of the deficiency notes and related data are available at UPPTCL's website ([www.upptcl.org](http://www.upptcl.org))

Further, the stakeholders and general public are also advised to regularly check the website of UPPTCL for the updates on subsequent submission made in respect of such proceedings.

All concerned stakeholders and general public may send their views/comments/ suggestions/objections/ representation if any, along with notarized affidavit in Six copies (Four copies may send to Secretary, U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission, Viduyt Niyamak Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow and Two Copies to Director (Planning & Commercial), U.P. Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., 6th Floor, Shakti Bhawan, Lucknow-226001 within 21 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice.

"Save energy in the interest of Nation"

**Managing Director UPPTCL**  
RO 632 Dated 28.07.2025

**The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited**

Door No.294/1D, 100 Feet Road, (Tadigadapa to Enikepadu Road), Kanuru, Vijayawada-521137, Andhra Pradesh, India

Tel: + 91-866-2429999, Fax: +91 866-2429977, Email: [contracts-ho@apmdc.in](mailto:contracts-ho@apmdc.in)

**SHORT TENDER NOTICE**

Tender No.: APMDC/HO/PC/Supply of Manpower at Suliyari Coal Mine Project/2025-11 Date: 29-07-2025

APMDC invites Short Term e-Tender from reputed Agencies for "Selection of Agency for Supply of Manpower on Outsourcing basis at Suliyari Coal Mine Project, Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh". For more information on the eligibility criteria, tender fees, timelines and other details, please visit e-procurement website of GoAP [www.apmdc.ap.gov.in](http://www.apmdc.ap.gov.in) or APMDC website ([www.apmdc.ap.gov.in](http://www.apmdc.ap.gov.in)). The tender document is available for downloading from 29.07.2025 and the last date for bid submission is 04.08.2025 by 17:00 Hrs.

**Sd/- Managing Director**  
The A. P. Mineral Development Corporation Limited

Place: Vijayawada  
Date : 29.07.2025  
DIPR No.4297/PP/CL/ADVT/11/2021-22 Dt.28.07/2025

**उ० प्र० पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड**

**अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद**

**ई-निविदा सूचना: 11 ई०टी०सी०एम० / 2025-2026, दिनांक-28.07.2025**

कार्य का नाम: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत रेल उपरिगामी सेतु निर्माण हेतु 132 के०वी



# Ahead of Bengal polls, EC releases 2002 SIR data, signals rolls revision

First Tranche Covers 109 Of 294 Assembly Segments

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**Kolkata:** Election Commission (EC) published Monday data from a 2002 special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, tabling numbers from 11 districts covering 109 of the state's 294 assembly segments. The move is seen as the first step before a fresh SIR in the TMC-governed state where elections are due next year.

Bengal saw its last SIR in 2002 and the 23-year-old data was put out under the title, 'Electoral Roll of SIR 2002 (remaining ACs will be uploaded soon)'. "This is an ongoing process. The electoral data of the remaining districts will be published on Tuesday, or at most in a couple of days," a senior EC official said.

The first general election after SIR 2002 in Bengal was the 2004 Lok Sabha polls with 4.7 crore voters. A Jan-Feb 2025 special summary revision put Bengal voters at 7.6 crore. The districts covered on Monday included Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, North Dinaj-



State CEO sought clarifications from assistant returning officers of few assembly segments over complaints of false voters in rolls

pur, South Dinajpur, Malda, Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly, Midnapore and Bankura.

The data release coincided with the state-wide training of BLOs and their supervisors. The process is likely to be completed this week.

On Monday, the state chief electoral officer (CEO) sought clarifications from assistant returning officers (AROs) in Moyna (East Midnapore), Baruipur (South 24 Parganas) and Rajarhat (North 24 Parganas) over complaints of false voters in rolls. EC, prima facie, was unsatisfied with the reasons given by the AROs and asked them to appear again Tuesday with proper documents. EC officials dubbed the exercise "routine". Among the three seats—BJP won Moyna, while TMC bagged Baruipur and Rajarhat. Bengal assembly speaker Biman Banerjee is the Baruipur MLA.

"Complaints from many more assembly segments have

been received by EC. Those AROs will also be summoned for clarification over the week. The effort is to weed out false voters," the official said.

An ongoing hearing in SC on petitions against SIR in Bihar includes one plea by Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra. Moitra has expressed apprehension that the revisions would be replicated in Bengal from Aug 2025, "for which instructions have already been given to EROs".

TMC claims SIR will "disenfranchise" voters who were eligible to vote in 2024 Lok Sabha polls. It has argued that SIR mirrored section 3 of Citizenship Act, 1955, which deals with citizenship by birth, therefore making it an "NRC-like move", done not by MMA but by EC.

By contrast, BJP has consistently demanded SIR, claiming lakhs of Rohingyas and Bangladeshis have sneaked into Bengal's voter rolls.

## EC has become BJP agent, says Mamata

Dwaipayan Ghosh & S Boral | TNN

**Kolkata/Bolpur:** EC has become a "BJP agent to implement NRC", Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee alleged at the 'Bhasha Andolan' rally in Bolpur Monday. At an administrative meeting, the CM also reminded booth level officers (BLOs) that they are state govt employees and "should not unnecessarily harass people".

"Try deleting names of genuine voters here," Banerjee challenged the poll panel, adding, "From chhau to dhol to dhamsa to shankha, sob bajiye debo. Damama bajiye debo." The CM said she would not let anyone set up detention camps or implement NRC in Bengal as long as she lived. "I will have the power of people with me, I will not need any weapons. Is the country their (BJP's) zamindari?" she said.

Taking on EC, Banerjee said: "I respect the CEC. I hope you stay well. But you have become an agent of govt to implement NRC." "You are saying BLOs will go to a house once, they may or may not visit four times, it can even be on a single day. They may even choose not to go; then the name will be de-

leted... You were principal secretary in cooperative department of Centre & you are now consulting the double-engine govt to remove names so that your friend, the double-engine govt, can win," she alleged.

Questioning SIR, the CM said, "Even EPIC, Aadhaar and land deeds will not be enough to keep your name on the list. For every voter of Bengal, four from Gujarat will get included. I even know which agency is doing this (on behalf of BJP). They are asking for fresh documents, including birth certificates of parents. Do you have them yourself?"

"Suppose a man goes on a trip for four days after staying for years in Bengal, will you remove his name?", she added. Advising district magistrates to "keep their eyes and ears open", the CM said: "DMs should be more vigilant. Often I see them delegating responsibilities to subordinates. They took 1,000 people to Delhi for training. The DMs should have informed me or the chief secretary, but they did not."

At an administrative meeting earlier in the day, Banerjee appealed to BLOs to not harass people.

## No need to stay in Maha, UP or Raj: Mamata tells migrants

Dwaipayan Ghosh & S Boral | TNN

**Kolkata/Bolpur:** Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee Monday assured social security to all migrant workers willing to return to the state. "There's no need to stay in Mumbai, UP or Rajasthan. I may not be able to feed you 'pitha' or 'payesh' but, if we eat one roti, we will ensure you get one too. You can live here in peace," she said.

"You have the police help-line. Contact us, let us know when you wish to return. We will bring you back," she said, ahead of Trinamool's first 'Bhasha Andolan' march in Santiniketan.

The CM said around 22 lakh migrants from Bengal work in other states and promised them ration cards, health cards, and jobs. "We will give you social security and admit your kids to school," she said.

Banerjee told West Bengal Migrant Workers' Welfare Board chairperson Samirul Islam, "Sit with the chief secretary, take state's law and labour minister Moloy Ghatak with you and formulate a scheme to bring the migrant workers back." The CM's statements came during an administrative meeting at Bolpur's Gitanjali Stadium.

Following the meeting, she led 'Bhasha Andolan' march which covered a 3-km stretch. Claiming she could lay down her life for Bangla and Bengali 'asmita', the CM



'We will bring you back,' Mamata told migrant workers before the 'Bhasha Andolan' rally in Birbhum

said: "I am not against any language. We want unity. Threatening and harassing people is not our way."

Alleging a bigger game plan she said, "Assam is sending NRC notices to a tribal family in Alipurduar. In Maharashtra, Matuas are being persecuted. I cannot even recognise this country anymore. The country I know sustains all people. My country keeps everyone happy. If they (BJP-led states) continue like this, the country will get fragmented. This is their game plan."

She asked how Bengal residents were being pushed to Bangladesh despite having all relevant documents. "Those who ask as why Bengalis are working in other states should know that they get work because of their skills. There are 1.5 crore migrants from other states working here. We don't misbehave with them. Why should you?" she said.

## WB migrants' livelihood at stake due to Rohingya: BJP

**Kolkata:** BJP Bengal unit chief Samik Bhattacharya on Monday praised Bengali-speaking migrant workers in other states for "helping local police identify and apprehend undocumented Rohingyas and Bangladeshis. "Whether it is Haryana, New Delhi or Maharashtra, police are getting information about Rohingyas from Bengali migrant workers. Their livelihood in those states is at stake due to Rohingya infiltration," Bhattacharya said, turning the tables on Trinamool which alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-governed states, reports Rohit Khanna.



Earlier in the day, BJP Bengal unit posted on X: "We thank Bengalis living in other states and abroad, because without their help it would never have been possible for the local administration to apprehend Bangladeshis and Rohingyas." Bhattacharya accused Bengal govt of turning a blind eye to infiltration issue.

## No document can give conclusive proof of identity: SC

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The court in its July 10 order said, "It would be in the interests of justice if EC also considers Aadhaar card; EPIC issued by EC, and ration card, as these documents would satisfy most of the voters."

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, arguing on behalf of petitioners, told a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalaya Bagchi that EC is still not considering these documents to authenticate voters and that could lead to mass exclusion of names from voters list.

For EC, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi and Maninder Singh told SC EC had difficulty in accepting ration cards as proof of voters because of large-scale irregularities found earlier. "The revision forms given to people are pre-filled with their EPIC numbers. Since EPIC is not a conclusive proof, the voters must show some other document to authenticate names on the voter list."

Court said, "None of these documents can be said to be conclusive proof of identity. Which is that document giving conclusive proof? Why would you not accept Aadhaar as conclusive document alongside EPIC? Any document, including Aad-

haar can be forged. So, proceed with (SIR while accepting) Aadhaar and EPIC."

When Dwivedi raised apprehension that Aadhaar too can be forged, the bench said EC can prosecute individuals who attempt to authenticate their names as voters by providing forged documents. "An exercise of this nature cannot be for en masse exclusion. It should aim for en masse inclusion," the bench said.

Sankaranarayanan said till the time the issue of documents relating to SIR is decided by SC on adjudication of the petitions, EC should not proceed with the exercise. Justice Kant-led bench said, "The earlier order is clear — there cannot be any interim order in this case."

The senior counsel persisted for maintenance of status quo or a clarification that SIR would be subject to outcome of the petitions in SC. The bench said if it agreed with the petitioners, then it had the power to quash SIR entirely.

"For that, we need to hear the petitions as expeditiously as possible. By Tuesday morning, Counsel for petitioners must give a schedule detailing the time to be taken by each counsel. We will hear it on a day-to-day basis," it said.

## SC lifts Cal HC's stay on new WB OBC subgroups list

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**New Delhi:** In a major relief to Mamata Banerjee govt, SC Monday lifted the Calcutta HC's stay on implementation of the new list of OBC subgroups, including 80 belonging to Muslim community, and said it is well settled that the executive can notify such a list without passing a legislation.

On June 17, HC stayed the new OBC list entitling to quota benefits 140 subgroups under OBC-A and OBC-B categories. The earlier list, which was struck down by HC, had 113 OBC subgroups, with 77 from Muslim community and 36 from others. The appeal of Bengal govt challenging quashing of the earlier list is still pending before SC.

Appearing for the state, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the stay has put govt in a piquant position as it faces the task of recruiting 40,000 teachers and preparing a roster. A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chan-

dran and N V Naria said, "Prima facie the HC order is erroneous... How did the HC stay the notification without giving reasons? It is in the teeth of a constitution bench judgment of SC.

Appearing for the petitioners, senior advocates Ranjit Kumar and Guru Krishna Kumar said HC has not imposed any stay on the implementation of OBC reservations based on the list existing prior to 2010, which had 66 subgroups. "It is the state

### RELIEF FOR GOVT

which has enacted legislation laying down the procedure for inclusion and exclusion of subgroups from OBC list. Once the procedure is laid down in law, it must be followed scrupulously, which the govt didn't, thus, inviting a stay from HC," they said.

Sibal, on the other hand, said a survey was done and 76 new subgroups were added to the earlier list. The petitioner had not challenged the survey conducted for this purpose, he said.



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Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Online tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), towards Selection of **Service Provider for providing WhatsApp Business API Solution for Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency**

The tender document (RFP) can be downloaded at free of cost from <https://tntenders.gov.in/>, <https://tnega.tn.gov.in/> on **29.07.2025, 15:00 hrs.**

Pre-bid meeting is scheduled online on **04.08.2025** at 15:30 hrs. through video conference (VC) by TNeGA and the link for the VC can be referred in the RFP.

EMD for an amount of **Rs. 5,00,000/-** has to be paid through online mode. Last date and time for online submission of bids through <https://tntenders.gov.in/> (e-Tender) is **13.08.2025** till **16:00 hrs.** Technical Bid shall be opened online on **13.08.2025** at **16:30 hrs.** Bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting scheduled by TNeGA.

Chief Executive Officer  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Office of the Additional Director General of Police State CID, Shimla Himachal Pradesh invites E-Tenders for the **purchase of Cyber Forensic Tool Kit - Desk at H.P. State CID Headquarter Shimla**. The detailed tender notice, tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed on-line from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> on dated 26-07-2025. The last date of submission of earnest money deposit tender document fee, processing fee and on-line tenders shall be till **18-08-2025** upto 5.00 PM. The tenders shall be opened on **19-08-2025** at **11.30 AM**.

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No. ME-3/2025/1711 Lucknow, Dated: 28.07.2025


**REVISED TIME SCHEDULE FOR "FIRST ROUND" OF UP NEET UG COUNSELLING 2025 (M.B.B.S./B.D.S.)**

The Schedule of online counselling for admission to undergraduate courses (MBBS/ BDS) of Government / Private Sector Medical / Dental Colleges / Institutions / Universities is as follows:-

S. No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1	Date of Merit List Declaration	On : 30.07.2025	01 Days
2	Date of On-line Choice filling	From : 31.07.2025 (11:00 AM) To : 04.08.2025 (02:00 P.M.)	05 Days
3	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	On : 05.08.2025	01 Days
4	Date of downloading the allotment Letters & Admission	From : 06.08.2025 To : 09.08.2025 & From : 11.08.2025 To : 14.08.2025	08 Days

- Candidate should assess their eligibility themselves as per the instructions contained in the government order/brochure of UP NEET UG 2025.
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ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि	25.08.2025

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**CORRIGENDUM**  
(PR-007547 (Cabinet) 2025-26)  
**CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF TENDER**

With reference to our Tender Ref. No.- उडनविन (संसारण) 14-03/2025-277 published on date 02.07.2025 for Purchase of Spares for Cessna 172R Aircraft.  
**Due to unavoidable Circumstances:-**  
We hereby revise the schedule of tender which as follows:-  
**Tender Schedule:-**

Sl.No	Activity	Date & Time
1	Bid Submission Start Date	From 28.07.2025
2	Technical Bid Submission through E-mail ( <a href="mailto:cadbiar@bihar.gov.in">cadbiar@bihar.gov.in</a> )	Up to 07.08.2025 at 03:00 PM
3	Physical Bid Submission (both Technical & Financial Bid) Last Date	Up to 07.08.2025 at 05:00 PM
4	Technical Bid Opening Date (Tentative)	11.08.2025 at 3.30 PM
5	Financial Bid Opening Date	To be announced later
6	Tender Bid Validity	120 Days

If required interested and qualified agencies may send their queries through mail [cadbiar@bihar.gov.in](mailto:cadbiar@bihar.gov.in)

For detailed notification or further updates, kindly visit the website- [www.state.bihar.gov.in/cdsd](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/cdsd)

Other terms and conditions of the tender published in PR.NO.007547 (Cabinet) 2025-26 will remain unchanged.

This bears approval of the Competent Authority. (Akhilesh Kumar Singh)  
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## ED gets 5-day custody of Chhangur Baba

**Lucknow:** A special CBI/ED court in Lucknow Monday granted ED five-day custodial remand of Jamaluddin alias Chhangur Baba, the alleged mass-terminator of religious conversions and the key accused in a high-profile money laundering case, reports Pathikrit Chakraborty.

UP ATS filed two FIRs under BNS sections 121A (waging war against state), 153A (promoting enmity between groups), 417, and one under IPC section 420 against Chhangur Baba on Nov 16 last year and in July 2025. The case involves an alleged criminal conspiracy by Chhangur Baba and others to promote large-scale unlawful conversions using foreign funds and targeting socio-economically backward individuals from SC and Hindu community. ED claimed he amassed wealth worth Rs 100 crore, including land worth Rs 15 crore in Pune and other properties.

**ENGINEERING WORKS**

**E-TENDER NOTICE No. 31 of 2025;**  
Date: 24-07-2025. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.: GSGU-GHY-02-2025.**  
**Name of work & Location:** ST-1 balance work, improvement of drainage and other ancillary work in connection with newly constructed RUB near level crossing ST-1 Maligaon area under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/GSGU Lumding at Guwahati. Tender Value: ₹4,27,22,940.64; Earnest Money: ₹3,63,600.00. E-tenders will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 11-08-2025 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs. on 11-08-2025. For details please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
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ई-टेंडी-38/2025-26 220/132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्रों पर विभिन्न परिवर्तकों के पंखों की मरम्मत एवं नये Contractor / Relay से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2000/-

ई-टेंडी-39/2025-26 220/132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्रों पर 33 केपीओ ब्रेकरों हेतु पोलरीन पोल की आपूर्ति से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2000/-

ई-टेंडी-40/2025-26 विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, प्रथम अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 केपीओ एवं 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्रों हेतु डिजिटल स्टीम ऑन मोड से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 1700/-

ई-टेंडी-41/2025-26 विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, द्वितीय अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत 220/132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्रों पर परिवर्तकों की सुस्था तथा तेल के रिसाव की रोकने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2500/-

ई-टेंडी-42/2025-26 विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, प्रथम अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत 220 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, खैर पर सीसीटीटीवी कैमरे लगवाने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2900/-

ई-टेंडी-43/2025-26 विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, प्रथम अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत 220 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, नौनैर पर सीसीटीटीवी कैमरे लगवाने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2950/-

ई-टेंडी-44/2025-26 अल्कालीन विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, मेनपुरी के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220/132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र पर ओपेटीओआई (OIL Temperature Indicator) एवं वीटीओआई (Winding Temperature Indicator) को बदलने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2150/-

ई-टेंडी-45/2025-26 220 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र मेनपुरी एवं 220 केपीओ एच पर जीपीएसडॉ क्लोन का रिले से कनेक्शन एवं Time Synchronize से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3450/-

ई-टेंडी-46/2025-26 विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, प्रथम अलीगढ़ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्रों पर (33 KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker Pole and Charging Motor) की आपूर्ति कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 10500/-

ई-टेंडी-47/2025-26 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, सारसील-अतारीली लाइन पर पेन्थर कन्डक्टर बदलने से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-48/2025-26 अल्कालीन 220 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, एटा पर 160 एमपीओ20 क्षतावृद्धि से सम्बन्धित लोडिंग/अनलोडिंग तथा केरिंग एवं 132 केपीओ पीओटी एवं 132 केपीओ आइसोलेशन को बदलने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-49/2025-26 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, सारसील अलीगढ़ पर सर्किट ब्रेकर की ओवर हालिंग एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 5300/-

ई-टेंडी-50/2025-26 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, इलास एवं अलीगढ़ तृतीय पर सर्किट ब्रेकर की ओवर हालिंग से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2000/-

ई-टेंडी-51/2025-26 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र, कुवल्ली पर क्लिंग फेन से सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2800/-

ई-टेंडी-52/2025-26 132 केपीओ उपकेन्द्र अलीगढ़ तृतीय-हाथरस लाइन हेतु विभिन्न सामग्री की आपूर्ति का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 2000/-

ई-टेंडी-53/2025-26 अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत परिणय खण्ड, मेनपुरी की उपयोग हेतु डिजल चालित वाहन मय चालक संचिदा पर उपलब्ध करने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-54/2025-26 उपखण्ड अधिकारी, परिणय उपखण्ड प्रथम / द्वितीय मेनपुरी की उपयोग हेतु डिजल चालित वाहन मय चालक संचिदा पर उपलब्ध करने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-55/2025-26 उपखण्ड अधिकारी, परिणय उपखण्ड प्रथम / द्वितीय मेनपुरी की उपयोग हेतु डिजल चालित वाहन मय चालक संचिदा पर उपलब्ध करने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-56/2025-26 उपखण्ड अधिकारी, परिणय उपखण्ड प्रथम / द्वितीय मेनपुरी की उपयोग हेतु डिजल चालित वाहन मय चालक संचिदा पर उपलब्ध करने का कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 3000/-

ई-टेंडी-57/2025-26 अल्कालीन हरदुआगंज तपोय विद्युत ग्रह पर स्थापित 160 एमपीओ20 परिवर्तकों के उर्जीकरण हेतु नवीन पैनल को स्थापित करने सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर भनराशि रू 4700/-

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ई-टेंडी-59, 60, 67/2024-25 एवं ई-टेंडी-60, 63, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37/2025-26 अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत परिणय मण्डल, लाल डिग्री, अलीगढ़। यह हित में विजिली चलायें, विद्युत चोरी की सूचना [www.igpowerup.org](http://www.igpowerup.org) पत्रांक-1120-विशेषादेश (अ) / निविदा प्रकाशन/2025-26 दिनांक-26.07.2025

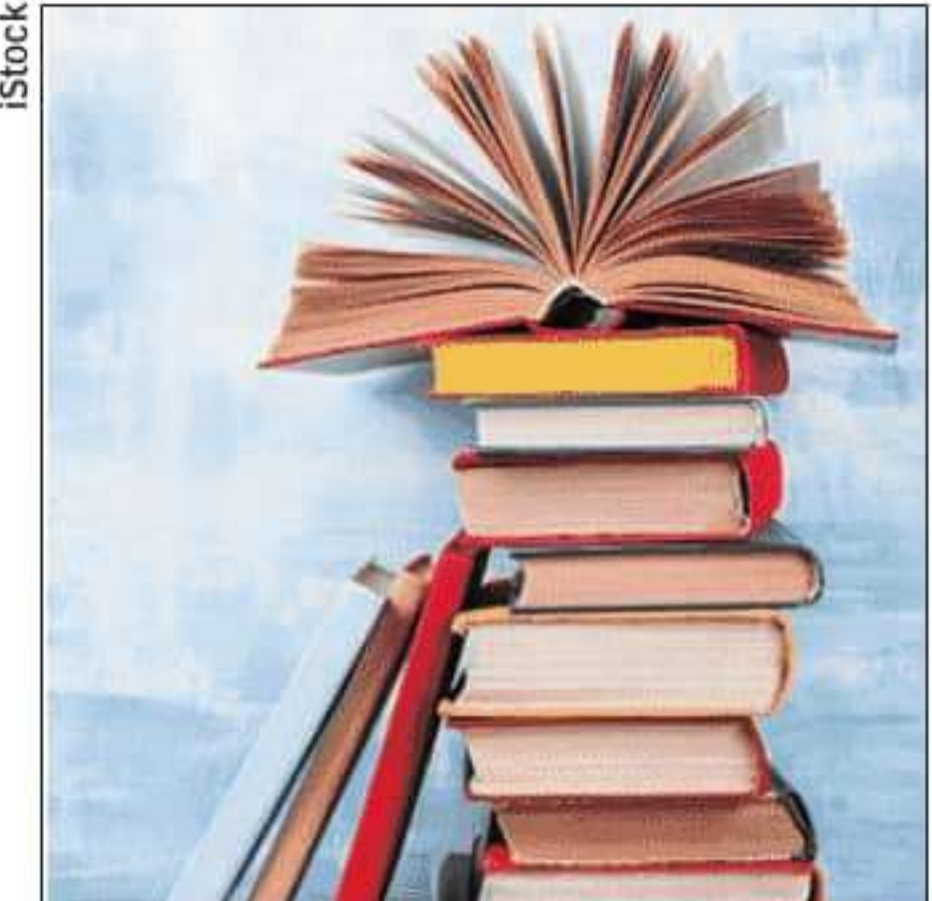
# Govt throws open IITs for students from gurukuls

## Offers Fellowships Of Up To ₹65k A Month In 18 Fields

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**New Delhi:** Students who have studied in traditional gurukuls, even without formal academic degrees, will now have the opportunity to earn recognised qualifications and receive generous scholarships for research at premier IITs. The move marks a major shift in India's education policy, opening up elite research pathways for scholars from non-formal backgrounds rooted in classical learning.

The initiative, titled 'Setubandha Vidwan Yojana', aims to bridge India's age-old gurukul tradition with modern scientific and academic inquiry. Backed by the ministry of education and implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) division of the Central Sanskrit University (CSU), the scheme offers fellowships of up to Rs 65,000 per month across 18 interdisciplinary fields—from ayurveda to cognitive science, and



Govt aims to harness centuries-old wisdom for modern application

architecture to political theory, grammar to strategic studies, performing arts to mathematics, physics, and health sciences.

"Setubandha is the first national-level programme to formally integrate traditional scholars into the research ecosystem of IITs, without insisting on conventional degrees. Instead, eligibility is based on a minimum of five years of rigorous study in a recognised gurukul and demonstrable excellence in Shastras or traditional knowledge," said a senior MoE official. The maximum age to apply is 32 years.

Scholars selected under Cate-

gory 1 (equivalent to postgraduate level) will receive a monthly fellowship of Rs 40,000 and an annual research grant of Rs 1 lakh. Those under Category 2 (equivalent to PhD level) will be awarded Rs 65,000 monthly and an annual grant of Rs 2 lakh. Some of the recognised research areas include Anvikshiki Vidya (philosophy and cognitive science), Ganit-Bhaut-Jyotish Vidya (mathematics, physics, astronomy), and Bhaishajya and Arogya Vidya (Ayurveda and health sciences).

The scheme marks a significant institutional recognition of traditional knowledge systems, which for decades have operated outside formal academic structures. The NEP 2020 explicitly calls for the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into mainstream curricula and research, encouraging cross-disciplinary studies rooted in the country's intellectual heritage. With increasing global interest in ayurveda, yoga, Sanskrit linguistics, and indigenous governance systems, the govt sees this initiative as a way to empower traditional scholars and harness centuries-old wisdom for modern applications in science, technology and social policy.

## Cleric claims 'deal' to revoke Kerala nurse's death sentence

**Kozhikode:** Eminent Sunni cleric Kanthapuram AP Aboobacker Musaliyar claimed Monday that an agreement had been reached to revoke Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya's death sentence in Yemen.

The statement by the office of Kanthapuram, who had intervened in the matter through religious leaders in Yemen, could mark a breakthrough in the ongoing efforts to save Nimisha, sentenced to the 2017 murder of Yemeni national Talal Abdo Mahdi. "Some crucial decisions have been made in the case," Kanthapuram's office said.

Earlier, Nimisha's execution, scheduled for July 16, had been postponed following intervention of Kanthapuram. Official confirmation from MEA is still awaited.

Meanwhile, Nimisha's Kerala-based daughter Mishel appealed to the Houthi administration in Yemen to release her mother from prison. TNN



## Doc asleep, man 'bleeds to death' in Meerut hosp

**Meerut:** A junior resident (JR) doctor of a prominent govt hospital in the city was suspended on Monday for alleged negligence after a 30-year-old accident victim from a nearby village "bled to death" while he was left unattended for hours at the emergency ward, reports Krishna Chaudhary.

In a purported video of the incident, the doctor on duty at Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College could be seen sleeping in front of an AC with one of his legs stretched on a nearby table and the family of the victim, Sunil Kumar, pleading for urgent medical attention.

Principal of LLRM, Dr RC Gupta, said, "Taking cognisance of the video, the JR, Dr Bhupesh Kumar Rai, was immediately suspended, and a three-member committee was constituted to probe the family's allegations. We've taken note of the fact that in the video, the patient's family were pleading for treatment."

The victim's family said Kumar, of Hassanpur village, suffered leg injury after an unidentified vehicle hit his bike on the outskirts of Meerut Sunday night. They waited for long for the doctor to wake up. Realising the patient's critical condition, they also pleaded with other medical staff for help but to no avail.

## 4 K'taka cops suspended for stampede reinstated

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka govt has reinstated four of the five police officers suspended over the June 4 stampede outside Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium that left 11 people dead.

The decision to reinstate the officers—including former Bengaluru City police commissioner B Dayananda, deputy commissioner of police (DCP) Shekar H Tekkananavar, ACP C Balakrishna, and inspector AK Girish—was notified through a govt circular, which stated that disciplinary proceedings were still pending against them.

The fifth officer—additional commissioner of police (west) Vikash Kumar Vikash—continues to remain suspended. "Vikash had challenged his suspension before Central Administrative Tribunal, which termed the order improper. State govt has appealed to high court, and the matter is still pending. Hence, his suspension remains in place," said a source.

The order stated that the suspensions were revoked based on reports of judicial and magisterial inquiries, as well as representations from the officers, requesting reinstatement.

Further action will depend on the outcome of the departmental proceedings, the order clarified. TNN




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**WATCO No. 5378/ Date: 25.07.2025**

- Name of the work: 1. Improvement of Water Supply System with Ancillary Works to Jatani Town including O & M period of 5 years.
- Improvement of Water Supply System with Ancillary Works to Khordha Town including O & M period of 5 years.
- Improvement & Implementation of DFT with 24x7 Water Supply System with Ancillary Works to Belpahar Municipality including O & M period of 5 years.
- Improvement of Water Supply System and Laying of distribution water supply pipeline in newly developed areas of Zone No.36 & 41, 45 & 46 under CMC.
- Estimated cost :- Rs.399.00 Lakh to 3949.13 Lakh
- Period of completion: 09 (Nine) Months to 12(Twelve) Months.
- Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11.00 AM of Dt.05.08.2025 to 5.00 PM of 25.08.2025
- Last date/time of receipt of bids in the portal : 5.00 PM of 25.08.2025
- Date & time of opening of technical bid : 12.30 PM of 28.08.2025
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एतद् द्वारा आप सभी संबद्धों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक :- 758 (अनुप), दिनांक:-26.08.2025 द्वारा "पूरी बन्गारण जिला-नर्मत कोटा एवं पीपरकोटी प्रखण्ड में प्रखण्ड – सह अंगल कार्यालय-सह –आवासीय भवनों का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युतीकरण सहित)" हेतु अल्कालीन ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 10/2025-26 आमंत्रित की गई है, जो विभिन्न दैनिक सामाग्रय पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसका पीओ आर संख्या – 07203 (BCD) 2025-26 है।  
उक्त निविदा में अंकित तिथियों को अपरिहार्य कारणपश्चा निम्नरूपेण संशोधित किया जाता है :-

क्र० सं०	विवरण	निविदा में अंकित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि
01	02	03	04
01	निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड करने की प्रारंभिक एवं अंतिम तिथि :-	दिनांक – 04 / 07 / 2025 से 28 / 07 / 2025 तक।	दिनांक– 25 / 07 / 2025 से 19 / 08 / 2025 तक।
02	निविदा कागजात अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :-	दिनांक – 29 / 07 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक – 20 / 08 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।
03	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :-	दिनांक – 30 / 07 / 2025 को 03:30 बजे अपराह्न।	दिनांक – 21 / 08 / 2025 को 03:30 बजे अपराह्न।
04	वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि:-	तकनीकी बिड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।	तकनीकी बिड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।
05	प्रिबिड मिटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान :-	(i) दिनांक –14 / 07 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न अश्रीहारा अभियंता, भवन अंचल, मोतिहारी का कार्यालय। (ii) दिनांक –16 / 07 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न मुख्य अभियंता (30) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय।	(i) दिनांक –04 / 08 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न अश्रीहारा अभियंता, भवन अंचल, मोतिहारी का कार्यालय। (ii) दिनांक – 07 / 08 / 2025 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न मुख्य अभियंता (30) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय।

नोट – शेष शर्तें यथावत् रहेगी।

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1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF MANSA DEVI PARK IN WARD 04, HISAR + 19 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 01.08.2025	3,94,38,653/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01662238001 <a href="mailto:xetmchisar@gmail.com">xetmchisar@gmail.com</a>

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1	HOUSING BOARD, FARIDABAD	WORK OF REPAIR / RENOVATION OF 417 NOS. (STILT PLUS 3 AND 6 PLUS 3) UNCLD PLATS IN HOUSING BOARD COMPLEX (HSDT) AT BARIH (COMPOSITE WORK OF REPAIR OF PLATS INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH AND S.I SERVICES, REPAIR OF ROADS AND WATER GALLY, EXTERNAL ELECTRIFICATION AND HORTICULTURE WORK IN PARKS AND GREEN BELT)	25.07.2025 05.08.2025	RS. 46,02,854/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9312607279 <a href="mailto:xenthrfarsideat@gmail.com">xenthrfarsideat@gmail.com</a>

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# Fear of electrocution initially stalled rescue op at Mansa Devi temple

## People Pulled Out Only After Cop Proved Fear Was Unfounded

M S Nawaz | TNN

**Haridwar:** Moments after the crush near the rear gate of the Mansa Devi temple on Sunday morning, the crowd nearest to the dead and severely injured stood paralysed — not from confusion, but from fear. A rumour had spread that an electric current was running through the fallen pilgrims, and for several minutes, no one dared to touch the injured. It wasn't until a police constable used his stick to prod a body that the hesitation broke, and the first rescues began.

The stampede left eight peo-



A day after eight people were killed and over 20 injured in the temple stampede, Uttarakhand CM Dharam Singh directed officials to take immediate steps to improve infrastructure and safety at major religious sites across the state

ple dead and at least 45 injured. Officials later ruled out any electric fault at the site.

But in those early minutes, it wasn't the presence of dan-

ger that slowed the rescue—it was the fear of it.

Constable Sanjay Kapoor, stationed around 30 metres from the spot, said the crowd had begun pressing in both directions at a sharp bend in the uphill lane. The pressure built quickly. Several people stumbled and fell, triggering panic. "Suddenly there was shouting — someone said there was current in the bodies, and people stopped moving," Kapoor told TOI. "I had a stick, so I touched a young man on the ground with it. When nothing happened, we started pulling people out."

With help from nearby shopkeepers and a few pilgrims, Kapoor managed to move more than 15 people from the crush. "Some of them were unconscious, and a few weren't breathing. It was a horrific scene," he said. The injured were brought inside the temple

compound before being shifted downhill for treatment.

Rajendra Giri, who runs a shop near the rear gate, was among the first to join the effort. "The path was overcrowded. Some people tried to climb the side wall, but many were stuck at the bend and couldn't move because of the pressure from behind," he said. "I helped pull out five people with Kapoor. One had burns on his hand and stomach, but we don't know how. People were still afraid to touch anyone because of that rumour."

Once the dead and the injured were laid out inside the temple, ropeway staff began bringing them down the hill. At the base, local youths waited with motorbikes to transport them to hospital. "I carried five people on my bike," said Baldev Saini. "We didn't stop to ask questions. We just took them as fast as we could."

# UP SC panel chief triggers row with video of witnesses blaming home guard for tragedy

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UP CM Yogi Adityanath expressed "deep sorrow" over the loss of lives and extended his condolences to the bereaved families. The state govt has announced ex gratia compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of the deceased from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund.

"Almost all of the injured have been discharged from hospital after treatment. Some are under observation," DGP Krishna said.

The situation is under control, and devotees continue to offer prayers at the temple, he added.

A controversy erupted af-



Family members sit beside injured people undergoing treatment at a hospital

ter a video statement by UP Scheduled Caste Commission chairperson Bajinath Rawat was widely circulated. In the video, Rawat contradicted the official explanation, saying that eyewitnesses alleged a home guard had struck a baton near the corridor, causing the wire to snap and fall, leading to the elec-

trocution. "This is a deeply unfortunate incident. The actual cause can only be confirmed through a thorough investigation," he had said.

UP deputy CM Brajesh Pathak has ordered a high-level investigation. A report has been sought from the DM within 24 hours.

According to police, the incident occurred around 2.10 am when an electric current spread through the tinshed corridor erected for devotees performing Jalabhishek. According to temple management committee manager Vinod Giri, the temple doors were opened around 1 am, and devotees began entering through the corridor after bathing in the

nearby Gomti river. The rituals continued smoothly for over an hour before the corridor turned into a scene of chaos when several devotees collapsed upon coming in contact with an electrified metal pipe near the tin shed.

According to Gulshan (19) of Bhakosa village, "We came for Shiva's blessings, but were met with terror. There was no proper wiring, no officials inside." Everyone was focused on managing the crowd outside. What about those inside?"

## Van falls into Punjab canal, women & kids among 8 dead

**Jagera (Ludhiana):** Eight people — including four women and three children — died and two went missing after an overloaded pick-up van, carrying 25 pilgrims, plunged into Sirhind canal in Ludhiana late Sunday.

The pilgrims were heading back after offering puja at Naina Devi temple in Himachal Pradesh.

According to the sarpanch, 26 people from Manakwal village, on the outskirts of Ludhiana, had set out on the 140km journey to the temple Saturday. Three hitchhikers had joined them on the way back. They were around 20km short of Manakwal when the vehicle swerved off Jagera bridge and fell into the canal.

Some of the occupants managed to swim to safety. Some were incredibly lucky. One of the survivors, Kaka Singh, who had taken a lift from near Rara Sahib, said he grabbed a tree branch and clung to it as the pickup fell into the canal. TNN

## Two nuns held in C'garh over 'conversion bid'

**Raipur:** Three people, including two nuns, were arrested from Durg station in BJP-governed Chhattisgarh on charges of trafficking three tribal girls, all under 23, from Maoist-affected Narayanpur and attempting their religious conversion under the guise of giving them nursing jobs in Agra, reports Rashmi Drolia.

The arrests on July 25 followed a complaint from a Bajrang Dal worker, sparking a political storm with Congress alleging that minorities were being targeted under the BJP-led administration.

But CM Vishnu Deo Sai justified the action, claiming this was a case of "human trafficking under the guise of religious conversion".

Those arrested were identified as Sister Preeti Mary (45) and Sister Vandana Francis (50), both from a Kerala denomination, and Sukaman Mandavi (19) from Narayanpur. A GRP official claimed the tribal women were brought to Durg station without intimidation to gram panchayat officials in their Narayanpur village and written consent from their parents.

## 'Human rights override animal rights': HC on stray dog crisis

**Kochi:** Kerala high court described Monday the state's stray dog crisis as "very alarming" after reports of 16 deaths and over one lakh bite cases in past six months, and asked govt to consider bringing such attacks under the state disaster management act for compensation purposes.

"Humans and animals must coexist," the bench of Justice CS Dias said. "But a practical solution is essential. Human rights override animal rights," the court added. TNN



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**E-TENDER NO. 2025RS18742TC**

Principal Executive Director, Railway Stores (S), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 5.36 537 Nos. Low Torque Grease Seal for AAR Standard Upgraded Class 'E'(6"x11") bearings used in freight stock to RDSO's Specification No. WD-633-MSC-2020 of October 2020 with latest amendments, if any through E-Reverse Auction.

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.

4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 28.08.2025.

5.0 Any corrigendum to this tender will be published on the website <http://ireps.gov.in> only and not in print media.

Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi, For and on behalf of the President of India

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Tourism Department

No. 9273/TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dated- 28.07.2025  
File No. - TCT-TSP-MISC-0058-2025

**EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Principal in State Institute of Hotel Management, Balangir (SIHM) on direct recruitment basis.

No. of Post- 01 (One) (UR),

Scale of Pay: Level - 15 (Rs.1,23,100 - 2,15,900) as per ORSP 2017.

Details with regard to the essential qualifications, age, application form and other Terms & Conditions, etc., please visit our website [www.sihmbalangir.org](http://www.sihmbalangir.org) and [odishatourism.gov.in](http://odishatourism.gov.in)

Applications with complete Biodata, along with attested copies of testimonials must reach on or before 26.08.2025 to the O/o Director, Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751014. Candidate already in Govt./Autonomous organization should apply through proper channel.

The candidates are required to superscripted "Application for the Post of Principal in SIHM, Balangir" on the top of the envelope which contains the application form and other required documents.

Incomplete and applications received late will not be entertained. The Department will not be responsible for any postal delays.

The competent authority reserves the rights to cancel/republish the advertisement or cancel/postpone the process of recruitment at any point of time without assigning any reason. Only eligible, short listed candidates will be called for Interview after a screening process

Sd/- Director, Tourism  
OIPR- 37001/11/0054/25-26

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
SR. NO	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, KARNAL	WORK OF RAISING AND RELAYING OF CCB ON BRASS-TO-BRASS MANDIR (ROAD ID-8632) (ODR) IN KM 0.00 TO 0.900 IN NILOKHHERI CONSTITUENCY, IN KARNAL DISTRICT (WORK PROGRAMME 2025-26)	25.07.2025 31.07.2025	14.18 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9876009311 pwd-eeepd-karnal@hry.nic.in
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**Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi**  
Nursing Officer Recruitment  
Common Eligibility Test (NORCET) 9  
Notice No.A.12019/02/2024-Estt. Date: 25.07.2025

It has been decided to fill up the vacant posts of Nursing Officer at Level 07 in the Pay Matrix (Rs. 44900/-142400) Group-B for Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi through the Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (NORCET)-9, to be conducted by AIIMS New Delhi as per available vacancies in the Institute.

**Eligibility Criteria for appearing in NORCET**

**Essential Qualification**

I a. B.Sc. (Hons.) in Nursing from a recognised University or Institute; or Regular Course in B.Sc Nursing from a recognised University or institute; or Post Basic B.Sc Nursing from recognised University or institute;

b. Registered as a nurse or nurse and mid-wife with State Nursing Council.

**OR**

II a. Diploma in General Nursing Mid-wifery from a recognised Board or Council;

b. Registered as a nurse or nurse and mid-wife with State Nursing Council; and

c. One year experience in a minimum fifty bedded Hospital after acquiring the educational qualification.

**Age Limit:**

1. Not exceeding thirty years. (Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with instructions or orders issued by the Central Government.)

2. Age shall be counted on the last date of closing of the application form.

**APPLICATION FEES:**

A) General/OBC Candidates - Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)

B) SC/ST Candidates/EWS - Rs.2400/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Hundred only)

C) Persons with Disabilities - Exempted

- The candidate can pay the prescribed application fee through DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD/ NET BANKING. Transaction / Processing fee, if any, as applicable, will be payable to the bank by the candidate.
- Application fee, once remitted, shall not be refunded under any circumstances.
- Applications without the prescribed fee would not be considered and summarily rejected.
- Application Fees of SC/ST candidates who appear in the Examination will be refunded after the declaration of results in due course of time after verification SC/ST certificate to be uploaded at a later stage.

Online (CBT) for Stage I: NORCET Preliminary, Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Sunday),  
Online (CBT) for Stage II: NORCET Mains, Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (Saturday)

Related details can be seen on our website [www.cipranchi.nic.in](http://www.cipranchi.nic.in) and AIIMS website [www.aiimsexams.ac.in](http://www.aiimsexams.ac.in) Sd/-Director

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**Advertisement No. 09/2025** Dated: 28.07.2025

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF 11 POST FOR JUNIOR RESIDENT (FOR 01 Year) AND 12 TUTOR (FOR 01 Year) FOR ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, ALWAR (RAJASTHAN)**

<b>Date of Interview:- 05.08.2025*</b>	<b>Mode of Interview:- OFFLINE</b>
<b>VENUE FOR INTERVIEW</b>	
<b>ACADEMIC BLOCK, ESIC MCH, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN - 301030</b>	

<b>Vacancy Detail for JR</b>	03-UR, 03-OBC, 03-SC, 01-ST, 01-EWS
<b>Vacancy Detail for Tutor</b>	05-UR, 03-OBC, 02-SC, 01-ST, 01-EWS

- All seats will be filled for a maximum period of 01 year or joining of ESIC Bond Junior Resident and regular Tutor, whichever is earlier.
- Seat of Tutor will be filled against vacant post in departments.
- Interested candidates should report for document verification on 05.08.2025 from 09.00 AM onwards. Documents will be accepted for verification till 10:30 AM at ACADEMIC BLOCK, ESIC MCH, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN 301030.
- Detailed advertisement & application form can be downloaded from website [www.esic.gov.in](http://www.esic.gov.in) → recruitment.

**Eligibility Criteria:-**

**AGE:-**

- Not exceeding 30 years as on the date of interview

**QUALIFICATION:-**

- MBBS from recognized University.
- Internship should also be completed as on the date of Interview.
- Candidate should be registered with NMC/MCI/State Medical Council.

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- For more details visit website: [www.esic.gov.in](http://www.esic.gov.in) → Recruitment

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## CRPF jawan home for kid's birth shot

**Rohtak:** A CRPF jawan, who was on leave for his wife's delivery, was shot dead at his home in Hissar late Sunday night. The victim, Krishan, 29, was posted in Chhattisgarh and arrived in Kheri Damkan village on July 16. The baby was born three days ago, and his wife is still in hospital.

ACP-Gohana, Rishikant, said Krishna had gone to Haridwar on kanwar yatra on July 22 and had a confrontation with some youths from his own village during the journey. Police suspect this was the trigger for the attack. TNN

NORTHERN RAILWAY		
3 <sup>rd</sup> CORRIGENDUM		
No. 256-Sig/SPL/TKJ/IPMPLS/2025		Date: 28.07.2025
Sub: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Corrigendum of e-Tender Notice no. 256-Sig-SPL-TKJ-234 dated: 05.06.2025 for the work "Provisioning of IP-MPLS network for Unified Communication Backbone and VOIP based control communication over Northern Railway."		
The e-Tender Notice no. 256-Sig-SPL-TKJ-234 dated: 05.06.2025 published in all the important newspaper is modified as under:-		
Item Modified		
Critical Dates		
Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Tender Closing Date Time	19.08.2025	02.09.2025
Bidding Start Date	05.08.2025	19.08.2025
Website address	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>	No change
All other terms and condition remain same.		
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**SAINIK SCHOOL EAST SIANG, ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

**RECRUITMENT OF REGULAR VACANCIES OF PGT (MATHEMATICS), ACCOUNTANT, UPPER DIVISION CLERK AND CONTRACTUAL VACANCIES OF MEDICAL OFFICER, TGT (SCIENCE), TGT (ENGLISH), COUNELLOR AND MESS MANAGER THROUGH DIRECT RECRUITMENT**

Last date for submission of application through Speed Post is 27 August 2025. For detailed information and format of application visit [www.sainiksschooleastsiang.com](http://www.sainiksschooleastsiang.com)

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

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Sd/- (TJ, Rajput), Registrar (HR/A-II)  
Date: 25.07.2025

**ICMR-NIN**  
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Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India  
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No. ICMR-NIN/Admn-Assistant/DR/2025/ Dated: 28.07.2025

**RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION**

ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad functioning under the aegis of Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI invites online applications from the eligible candidates for filling up of the post under Direct Recruitment as detailed under:

Sl.No	Name of the Post	Pay Level	Age limit	No. of Posts
1	Assistant	Level: 6 - Rs.35400-112400	Not exceeding 30 years	4 (UR)

For detailed Recruitment Notification, please visit websites <http://icmr.gov.in> and ICMR-NIN website ([www.nin.res.in](http://www.nin.res.in)). Link for submitting the online registration/applications: <https://joinicmr.in> is activated from 25-07-2025 (11:00 hrs) onwards and will be closed by 14-08-2025 (23:59 hrs).

Sd/- DIRECTOR, ICMR-NIN

No. A-35018/01/2023-Admn.II  
**Union Public Service Commission**  
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110069

Date: 18.07.2025

It is proposed to fill up 01 (one) post of Chief Estates Manager and Meeting Officer (General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial) in Level 11 (Rs.67700-208700) of the Pay Matrix of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC by Deputation (ISTC) basis in the Office of UPSC.

2. The details like General conditions, Eligibility Criteria, Age limit, proforma of application form etc. are available on the website of UPSC, i.e. <http://www.upsc.gov.in/vacancy-circulars>.

Sd/- (Aparna Srivastava)  
Under Secretary (Admn.II)  
Union Public Service Commission

CBC 55103/11/0004/2526

No. A-35020/05/2022-Admn.II  
**Union Public Service Commission**  
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110069

Date: 17.07.2025

It is proposed to fill up the 01 (one) vacancy in the grade of Library & Information Assistant (General Central Service, Group 'B', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial) in Level-6 (Rs. 35,400 – Rs. 1,12,400) of the Pay Matrix plus Grade Pay Rs.4200 on Deputation (Including Short Term Contract) basis in the O/o UPSC.

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Sd/- (Aparna Srivastava)  
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Google execs appear before ED in online betting case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Officials of Google appeared before Enforcement Directorate (ED) Monday with documents in an ongoing money laundering case against some betting websites and online shopping fraud.

Meta, which is also being probed in the same case, is yet to send its representatives.

Both social media platforms are being investigated by ED for hosting advertisements on their platforms for illegal betting sites and online shopping frauds. They were to appear before the agency on July 21 but requested it to defer the proceedings by a week.

The betting sites, which are at the centre of the investigation, have allegedly collected hundreds of crores from Indian citizens by engaging in "illegal" activities.

In a statement in Jan, ED had said scammers post ads on platforms like Google, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, inviting people to bet.

Earlier, the probe agency had attached assets worth Rs 337 crore in a crackdown on illegal betting related to the Lok Sabha results of 2024 and unauthorised broadcast of IPL cricket matches.

In online shopping fraud, scammers attract people with "offers of very cheap products found via Google or social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. Victims receive a purchase link on WhatsApp, register, and pay for the item. The fraudsters then demand additional payments, citing reasons such as customs duties and delivery charges. In the end, the victim loses their money and never receives the purchased item".

Cong announces Aug 5 as 'Black Day' in J&K

Jammu: Demanding restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Congress will observe Aug 5 as Black Day. J&K Pradesh Congress Committee president Tariq Hameed Karra Monday said this will also mark "six years since the state was downgraded", reports Sanjay Khajuria. Peaceful sit-in protest will be held in Jammu's Maharaja Hari Singh statue park.

NMC curbs live surgeries, but no restraint on new procedures

Recordings Preferred For High-Risk Cases

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New Delhi: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has clamped down on live surgeries, except those involving new procedures.

In its latest guideline on live surgeries, a copy of which is with TOI, the NMC — apex body for regulating medical education and profession in India — stated only new procedures should be broadcast live. For established procedures or high-risk cases, it said, recordings should be preferred.

The NMC has, however, effectively turned down demands to ban live surgeries which has been criticised by many as a tool that is used by surgeons to flaunt their skills and for companies to promote their products, all at the expense of patient safety.

A petition was also filed



Patients participating in live surgeries are not entitled to any financial incentive currently. The new guideline upholds this practice

in the matter in Supreme Court recently, which prompted the NMC to constitute a committee to give its recommendations on how to regulate the conducting of live surgery broadcasts. The NMC guideline has been prepared on the basis of the committee's report, officials said.

Patients participating in live surgeries are not entitled to any financial incentive currently. The new guideline upholds this practice. But it added such patients can be enrolled in insurance coverage to safeguard against any unforeseen incidents during live surgery/ procedures. It said patients should not

incur any charges related to the surgery or procedures, including implants, medications, disposables, and procedures, and surgery-related complications should also be managed free of cost.

Live surgery refers to real-time broadcasting of surgical procedures to an audience, typically for educational or training purposes.

The NMC accepted concerns raised by many questioning its utility. Live surgery, it noted, may seem valuable for experiential learning. However, it lacks concrete evidence supporting its educational effectiveness when compared to pre-

recorded surgical videos. "Pre-recorded videos offer better frame-by-frame analysis, video editing and labelling and, thus, enhancing the educational experience," it pointed out and recommended that promoting recorded video, wet lab, cadaveric and simulation-based surgeries/ procedures as these entails no risk to the patient instead.

Proponents of live broadcasts of surgeries say it helps students and surgeons wanting to up skill, sitting in a remote location and watching highly magnified and high-resolution images of the nuances and intricacies of surgical techniques.

This is a globally accepted method of learning and because of this, surgeries which were available to only a few in top hospitals and teaching institutes in private or govt sectors are now being practiced in tier two and tier three towns, those supporting live surgeries say, and the same has been noted in the NMC guideline which essentially brings in stricter regulations while allowing it in a limited way.

UP SDM gets ₹15L ransom message and death threat

Harveen Dabas | TNN

Bijnor: Dhampur sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) Ritu Rani received a text message

in which the sender demanded a ransom of Rs 15 lakh and threatened to kill her if she failed to pay up. The SDM's security has been tightened following the threat.

The sender also said the SDM would meet the same fate as that of National Investigation Agency (NIA) DSP Tanzeel Ahmed who was shot dead by two bike-borne assailants while his two minor children watched in horror in April 2016.

Circle officer (CO) Abhay Kumar Pandey said a case has been registered against unidentified persons based on a complaint filed by the SDM. "A

**The sender said the SDM would meet the same fate as that of NIA DSP Tanzeel Ahmed, who was shot in April 2016**

joint team of Dhampur police and surveillance crew is investigating the matter," he added.

SDM Ritu Rani confirmed the incident and said, "On July 24 around 2:50 pm, I received a threat message on my closed user group (CUG) mobile number. The sender demanded a ransom of Rs 15 lakh, and warned of dire consequences if I failed to pay up. The sender also cited the DSP Tanzeel Ahmed murder case. Pressure was also put on me to make payment through a barcode. Multiple barcodes and mobile numbers were also shared for transferring money."

Tanzil Ahmad, who was probing terror cases related to the Indian Mujahideen, was returning home to Delhi on the night of April 2, 2016, when two bike-borne men stopped his car and shot him while his two children watched. His wife was also hit by bullets and she succumbed to injuries later. His neighbours, Muneer and Mohd Raiyyan, were arrested later and were awarded death sentences by a court. Muneer died of a kidney infection in Sonbhadra jail three years ago.

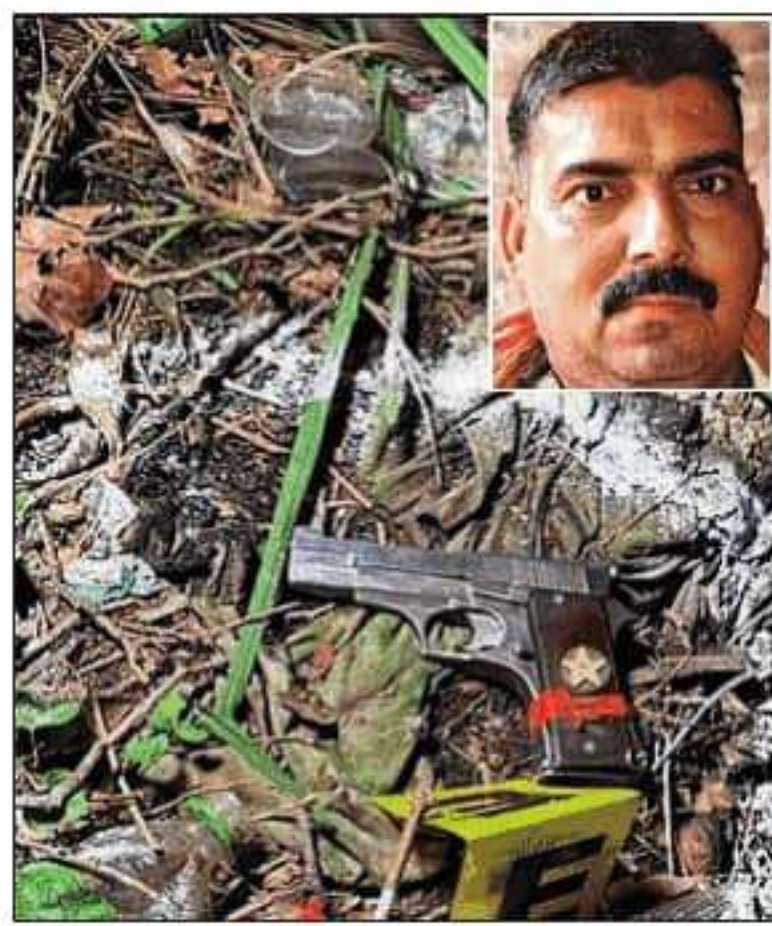
Bihar goon wanted in 24 cases killed in UP encounter

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Meerut: Dreaded gangster, Dabloo Yadav, 45, wanted in nearly 24 criminal cases in Bihar and UP, including for the murder of a social worker, a court witness and for contract killings, was shot in a joint encounter with a team of UP Special Task Force's Noida unit and Bihar Police in Hapur Sunday night, police said. Yadav was the prime accused in the abduction and murder of Vikas Kumar, the Begusarai block president of Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM), in May. In 2017, Yadav along with his aides had killed another person, Mahendra Yadav, for testifying against him in court.

At UP STF headquarters in Lucknow, additional DG (law and order) Amitabh Yash Monday said the encounter took place at 11:55 pm Sunday near the Badda Canal bridge in Simbhaoli, Hapur. The Bihar-based gangster — carrying a bounty of Rs 50,000 — was shot in the chest during crossfire while his accomplice managed to flee.

The ADG (LO) added: "When the suspects were signalled to stop, they opened fire at the police team and tried to escape. In the retaliation,



A gun found at the site of encounter in UP's Hapur where Dabloo Yadav (inset) was shot

action, one of the criminals was hit and collapsed while his accomplice fled under cover of darkness. The gangster was rushed to CHC Sikedha and later referred to Devnandini Hospital where he succumbed to injuries."

"They were possibly hiding there to commit a robbery. Fearing arrest, he opened fire. Efforts are on to arrest his accomplice," said SSP STF Sushil Ghule.

Yadav had 24 criminal cases lodged against him — two cases each for murder, robbery and extortion, six cases of attempted murder, and one dacoity, among others — in Begusarai, Khagaria and Patna. He was also declared a "history-sheeter".

Monitor NDMA levels in antacid Ranitidine: Drugs body CDSCO

New Delhi: Drug controllers of all states and UTs have been asked by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to direct manufacturers under their jurisdiction to monitor levels of NDMA in the active pharmaceutical ingredient or drug formulation of Ranitidine, a commonly used antacid. NDMA (N-nitrosodimethylamine) is a chemical which has been recognised as a probable carcinogen by International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), reports Durgesh Nandan Jha.

CDSCO's decision came after reports of NDMA impurity in the medicine. An expert

panel was appointed to deliberate on the concern in Dec last year. Sources said the committee's recommendations were deliberated in a meeting of Drug Technical Advisory Body recently.

DTAB recommended that a larger committee be constituted to look into all aspects, including storage conditions of Ranitidine, and also suggested that the Indian Council of Medical Research undertake a study to assess the drug's safety in addition to directing manufacturers to monitor NDMA levels in the drug and, if required, take risk-based measures such as reducing the shelf life.

Rajasthan school infra in focus again as 7-year-old crushed in gate collapse

Vimal Bhatia | TNN

Jaisalmer: A seven-year-old boy was crushed to death Monday when the entrance pillar and gate of a govt-run girls' school collapsed in Poonam Nagar village, around 50km from Jaisalmer, intensifying public fury over unsafe school infrastructure in Rajasthan.

The death of Arbaz Khan, a class 1 student from a nearby boys' school, came after seven children, aged 7 to 13, died in a school building collapse in Jhalawar's Piplodi village Friday.

Arbaz had gone to meet his sisters — Madhu, 14, and Raju, 12 — after class when the stone-laden top beam and adjoining pillar suddenly gave way. His mother fainted on hearing the news and was



A book found in debris. Monday's incident comes after 7 students died in a school collapse on Friday

hospitalised. Arbaz belonged to the Manganiyar community and had lost his father during the Covid pandemic.

Two others — teacher Ashok Kumar Soni, 40, and five-year-old student Priya. Soni — suffered injuries.

Villagers staged protests, accusing authorities of ignoring repeated warn-

ings. Locals said the gate was damaged by a heavy vehicle two years ago and had been left unrepaired.

Rajasthan education minister Madan Dilawar called the collapse "unfortunate" and urged stepped-up inspections during the monsoon. Following the Jhalawar tragedy, orders were issued for urgent structural reviews in all state-run schools.

Rajasthan HC took suo motu cognisance of the deteriorating school infrastructure. Justice Anoop Dhand cited a survey that showed 22% of schools in 12 states, including Rajasthan, are in dilapidated condition, with cracks in 31% of buildings.

Opposition slammed the BJP-led govt. "His irresponsible statements are shameful. He should step down im-

mediately," said Congress state president Govind Singh Dotasra, demanding Dilawar's resignation.

Student safety fears spiked in Udaipur district after three school buildings partially collapsed within 48 hours. Ceiling plaster fell during classes Monday in Naya Rajpura's govt school in Vallabh nagar, forcing teachers to evacuate 64 students. On Sunday, a wall collapsed at Rupawali and a ceiling gave way at Pandya Wada School in Rishabhdev.

In Pali's Baleao village near Jodhpur, parents locked a govt primary school Monday, citing rain-induced wall damage. "We've submitted repair proposals for five years. All we get is assurance," said school committee head Gheesaram Gurjar.

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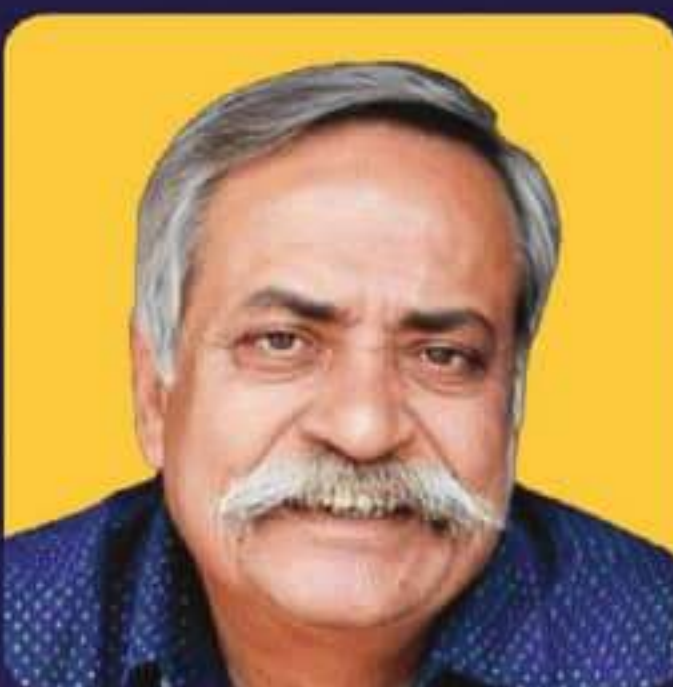
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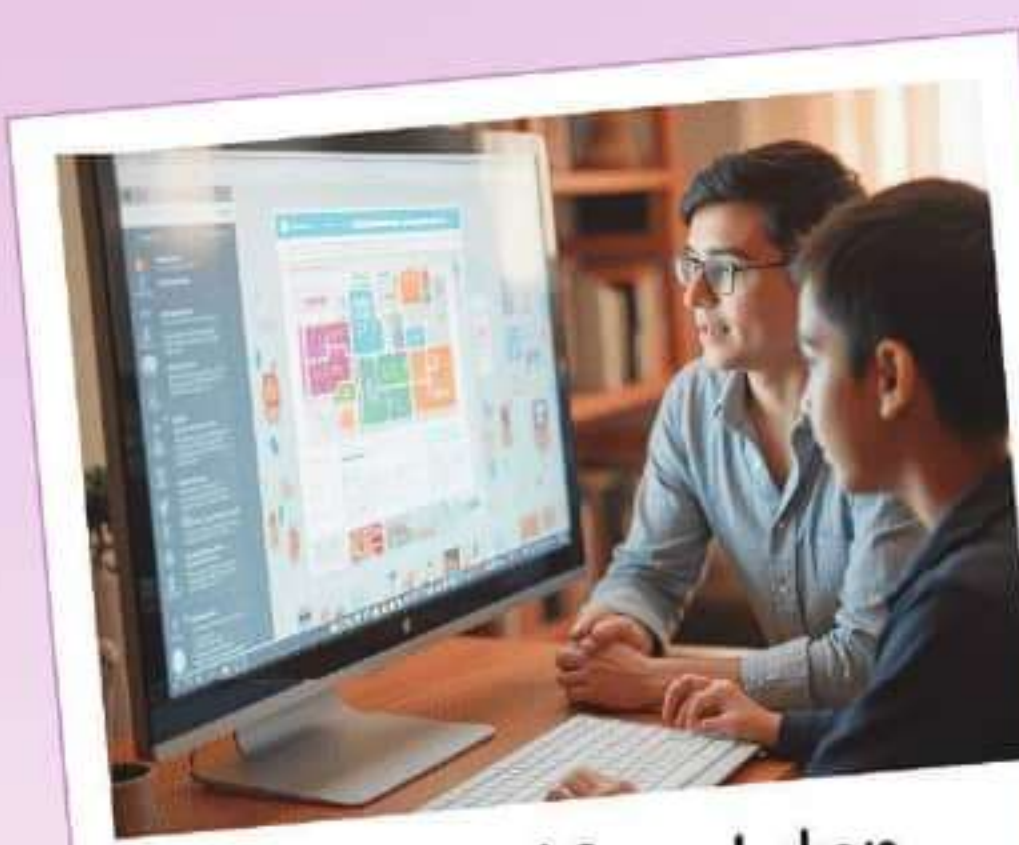
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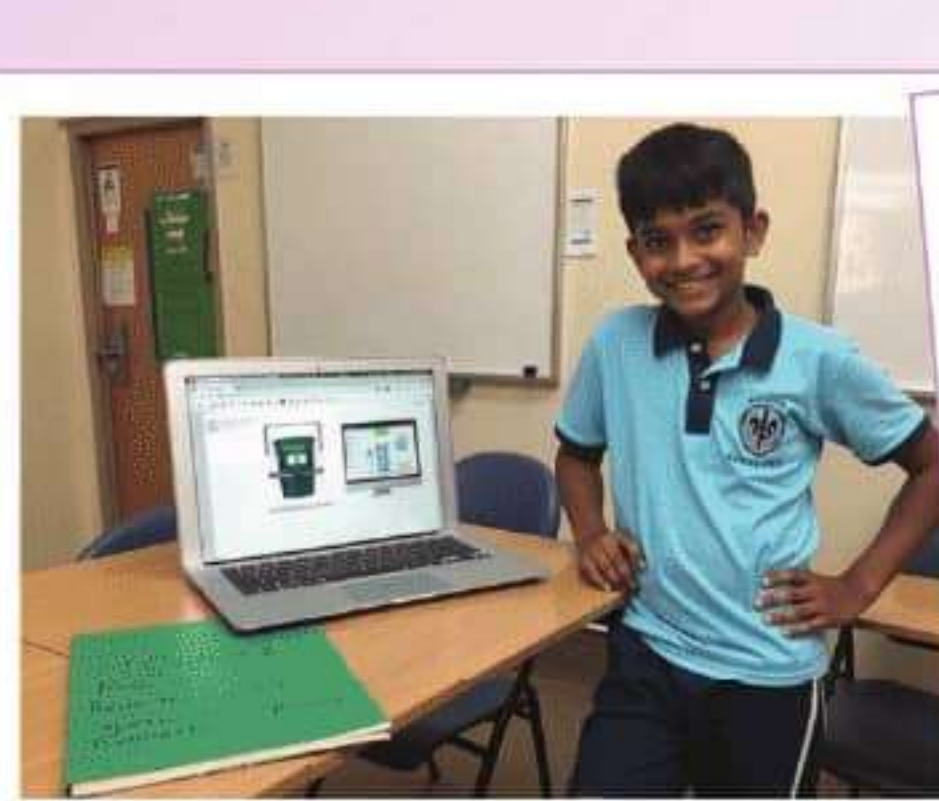
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### CBI submits report on Mahua cash-for-query case to Lokpal

New Delhi: CBI is learnt to have submitted its report to the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal in connection with the cash-for-query case involving Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra and businessman Darshan Hiranandani.

The content of the report has not been disclosed yet. The Lokpal will study the findings of the investigation and give further directions to the agency. A chargesheet may be filed subsequently based on the findings of the report, officials explained.

Last year in March, CBI had registered an FIR against Moitra in connection with the case on the reference of the Lokpal. The Lokpal had issued instructions to CBI after receiving findings of the agency's preliminary inquiry into allegations made by BJP Lok Sabha member Nishikant Dubey against Moitra.

Moitra was accused of asking questions in the Lok Sabha in exchange for cash and gifts from Hiranandani to target industrialist Gautam Adani and PM Narendra Modi. The agency had subsequently examined businessman Darshan Hiranandani and a dozen others in the case. **TNN**



### Bhasha Tool To Bypass English As Mediator

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New Delhi: Marking five years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Centre is set to announce a major reform in the accreditation system for higher education institutions by shifting to a binary model — 'accredited' or 'not accredited' — replacing the existing multi-tiered grading system. This means institutions will no longer be ranked against each other but assessed against uniform minimum standards.

On the anvil is also the launch of a new 'Bharatiya Bhasha' digital tool for direct translations between Indian languages, bypassing English as a mediator. In addition, govt will operationalise a Centre of Excellence in AI in education, as announced



The shift comes as concerns rise over credibility and participation in the current accreditation regime

in the 2025 Union Budget.

These announcements are expected to be made on Tuesday at a national event commemorating the fifth anniversary of NEP-2020, in the presence of senior ministers, educationists and state representatives at the Bharat Mandapam here.

The new accreditation model aims at simplifying the process and encourage wider participation among higher education institutions (HEIs). Unlike the earlier framework, which graded institutions (A++, A, B, etc.), the new binary system

will require institutions to meet basic benchmarks to qualify as 'accredited'. A senior education ministry official said, "The change was designed to address the reluctance of many HEIs to apply for accreditation due to the effort involved and uncertainty about securing a favourable grade."

The shift comes in the wake of concerns over credibility and participation in the current accreditation regime, particularly following recent controversies around the functioning of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (Naac). Inconsistent grading patterns and allegations of opacity had drawn criticism from academics and policy-makers, prompting a rethink of the process.

Elaborating on the new approach, the official said, "Under the new model, all institutions that meet benchmark standards will be treated equally in the first phase. Grading from 1 to 5 will follow in the second stage, expected to begin in the next five to six months. Institutions will climb the grading

ladder sequentially — starting from Grade 1 — based on verified performance data."

The data validation will rely on a triangulation method, using multiple sources and tools to ensure accuracy, and will exclude Naac's direct involvement. Instead, only govt agencies and Institutions of National Importance will be engaged for verification, and there will be no physical inspections.

The 'Bharatiya Bhasha' digital tool will allow seamless translations between Indian languages without routing through English — for instance, enabling direct translation from Assamese to Tamil. In higher education, the Centre of Excellence in AI in education is set to be formally launched to support research and integration of AI tools in teaching and learning.

For school education, announcements are expected on targeted infrastructure improvement and expansion of access, including new buildings for Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, with corresponding funding support.

## Find out how many temples have govts taken over: SC to petitioner

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SC was hearing a plea against the UP govt's ordinance to manage a private Vrindavan temple. It was told govt does not have legislative competence

New Delhi: A 'shebait' of the Banke Bihari Ji temple at Vrindavan on Monday told Supreme Court that the Uttar Pradesh govt through an unconstitutional ordinance is attempting to take over a privately managed temple in the guise of a development plan.

Appearing for 'shebait' Devendra Nath Goswami, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Amit Anand Tiwari took a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joydip Bagchi that the temple has a corpus of Rs 300 crore and the sole intention of govt is to utilise this money for the Rs 500 crore development plan.

While adjourning hearing on the petition, the bench said, "Please find out how many temples pan-India have been taken over by the state govts. Many temples in Tamil Nadu have been taken over by the state govt."

Sibal said the temples taken over in Tamil Nadu are public temples, unlike the Banke Bihari Ji temple which has been managed privately by two groups of 'shebait' as per a Mathura Munsif court's 1939 judgment. There are no allegations of mismanagement.

effectuate a forcible state takeover of a private temple.

"The temple is admittedly private in character as it is administered by a religious denomination and governed by a judicially sanctioned scheme of management dated June 11, 1939, under which hereditary 'shebait goswamis' alone are vested with the rights and duties of managing the religious and administrative affairs of the deity/temple," he said.

"There is no record or finding of mismanagement, fund misuse, or maladministration on the part of the existing 'shebait'-led management. Throughout the years, no allegations of financial irregularity or misgovernance have been levelled," the petitioner said.

The impugned ordinance is a "veiled attempt by the state to commercialise and monetise the private temple under the pretext of providing 'world-class amenities' to devotees", he alleged. "The state's approach to the temple is purely utilitarian and economic, treating it as a revenue generating tourist centre rather than as a sacred spiritual institution governed by ancient religious traditions," the petitioner said.

### 'Have failed in everything': Engr dies by suicide

Pune: A 23-year-old mechanical engineer employed with a reputed technology solutions company at Hinjewadi died after allegedly jumping off the seventh floor of his office building on Monday. The deceased was a native of Nashik.

"A handwritten note, not addressed to anyone specific, was recovered from the body. It read: 'I would have been a better son. You deserve a better son. I have failed in everything. Please do not waste your time on this. Take care,'" senior inspector Balaji Pandhare, Hinjewadi Police, said.

Police said the engineer was rushed to a hospital and pronounced dead there. **TNN**

## NEP@5: More learners, women & languages, but can policy deliver on its full promise?

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New Delhi: Foundational reading and arithmetic skills among Class III students in govt schools have recorded their strongest gains in nearly two decades, with rural learners outperforming their urban peers — indicating grassroots-level progress. In higher education, enrolment has increased by over 30.5% since 2015, with female PhD enrolment more than doubling and significant gains among SC, ST, minority and North-East students, as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 begins reshaping India's education system.

However, five years on, the policy continues to face political resistance from some opposition-governed

states, which have raised concerns over centralisation and language.

While 35 universities have begun transitioning into multidisciplinary institutions with central support, the uptake of reforms such as multiple entry-exit options remains limited — underlining both early momentum and implementation hurdles.

In schools, the biggest shift has been the integration of pre-school into the '5+3+3+4 structure'. As of 2024, more than 1.1 crore children are enrolled in 'Balvatikas', up from 50 lakh in 2018. Over 4.2 crore students across 8.9 lakh schools have participated in 'Vidya Pra-

vesh', a 12-week play-based module for Grade 1 readiness. With 496 Kendriya Vidyalayas now offering 'Balvatikas' and 121 multilingual primers developed, early education has gained structured support.

The Nipun Bharat Mission, launched in 2021 to improve foundational literacy and numeracy, is beginning to yield outcomes. ASER 2024 showed that 23.4% of Class III students in govt schools can now read a Grade II-level text — the highest since 2005 — up from 16.3% in 2022. Arithmetic scores have also improved — 27.6% of students can now perform basic subtraction, up from 20.2% in 2022. The Parakh national survey found rural students outperforming their urban counterparts in both reading and math.

More than 14 lakh teachers have been trained under the Nishtha foundational programme. The 'Jaadui Pitara' — a multilingual play-based teaching kit — has been distributed in 22 Indian languages. However, just over half of govt and aided schools offer preschool, and aligning curriculum with infrastructure remains a challenge.

In higher education, NEP's emphasis on flexibility is reflected in the rollout of the academic bank of credit (ABC), multiple entry-exit options and biannual admissions. As of July 2025, over 32 crore ABC IDs have been generated and 2,556 institutions onboarded. The new biannual admission cycle is expected to ease transitions and reduce dropouts.

### Re-certification of 'Udaipur Files' pending, HC told

New Delhi: Delhi HC was informed Monday that producers of the film 'Udaipur Files — Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder' had applied to Central Board of Film Certification, seeking re-certification, which was likely to be considered soon.

The producers stated that six cuts — as suggested by Centre — had been made in the film, and a modified disclaimer had been included.

Noting the submission that the film's re-certification was pending, and one of the petitioners had requested an adjournment, a bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gadhela agreed to hear the matter on July 30.

Udaipur-based tailor Kanhaiya Lal was brutally murdered in June 2022. **TNN**

### Maha bars staff from online criticism of govt

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Mumbai: The Mahayuti govt has laid out guidelines for the use of social media by state govt employees, which include a bar on criticism of the current and future policies of the state and other govts in the country.

Official documents cannot be shared without approval, and websites and apps banned by state and central govts cannot be used, said the guidelines. Violations will invite disciplinary action.

The guidelines, which were released on Monday, apply to state govt officers and employees and those in local self-govt bodies, boards, councils and public undertakings. This includes those doing contractual or outsourced jobs.

The govt resolution (GR) issued on Monday states that some dangers have been created by the use of social media, such as dissemination of confidential information, spreading of false information, and limits in withdrawal of wrong information. "It has been observed that social media is being misused in violation of Government Service Rules," it said. The guidelines ask govt employees to keep their personal and official social media accounts separate and to use social media responsibly.

Employees can post about collective efforts in the success of govt schemes but should take care not to indulge in self-praise.

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10	<b>Tender closing Date &amp; Time</b>	19/08/2025 11:00 Hrs
11	<b>Date &amp; Time of tender Opening (Immediately when tender submission ends)</b>	19/08/2025 11:00 Hrs
12	<b>Publication cost allocation</b>	06041132

Note 1: All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the tender. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void".  
Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/uploaded.  
Tender Notice is available on website of [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
RT232-EIT-EMU-WC-10-24-25 Dated: 28-07-2025 2294/2025

**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD**

No. :- 181 NIB : 04/2025-26 Date : 25/07/2025

Online bids are invited from registered firms for various Electrical/Civil related works under Indira Gandhi Nagar and Pratap Nagar Aawasiya Yojna Jaipur through e-proc for S. No. 1 from 31.07.2025 to 20.08.2025 and for S. No. 2 to 4 from 31.07.2025 to 11.08.2025 up to 6:00 PM. Complete details like tender form, detailed information and conditions etc. are available on website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> & <https://rbh.rajjasthan.gov.in> Department Website.

UBN No. :- RHB2526W50B00133, 136, 140 & 141  
Raj.Samwad/C/25/7063 Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**2nd CORRIGENDUM**

The following correction is made in the tender letter No. 570-SIG-PS-Tender-137 dated 10.07.2025, issued by Deputy Chief Sig. & Telecom Engineer/C/PS, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi:-

S. No.	Point	Existing Provision	Revised Provision
1	Last date/Time of upload of tenders	12.08.2025 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 29.07.2025 to 12.08.2025.	01.09.2025 upto 11.30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 18.08.2025 to 01.09.2025.
2	Date of opening of tender	12.08.2025 at 11.30 hours (Technical bid shall be opened immediately after close of uploading of tender).	01.09.2025 at 11.30 hours (Technical bid shall be opened immediately after close of uploading of tender).

1. All other terms and conditions mentioned in the tender will remain unchanged.  
No. 570-SIG-PS-TENDER-137 Dated:- 28.07.2025

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**National Highways Authority of India**  
(Ministry of Road Transport & Highways)

**भर्ती सूचना / RECRUITMENT NOTICE**

भारत सरकार, प्रतिनियुक्ति आधार पर निम्नलिखित पद के लिए भर्ती हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है- NHAI invites applications for recruitment to the following post on **Deputation basis**:-

Post	No.	Pay Scale
महाप्रबंधक (तकनीकी) General Manager (Technical)	15	पे मैट्रिक्स में लेवल-13 (रु. 123100-215900) Level-13 in the Pay Matrix (Rs. 123100-215900)

2. भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट (<http://www.nhai.gov.in>) पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विज्ञापन में दी गई प्रक्रिया के अनुसार आवेदक दिनांक 28.08.2025 (सायं 06:00 बजे तक) ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करना सुनिश्चित करें।

The applicant is required to ensure submission of online application as per the procedure indicated in the detailed advertisement, available on NHAI website (<http://www.nhai.gov.in>), by 28.08.2025 (upto 06:00 PM).

3. आयु सीमा, योग्यता मानक, अन्य शर्तों आदि से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट पर देखे जा सकते हैं।

Details regarding age limit, eligibility criteria, other conditions etc. may be accessed on NHAI website.

4. इस विज्ञापन के संबंध में शुद्धिपत्र / अनुरोध / निरस्तोक्ति, यदि कोई होगा तो, उसे केवल भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।

Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only.

**सर्वकों की गठी. राष्ट्र का निर्माण थी**

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION SRINAGAR**  
(Erstwhile Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division Srinagar)  
Contact No : 0194-2496089, Email Id : [xenmchcdk@yahoo.in](mailto:xenmchcdk@yahoo.in)

**GIST of e-tender**  
e-NIT No : M&HDS/TS/2025-26/54/e-tendering.  
Dated : 26-07-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited in two cover system on percentage basis from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (In rupees)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No.	5	6	7	8
Replacement of damaged convectors at ward 04 of Govt CD Hospital Srinagar	1,73,000/-	200	30	04 MCS of 2025 Dt:08.05.2025	M&HDS/TS/32, of 07/2025	2%	of the estimated cost	Available with intending Department

The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in) as per schedule given below:-

1.	Publication date	26-07-2025 (17:00 hrs)
2.	Period of downloading of bidding document	26-07-2025 (17:00 hrs)
3.	Bid submission start date	26-07-2025 (18:00 hrs)
4.	Bid submission end date	07-08-2025 (13:00 hrs)
5.	Date and time of opening of bids	07-08-2025 (15:00 hrs)

No: M&HDS/TS/2966-71,  
Dated: 26-07-2025  
DIP No:DI/PC-44/16/25/28/07/2025

**Sd/-**  
Executive Engineer,  
M&H, Srinagar.

**ONGC**  
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited

**ONGC Mehnsa Asset - Call for Retired Experts**

Ad-hoc Engagement of Consultants for Rig Operations ONGC, Mehnsa Asset invites applications from eligible retired ONGC personnel for ad-hoc engagement as **Junior/Associate Consultants** for a period of **two years**, to supervise round-the-clock shift operations at **Work-over rigs**.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be retired ONGC personnel from **Production or Drilling disciplines**
- Should have retired at **E1 to E6 level**
- Minimum **5 years of experience** in Work-over/Drilling operations
- Age limit: **up to 64 years**

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates may apply latest by 1730hrs on 04.08.2025 by sending their application to:  
**[asthana\\_siddharth@ongc.co.in](mailto:asthana_siddharth@ongc.co.in)**  
For more details, visit:  
[ongcindia.com/reports.ongc.co.in/bandhan.ongc.co.in](http://ongcindia.com/reports.ongc.co.in/bandhan.ongc.co.in)

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**NOTICE INVITING OPEN-E-TENDER**

On behalf of Regional Railway Manager, Dy. Chief Engineer, Karwar is inviting Open E Tender For the following work.

**Sr. No.: 1. Name of Work:** Construction of High Level Platform NO- 2 at Kumta Railway Station with Laterite stone masonry wall for a length of 625m in Karnataka state. **Tender No: KR-KW-OL-W-2025-37-CB. Cost of the work in Lakhs:** Rs. 137.24 Lakhs Excluding GST. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 19.08.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.

**Sr. No.: 2. Name of Work:** Construction of High Level Platform NO-2 at Gokarna Station with Laterite stone masonry wall 560m length in Karnataka state. **Tender No: KR-KW-OL-W-2025-34-CB. Cost of the work in Lakhs:** Rs. 88.52 Lakhs Excluding GST. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 19.08.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.

**Sr. No.: 3. Name of Work:** Conversion Medium level Platform (PF) to High Level Platform (HLPF) for PF - 1 at Gokarna Station with Laterite stone masonry wall 575m in Karnataka state. **Tender No: KR-KW-OL-W-2025-33-CB. Cost of the work in Lakhs:** Rs. 76.67 Lakhs Excluding GST. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 19.08.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.

For further details, contact Office of Dy. Chief Engineer, Works, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Karwar. For more details visit (<https://www.ireps.gov.in>)

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH (DME), MEGHALAYA**  
**PASTEUR HILLS, SHILLONG**  
Email ID: [dmeshillong@gmail.com](mailto:dmeshillong@gmail.com) Tel No : 0364-2591510/94851 06663

**No. DHSME&R/USTM/MBBS/19/2025/1192-A**  
**Dtd. Shillong, the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025**

**NOTICE**

Online Application for admission for 1<sup>st</sup> year MBBS for the P.A. Sangma International Medical College & Hospital, Baridua, 9<sup>th</sup> Mile, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya against State Quota, Management Quota and NRI Quota for the academic session 2025-26 is hereby invited with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

For details visit website: **[www.meghealth.gov.in](http://www.meghealth.gov.in)**.

- Date of Commencement of online application – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
- Last Date of online submission – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (12 noon)

**Sd/- Director of Health Services**  
Medical Education & Research (DME)  
Meghalaya, Pasteur Hills, Shillong



BJP targets Cong after Kharge recalls '99 CM 'missed chance'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's revelation that he was "denied" the Karnataka chief minister's post in 1999 has reignited debate over Dalit representation in the state's politics and triggered a sharp political crossfire.

Kharge said Sunday at a public event in Dharwad that he was passed over for the top post despite leading Congress



Legislature Party during the 1999 assembly elections. SM Krishna was chosen instead.

Kharge's comment drew immediate backlash from BJP and cautious responses from his own party.

"Kharge has now demanded to be made chief minister to clear a debt owed to him," said BJP's R Ashoka. "He's timed it perfectly — like hitting a ripe mango with a stone." Ashoka also took a swipe at the Congress brass, especially the Gandhi family, for sidelining Dalit politicians, and pointed out that Siddaramaiah, a JDS import, was made chief minister while Kharge, a lifelong Congress loyalist, was not.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra said Kharge had publicly expressed his "pain and disappointment," and accused Congress and its brass of doing injustice to Dalits. "Kharge has worked for 40-50 years. His remarks show how Congress, the Gandhi family, and Siddaramaiah have sidelined SC/ST communities," Vijayendrasaid.

In a global first, India readies tiger transfer to Cambodia

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Bhopal: The Khmer striped spirit was lost about a decade ago, but "Baghoba" still watches over Indian forests and villages. Now, folklore meets future as real tigers may soon walk again in Cambodia's extinct wilderness — a world-first cross-border rewilding effort led by India.

Nearly three years after signing an agreement, India is preparing to send around six wild tigers to Cambodia's Cardamom Mountains, where the species was declared extinct in 2016. The move marks the first international reintroduction of wild tigers and mirrors India's earlier success with Panna, where tigers were reintroduced in 2009 after extinction.

Preparations have entered a critical phase. Wildlife scientists are evaluating landscapes in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. MP — home to 785 of India's 3,682 tigers, in accordance with the 2022 census — leads the shortlist, with its strong population and signature reserves such as Kanha, Bandhavgarh, and Pench.

The project follows India's 2022 cheetah reintroduction from Africa — but experts say tigers require far more territorial stability and prey biomass.

But with every tiger critical to fragile ecosystems, will states part with them? "The future of Cambodia's tiger revival depends entirely on choosing the right ones," said a senior wildlife official. Genetic profiling, behavioural traits, and ecological compatibility will guide the selection.

Modi Tamil Nadu visit boosts BJP-AIADMK alliance morale

Second-Rung Netas Given Prominence

Yazhiniyan & Deepak Karthik | TNN

Chennai/Trichy: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Tamil Nadu has come as a morale booster not just for BJP workers but also for AIADMK rank and file.

His meeting with AIADMK netas, including Edappadi K Palaniswami, at the airport is being seen as a reaffirmation of the BJP-AIADMK alliance amid recent public disagreements over power-sharing. Modi's decision to not engage with O Panneerselvam has further reassured AIADMK cadres that BJP values its partnership ahead of the 2026 polls.

For BJP workers, Modi's participation in Aadi Thiruvathirai festival, highlighting Chola glory, served as a cultural counterpoint to DMK's Keeladi narrative, which accuses BJP of trying to whitewash Tamil Nadu's rich past.



Modi meeting AIADMK netas, including EPS, at Tiruchirappalli airport is seen as reaffirmation of BJP-AIADMK alliance amid recent public spat

AIADMK is upbeat, especially since not only EPS but also second-rung netas like K P Munusamy, S P Velumani, and Thalavai Sundaram were permitted to receive Modi at the airport. "By rejecting OPS's request, Modi has sent a signal — only those parties we are comfortable with will be part of alliance," said senior AIADMK नेता S Semmalai.

BJP functionaries, too, say the visit has helped build a grassroots-level bond. Some AIADMK cadres who earlier felt EPS was being arm-twisted now see the partnership as voluntary and valued.

"AIADMK mobilised cadres for PM's Trichy roadshow, showing their commitment. We'll reciprocate in all ways possible," said Sriram Shankar, BJP's Trichy district chief. Netas say they are more cautious about their remarks, aware that their actions impact alliance chemistry.

Likewise, AIADMK workers in Trichy say their hesitations about working with BJP have eased after the visit. Many now want more such visits to smoothen ties. "We'll join BJP roadshows in future too," said one functionary.

To cement this rapport

OPS plans to quit NDA, may tie up with Vijay

OPS, Tamil Nadu's former CM and expelled AIADMK नेता, is planning to quit BJP-led NDA, feeling 'disrespected' after PM Modi didn't give him an audience during his visit to the state. OPS had written to Modi, requesting permission to receive him at the airport, reports Julie Mariappan.

OPS, facing pressure from his supporters to quit NDA, would consult his adviser before taking a decision in a couple of days, a source told TOI. "An alliance with Vijay's TVK is a possibility," said a close aide of OPS. "I don't think he will remain in NDA for long, but his legal battle to reclaim AIADMK from EPS will continue."

The OPS camp believes that remaining in NDA would further diminish his standing.

further, BJP state chief Nainar Nagenthran will host a feast in Tirunelveli for EPS and AIADMK netas during EPS's statewide tour. Initially scheduled for Aug 3, the feast was postponed due to Modi's visit but will soon take place.

No study done on Pahalgam attack's impact on J&K tourism

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Domestic tourist visits (DTVs) to Jammu & Kashmir during Jan-June this year stood at over 95 lakh, the govt informed Lok Sabha on Monday. However, no assessment has been made by the tourism ministry on the impact on local tourism-dependent stakeholders following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Union tourism minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared the information in a written response to a Parliament question on whether the central government is aware of the decline in tourist footfall and business losses in J&K during the peak tourist season following the attack. AIMM MP from Hyderabad Asaduddin Owaisi also asked if any assessment was made

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by the govt on its economic impact on local tourism-dependent stakeholders. To this, Shekhawat said that "no such assessment has been made by the tourism ministry".

Sharing year-wise data in Lok Sabha on DTVs and foreign tourist visits (FTVs) from 2020 to 2025 as provided by the J&K tourism department, the minister said the number of DTVs and FTVs stood at 95,92,664 and 19,570, respectively, for Jan-June this year.

Data for DTVs showed that the number was over 2.35 crore in 2024, over 2.06 crore in 2023 and over 1.84 crore in 2022. During the peak Covid pandemic phase, the number of DTVs was 25.19 lakh in 2020, which rose to 1.13 crore in 2021.

FTVs for the preceding four years stood at 65,452 (2024); 55,337 (2023); 19,985 (2022); 1,650 (2021) and 5,317 (2020).

Shekhawat also said the ministry has taken several initiatives to promote tourism sector in the country, including in Jammu & Kashmir.

Global stage to LS silence: Cong MPs may skip Sindoor debate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Neither of the three Congress MPs who were part of the multi-party delegations on the govt's global outreach against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism may speak in the Lok Sabha debate on the Pahalgam attack-Operation Sindoor issue.

Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari are not in the shortlist of speakers, while there is no clarity yet on Amar Singh. The party apparently reached out to Tharoor over the weekend but he is said to have turned down the offer to participate in the discussion. He had not expressed a desire on his own till then.

Tharoor's absence provided BJP an opening to needle Congress. BJP MP Bajajant Panda asked Congress to give a "free hand" to its MPs and claimed that Congress leadership was not allowing Tharoor to speak. But, Panda said, he was happy nobody could stop Tharoor from speaking in the country's interest.

Sources said Tharoor has expressed a wish to speak on Indian Ports Bill, with local interest being the Vizhinjam port in his constituency Thiruvananthapuram, recently inaugurated in a high-profile ceremony attended by the PM and netas across party lines. Tewari will speak on the



Tharoor's likely absence from the list of speakers provided BJP an opening to needle Congress

twin legislations related to sports that are to come up soon for discussion in LS. Apparently, the Chandigarh MP had expressed desire to speak initially on the Pahalgam-Sindoor issue, but later plumped for the sports legislations.

Sources said as per the in-house system that includes "performance assessment," an MP is named to speak on only one big issue to give chance to maximum members.

The absence of Tharoor and Tewari has been noticed given they were eager participants in global outreach delegations. Tharoor's repeated remarks in favour of govt's claims about Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, and his contradiction of US President Trump's "ceasefire" claims embarrassed Congress, and led to public arguments with the Congress managers.

Sindoor is just 'tamasha', says Cong MP

New Delhi: Congress MP from Solapur Praniti Shinde Monday attacked the govt on Operation Sindoor, calling it a "tamasha (drama)" and said the entire episode was a media show rather than a real success as claimed by govt.

Participating in a debate in Lok Sabha, Shinde said, "Operation Sindoor was nothing but a 'tamasha' of the govt in the media. No one is telling us what was achieved in this operation. How many terrorists were caught? How many fighter jets did we lose? Who is responsible and whose mistake is this, should be answered by this government."

Despite the treasury benches led by defence minister Rajnath Singh targeting opposition on asking wrong questions with an intent to bring down the morale of security forces, Congress and SP raised the issue of Indian fighter jets being shot down by Pakistan while questioning the "effectiveness" of Operation Sindoor.



Pak squad behind Pahalgam killings, ISI-LeT plotted it

► Continued from P1

A manhunt for the three-member attack squad that included Suleiman has been on since the day they rounded up tourists and killed them in front of their horror-struck families in Pahalgam on Apr 22. Sources said latest technical intelligence — based on tracking of activity on the encrypted Chinese app Ultra — had found three Pakistani terrorists hiding in Mahadev hill — from which Operation Mahadev got its name — in Dachigam. Suleiman had been on the move after the Pahalgam attack, traversing the forest dotting the Tral-Kulgam-Pahalgam tri-junction.

Recoveries from the terrorists' hideout included an M4 carbine, two AK rifles and grenades. As per the SOP, the neutralised terrorists will be laid to rest in unmarked graves in a designated burial ground.

As exclusively reported by TOI on July 15, the April 22 Pahalgam attack resulted from a closely guarded conspiracy hatched by Pakistani spy agency ISI and LeT on the directions of the country's political and military brass. It was executed by Pakistani terrorists.

In what sources described as a LeT-ISI joint project akin to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, ISI gave specific directives to Pakistan-based Lashkar commander Sajid Jutt to deploy only foreign terrorists for the targeted killings at Pahalgam. To ensure secrecy, no Kashmiri terrorists were included in the attack squad; local involvement for logistics too was 'minimal' and on a "need-to-know" basis.

Satellite phone analysis revealed Suleiman's loca-

Oppn mum on Hindus being targeted: Thakur

BJP MP Anurag Thakur in Lok Sabha on Monday slammed LoP Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of consistently opposing India and aligning



with Pakistan's propaganda. "Opposing India and the PM is his agenda," Thakur said while participating in the debate on Operation Sindoor. He said, "I don't know whether he becomes the poster boy of Congress or not, but he has become the poster boy of Pakistan's propaganda."

Of all opposition MPs who have spoken here, not one has stood up and said that in this attack, people were asked about their religion and asked to recite Kalma, their pants were removed and then they were killed. Tell me what pain did the opposition MPs have in saying this?" he asked. TNN

tion in Tral forest on April 15, indicating he was in the vicinity of Baisaran for almost a week before the attack.

Suleiman was also involved in the April 2023 attack on an Army truck in J&K's Poonch, in which five soldiers were killed. However, he laid low for two years after the incident.

"No local terrorist had participated in the Pahalgam attack, nor was in the loop on the terror plot," a senior official told TOI. Even the role of the two locals arrested by NIA was limited to providing the armed Pakistani terrorists food, shelter and other logistics, for a few thousand rupees.

SC slams MP minister for online apology in Colonel case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday slammed Madhya Pradesh minister Kunwar Vijay Shah for tendering an "online apology" instead of a public apology for his objectionable comments on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, who had briefed the media on 'Operation Sindoor', and warned him against "testing the court's patience".

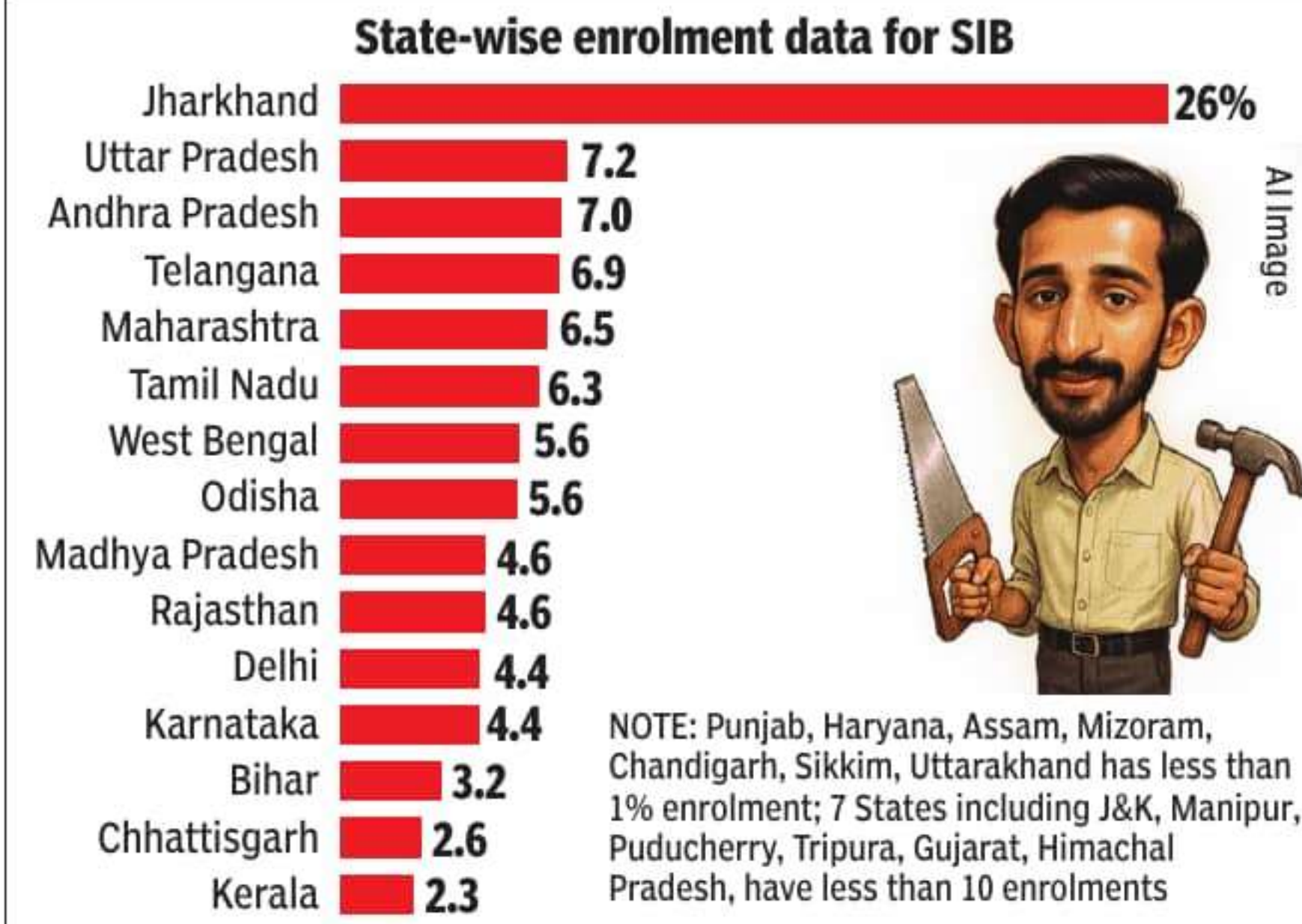
Shah, who is facing a probe by an SC-constituted SIT for his comments, was pulled up by Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi. "What is this online apology? You are testing our patience. On the first day of hearing, you had offered to make a public apology. Where is it? The (online) apology shows your intentions and makes us doubt your bona fides," Justice Kant said.

Senior advocate K Parameshwar assured the court that he would place the minister's public apology on record within a week. Shah had moved SC against the Madhya Pradesh HC's suo motu decision directing lodging of FIR against the minister for his objectionable remarks. The apex court had constituted the SIT to investigate the FIR.

Parameshwar informed the court that the SIT has recorded the minister's statement. The bench said, "Statement of those who felt hurt by the man's statement should have been recorded." The SIT informed the court that the investigations would be completed by Aug 13 and that statements of 27 people have already been recorded. The bench listed the matter for further hearing on Aug 18.

A writ petition by Congress नेता Jaya Thakur seeking removal of Shah from the state's council of ministers for his statement was also listed for hearing before bench of Justices Kant and Bagchi. The bench refused to entertain the petition and asked the petitioner to move the appropriate forum.

FROM SKILLS TO STRENGTH



Skilling programme need to work harder, especially for women

Out of 100 enrolled  
99 get trained  
84 get certified  
~46 get placed

~26 accept job offers  
10 retain a job for 3 months

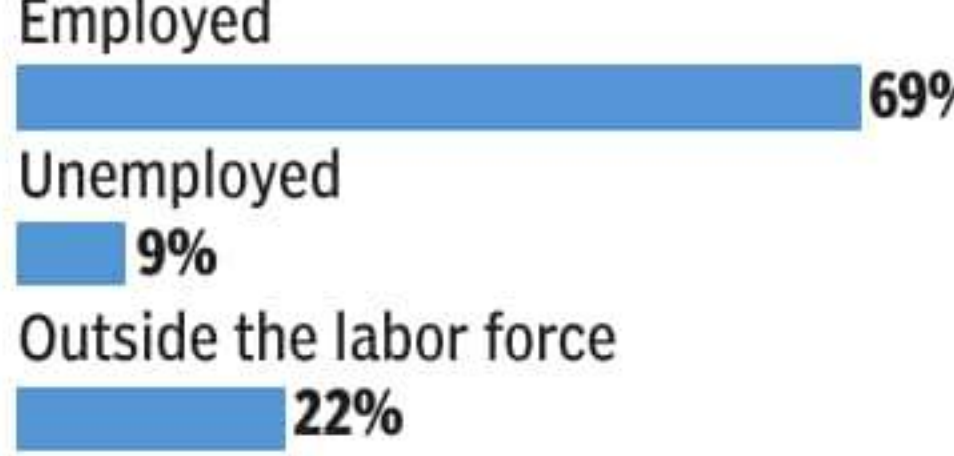
NOTE: 90% of women enrolled in large skilling schemes do not reach 3-month retention in jobs

SIB status since November 2021

- The Skill Impact Bond aims to empower 50,000 young adults, with at least 30,150 retained in jobs for 3 months (at least 60% of whom will be women)
- SIB programme has completed enrolment for 7 cohorts of implementation (out of a total 8 planned cohorts) & enrolled 42,285

candidates (85% of the 50,000 target)  
► Of the 23,766 candidates enrolled and trained in first four cohorts (17,177 women and 6,589 men)  
► 75% (17,886 candidates) have joined jobs, and 60% (14,153 candidates) have remain employed for at least three months

Work rate amongst population in the age group 15-59 years who received formal vocational/technical training



Even among formally skilled population, worklessness remains a challenge, with ~30% people not in paid work

Women lead India's 1st outcome-based skilling drive

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New Delhi: Puja Kumari from a village near Bokaro, Ishrat from a conservative Delhi household, Simran Pandey from the capital's working-class lanes, and Sakshi from Jharkhand's tribal heartland are part of a quiet but distinct shift in India's skilling landscape. This change is being driven by the Skill Impact Bond (SIB) — the country's first outcome-based skilling initiative.

Launched in 2021 by the ministry of skill development & entrepreneurship through the National Skill Development Corporation, SIB is backed by a consortium of philanthropic and private partners, including the British Asian Trust and the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) — two key organisations that helped conceptualise and fund the initiative. Along with JSW Foundation, HSBG India and Dubai Cares, they are driving one of India's most ambitious public-private partnerships focused on women-led growth.

SIB aims to train 50,000 youth, with at least 30,150 retained in jobs for a minimum of three months. So far, over 23,700 youth — 72% of them women — have been trained across 30 job roles in 13 sectors, working with more than 700 employers. Of these, 75% have secured jobs, and 60% have stayed employed for over three months — well above national averages.

As India approaches its demographic peak and eyes a \$30-trillion economy by 2047, models like SIB offer a roadmap — targeted training, outcome-focused frameworks and sustained post-placement support.

"We are not just experimenting with outcome-based financing — we are institutionalising it to build a resilient, inclusive skilling ecosystem," said Jayant Chaudhary, minister of state (independent charge) for skill development and entrepreneurship. He cited the Skill Impact Bond and Project AMBER as examples of how public, philanthropic and private investment can together deliver measurable social impact at scale. Outcome-based financing, he added, is becoming a powerful tool to ensure public investment leads to tangible results — particularly in skilling, employ-

ment, and women's empowerment.

Puja, 26, trained as a CNC operator through Pan IIT Gurukul and moved to Chennai to work with IM Gears, becoming the sole breadwinner for her family. Ishrat, 18, began working in Noida in a data-entry role while pursuing a BA through Delhi University's School of Open Learning — without telling her father. Simran, 21, joined an IT training programme and now works as a customer care executive in Delhi, saving to become an air hostess. Sakshi, 23, a school dropout from the Malto tribal community, enrolled in Pan IIT's apparel programme in Bengaluru and now earns Rs 15,000 a month, supporting her siblings' education.

Their journeys reflect a fragile but significant transformation. Many are first-generation formal workers navigating rigid social norms, migration, and financial strain to pursue aspirational livelihoods. Jharkhand leads enrolment figures with 26% of trainees, followed by UP and Delhi. But the broader skill landscape remains challenging still: only 4% of India's workforce is for-

mally skilled, and nearly 30% of trained individuals are without paid work. Retention is especially challenging for women who have availed traditional schemes. While 84% of those enrolled under such schemes complete certification, fewer than 10% stay in jobs beyond three months.

The SIB seeks to reverse this trend by tying funding not to enrolment or certification, but to job placement and retention. Training providers are incentivised to support outcomes through onboarding, counselling and alumni engagement.

"Till we come out of our comfort zone, we can't achieve anything," says Ishrat. "At first, I wasn't sure I could manage the machines," says Puja, now a trainer. "Now I want girls in my village to see what's possible." Sakshi says her job gave her more than income, it gave her purpose. "I didn't want my siblings to face what I did." Simran says the job gave her confidence. "I feel I can take care of my dreams & my family's needs too." For them, skilling isn't just about employment — it's about identity, agency, and finding a place in the formal economy.



# Constitutional matter politicised, says Sibal

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**New Delhi:** While arguing against ‘public debate and media trial’ over Justice Yashwant Varma, who has identified himself as ‘XXX’ in his petition before Supreme court, his counsel Kapil Sibal and other MPs have gone public on Allahabad HC’s Justice Shekhar Yadav’s controversial remark and have signed a notice of motion in Rajya Sabha seeking his removal.

Senior advocate Sibal said politics has been introduced into a purely constitutional matter by sending inquiry report by the then CJI to the President and PM with a recommendation to initiate removal motion against the judge. Justice Datta-led bench asked, “President is the appointing authority, and PM is the head of the executive on whose advice the President acts. Sending the report to them does not mean it amounted to influencing Parliament, where the process is independent of the in-



The bench adjourned hearing a writ petition by advocate Mathews J Nedumpara, who has sought a direction to Delhi police to register an FIR against Justice Varma

house inquiry report.” Sibal said, “How could the in-house inquiry committee conclude that it was a misbehaviour on my part when the cash was found in the outhouse? The committee did not find that the cash belonged to the judge. The judge’s staff who were there were not told that the cash was found. The entire procedure of in-house inquiry was flawed and hence the report should be quashed.” Justice Datta said, “What is the worth of the in-house inquiry report. It is not going

to be treated as evidence by the inquiry panel to be set up (by Lok Sabha Speaker) under the Judges Inquiry Act. What are you aggrieved by? If you are aggrieved by the procedure adopted by the in-house committee, why did you participate in its proceedings?”

“You are a constitutional authority well versed with the in-house procedure. You could have moved the SC challenging the setting up of the committee or even sought removal of the videos and communications from the SC website. Why did you not do that,” the bench said and asked as to why the judge in his petition has not attached the inquiry committee report.

The bench adjourned hearing a writ petition by advocate Mathews J Nedumpara, who has sought a direction to the Delhi police to register an FIR against Justice Varma for the discovery of unaccounted cash in his official residence premises during a minor fire incident. “We would like to read the report. You file it. We will take up the matter on Wednesday,” said the bench.

# ₹16cr spent on drinking water survey in ’23 but report still under wraps

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**New Delhi:** The govt had conducted a survey of the quality of drinking water across cities in 2023 but didn’t release the report or rankings after it abruptly cancelled the event scheduled for honouring the best performers in March 2025, just ahead of the last Lok Sabha elections.

In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on Monday, the housing and urban affairs ministry said that Ipsos Research Pvt Ltd, an agency, was engaged during 2022-23 to conduct Pey Jal Survekshan in 485 AMRUT cities “at a cost of Rs 16.96 crore”, of which Rs 16.1 crore has been released.

Responding to whether the survey’s findings have been released and govt has analysed the report for corrective measures, the ministry said, “The findings were communicated to the states/Union Territories

at the workshop held on Nov 22, in New Delhi. During the workshop, discussions were held and states/UTs were advised to take corrective measures”.

The ministry not releasing the survey findings has remained a mystery considering that govt holds similar surveys across sectors to ensure “healthy competition” among states and cities.

Interestingly, on Feb 27, 2024, months after the workshop with states and UTs, the ministry had issued a detailed press release announcing that the “first Pey Jal Survekshan Awards” would be held on March 5, with President Droupadi Murmu scheduled to preside over the event. It said that cities and states would be honoured for excellence in the water sector. In all, 130 awards were to be bestowed, reflecting the accomplishments of cities and states under different categories: gold, silver, and bronze.

# 13-yr-old Punjab boy killed over ‘pigeon theft’

**Bathinda:** A 13-year-old boy was allegedly stabbed to death by three men in Rordki village of Punjab’s Mansa district over an unproven allegation that he stole a pigeon.

The victim, Raja Singh, was a Class VII student and lived in Rordki village, which is about 220km from Chandigarh. He went missing on Saturday evening, and his body — bearing multiple injuries from sharp-edged weapons — was found the next day outside the village.

## Police said a murder case was registered against three pigeon-keepers from the village and a search was launched

Raja’s family filed a police complaint alleging that a villager had accused the boy of stealing a pigeon and threatened him with dire consequences. Police said they have registered a murder case against three pigeon-keepers from the village — Tarlochan Singh, Kala Singh and Teja Singh — and launched a search for them. **TNN**

# Screening process under cloud as stalking case accused picked

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Appointment of Vikas Barala, who is the son of Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Barala, as a law officer put a question mark on the screening and vetting process as trial in the stalking case is on before the district court in Chandigarh, with the next hearing on Aug 2.

Govt faced criticism not only from opposition parties but also on social media for ignoring the pending case and naming Barala as a law officer. Normally, those with affiliation to the governing party are appointed law officers,

and their tenure is co-terminus with the party in power.

According to the complaint, on Aug 5, 2017, Barala and his friend Ashish allegedly followed the bureaucrat’s daughter and tried to stop her car. She called Chandigarh police, who apprehended the youths and filed a case against them under IPC 354D (stalking) and the Motor Vehicle Act.

Later, police added two more sections for attempted kidnapping and arrested the two, who eventually made bail. Vikas’s father was then state president of Haryana’s BJP unit.

# In-person interviews may still be held on a case-by-case basis: US

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Consular officers may still require in-person interviews on a case-by-case basis for any reason,” the US state department update says.

Soon into President Donald Trump’s second term in office, the US had this Feb reverted to the pre-Covid interview waiver condition of a same class visa expiring within 12 months of applying for the same.


In Nov 2022, when the wait time for B1/B2 (business and tourism visa) interview in India had crossed 999 days (touching almost three years), the US had increased the eligibility for same class drop box visa renewal — which does not require an interview — from 12


## As of now, the state department website shows the B1/B2 average interview wait time is eight months in Delhi

months to 48 months.

As of now, the state dept website shows the B1/B2 average interview wait time is 14 months in Chennai, 9.5 months in Mumbai; 8 months in Delhi, and 6 months in Kolkata.

“Applicants should check embassy and consulate websites for more detailed information about visa application requirements & procedures, and to learn more about the embassy or consulate’s operating status & services,” the July 25 update adds.

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Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), an autonomous society under Rural Development Department, Govt. of Bihar has been designated as State Rural Livelihoods Mission by Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar to scale up the "JEEVIKA" model in all 534 Blocks of 38 Districts in Bihar under National Rural Livelihood Mission.

So far JEEVIKA has been able to reach out to nearly 1.29 Crore rural poor households by organizing them into 10.46 Lakh women Self Help Groups under 68650 Village Organizations and 1455 Cluster Level Federations. These institutions have generated nearly Rs. 10750 Crore as their own fund and have leveraged more than Rs. 29838 Crore from the Banks.

Block Project Implementation Unit			
Sl.No.	Position	No. of Vacancy	Pay (Excluding other benefits)
1.	Block Project Manager	73	₹36101 /-
2.	Livelihood Specialist	235	₹32458 /-
3.	Area Coordinator	374	₹22662 /-
4.	Accountant (BPIU/ DPCU Level)	167	₹22662 /-
5.	Office Assistant (BPIU/ DPCU Level)	187	₹15990 /-
6.	Community Coordinator	1177	₹15990 /-
7.	Block IT Executive	534	₹22662 /-



Applications are invited for the position under Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS)

The link for receiving of application will be activated from **30.07.2025**. The Last Date for receiving of application is **18.08.2025**.

**Note:** Official website <http://brlps.in> may be visited and click on “Career” to know eligibility criteria and other details in the detailed advertisement. All communication will be made through website only.

**Disclaimers:** Mere eligibility does not guarantee a job.

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) Chief Executive Officer-cum-Mission Director, Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society


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**संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश**  
**टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल**  
**ई-निविदा सूचना**

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश, द्वारा ‘म.प्र. राज्य बैडमिंटन अकादमी, डे-वोर्डिंग बैडमिंटन योजना के खिलाड़ियों एवं खेल प्रतियोगिताओं/प्रशिक्षण के लिए बैडमिंटन खेल सामग्री/ उपकरण क्रय हेतु’ निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व निविदा की विस्तृत शर्तें [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध हैं। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरांत निविदा में कोई संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो वह मात्र उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेंडर पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।

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**INVITATION FOR BID ON HYBRID ANNUITY MODE**  
(Through e-procurement mode only- <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

Brief particulars of the project are as under:-

Name of work	Estimated Project cost * (Rs. in Cr.)	Bid Security (Rs. in Cr)	Cost of Document (In Rs.)	Processing Fee (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
"Construction of Ganga Path Connecting Munger (Safaiabad) – Bariarpur – Ghorghat-Sultanganj Road on Hybrid Annuity Mode"	4,006.88 (Exclusive of GST)	80.14	4,83,800/-	As Applicable	1460 Days + 15 Years Maintenance

(\*Costs are inclusive of labour cess, seigniorage, all duties and taxes except GST)

Sl. No.	Event Description	Date
1.	Invitation of RFP (NIT)	29/07/2025
2.	Period of Downloading and uploading Bid Documents by bidder	From 05.08.2025 Time-10:00 AM IST to 04.09.2025 up to 3:00 PM IST through website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> only
3.	Last date for receiving queries	16/08/2025 up to 3:00 PM IST
4.	Pre-BID meeting at venue 2.11.4	16/08/2025 at 3:30 PM IST
5.	Authority response to queries latest by	20/08/2025
6.	Bid Due Date (Last date of final Submission of the Bid)	04.09/2025 Time-3.00 PM IST through website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> only
7.	Physical Submission of Bid Security/POA/JV agreement (if any) etc.	05/09/2025 Time-3.00 PM IST
8.	Opening of Technical BIDs at venue 2.11.4	05/09/2025 Time-3.30 PM IST through website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> only


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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/ downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.in](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.in) & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

**Name of work : Request for Proposal for Operation and Maintenance of Underground Car Parking at Sector- 1, 3 and 5 Noida**

**Job No. : 10/DGM/SM/WC-1/2025-26**

Noida is being developed as the satellite town to New Delhi and more and more people from Delhi and other areas are shifting to Noida in search of fresh air, greenery and better infrastructure. To efficiently manage space available for parking facilities, NOIDA has constructed an **Underground Car Parking in Sector -1, 3 and 5** for the convenience of the public. In this regards, the Authority now invited E-bids as per the provisions of this Request for Proposal Document.

The scope of the bidder shall be **Operation and Maintenance of Underground Car Parking at Sector 1, 3 and 5 Noida**.

The bidder should fulfill the following minimum technical and financial criteria:

- Sole proprietorship, registered partnership firm, public limited company, private limited company, LLP can submit the Bidder. The firms and the companies should be registered in India.
- The Bidder should have completed similar works of parking as follows:
  - One similar completed parking contract of value not less than **1,97,04,939.00** Or
  - Two similar completed parking contracts of value not less than **1,47,78,705.00** Or
  - Three similar completed parking contracts of value not less than **98,52,470.00** &

**Definition of Similar Works** operation and maintenance of parking lots with Government Departments/Public Sector/ 5&4-star Hotel/ Hospital/ Municipal Corporation/ Airport/ Sea Port/Railways/ Bus Terminals/ Office complexes etc.

- The Bidder should submit the solvency certificate issued by the bankers and its should not be less than **INR 98,52,470.00 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lac Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Only)**.
- The Bidder should have minimum average annual turnover of **INR 73,89,352.00 (Rupees Seventy Three Lac Eighty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two Only)** in the last 3 (three) Financial Years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 or 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25) preceding the Bid Due Date.

The terms and conditions along with eligibility and evaluation criteria have been detailed in the tender document. The interested applicant can obtain the RFPs.

**Amendment:** Please refer user manual for paying “Processing Fee” & “EMD Online”


Key Dates	
Issuance of Bid Documents	On all working days from July 29, 2025 to August 13, 2025 during banking hours
Last date of Submission of Bids	August 12, 2025 upto 5:00 PM
Opening of Technical Bids	August 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM
Opening of Financial Bids	Date to be communicated later


Noida reserves the full right to change the project scope and/ or terminate the bid process at any stage without assigning any reasons and without any prior notice and no claim of any nature from anyone in this regard shall be entertained.

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“महत्वपूर्ण सूचना— नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में शासन से स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान एवं उत्तर प्रदेश औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास अधिनियम, 1976 के विपरीत प्लॉटिंग या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह अवैध है। जनसामान्य को आगाह किया जाता है कि इस प्रकार की अवैध कॉलोनियों एवं अवैध निर्मित भवनों में भूखण्डों/अपार्टमेंट/दुकान/गोडाऊन/फार्महाउस की खरीद— फरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनोईजर् के लुभावने एवं भ्रामक विज्ञानों से बचें। साथ ही नौएडा अधिसूचित क्षेत्र के डिडन एवं यमुना नदियों के दूब्र क्षेत्र (Flood Plain Zone) में अनधिकृत/अवैध प्लॉट एवं फार्म हाउसों के कारोबार में संलिप्त भूमिकाियों के चंगुल में न फँसे।”

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**Inviting Bid for Supply, Installation and Demonstration of Hardware and other IT infrastructure for Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (JEEViKA) with Operation and Maintenance (Two Envelope E-procurement)**

BRLPS invites bids for Supply, Installation and Demonstration of Hardware and other IT infrastructure for Jeevika Command & Control Centre (JCCC) with Centralized Grievance Redressal Management System (CGRMS). Interested bidders may download Request for Bid (RFB) document from <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>. The RFB can also be seen at [www.brlps.in/procurement](http://www.brlps.in/procurement) for reference purpose. Other information is as follows:


Date for start of downloading the Bid document	30/07/2025 through e-Procurement Portal <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
Pre-Bid Meeting	12/08/2025 at 03:00 PM onwards at BRLPS Office, Patna, Bihar.
Last Date/Time for uploading the Bid (Technical and Financial)	25/08/2025 at 03:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
Date/Time for Opening the Technical Bid	25/08/2025 at 03:30 PM on the e-Procurement Portal <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
Nodal Person from Client	State Project Manager – MIS Mobile - 7808920107

For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address during working hours: 8AM to 7PM (All days in week except Sunday and few selected state holidays on “eProc 2.0 Help Desk Address: m-junction services limited RI Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar. Tollfree No: 1800 572 6574r may contact on Email Id: [eproc2support@bihar.gov.in](mailto:eproc2support@bihar.gov.in)

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**खान एवं भूतत्व विभाग**

अपर निदेशक (खनिज विकास) एवं उप निदेशक (खनिज विकास) के पद पर प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु सूचना

खान एवं भूतत्व विभाग, बिहार, पटना अन्तर्गत स्वीकृत/रिक्त अपर निदेशक (खनिज विकास) के 01 (एक) पद एवं उप निदेशक (खनिज विकास) के 01 (एक) पद पर प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु योग्य पदाधिकारियों से विहित प्रपत्र (वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध) में आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

- योग्यता/पात्रता:—निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों/क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत पदाधिकारी प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर नियुक्ति के लिए योग्य होंगे:—
  - भारत सरकार अथवा अन्य राज्य सरकार के खान एवं भूतत्व संवर्ग के पदाधिकारी।
  - खनन एवं भूतत्व से जुड़े भारत सरकार एवं राज्य सरकारों के सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कम्पनियों यथा—कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड, जियोलॉजिकल सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया, मिनिरल एक्सप्लोरेशन कॉरपोरेशन लि0 इत्यादि।
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# Trump shortens deadline to 12 days for Russia to end war

Says Not Interested In Speaking Further With Putin, Eyes Sanctions & Tariffs On Moscow

Turnberry (Scotland): US President Donald Trump set a new deadline of 10 or 12 days for Russia to make progress toward ending the war in Ukraine or face consequences, underscoring frustration with Russian President Vladimir Putin for the 3-1/2-year-old conflict.

Trump has threatened both sanctions on Russia and buyers of its exports unless progress is made. Speaking in Scotland, where he is holding meetings with European leaders and playing golf, Trump said he was disappointed in Putin and shortening a 50-day deadline he had set on the issue earlier this month.

"I'm going to make a new deadline of about... 10 or 12 days from today," Trump told reporters during a meeting with British PM Keir Starmer. "There's no reason in waiting... We just don't see any progress being made."

There was no immediate comment from the Kremlin.

Trump, who has expressed annoyance also with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has not always followed up on his tough talk about Putin with action, citing what he deems a good relationship that the two men have had previously.



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On Monday, Trump indicated he was not interested in more talks with Putin. He said sanctions and tariffs would be used as penalties for Moscow if it did not meet Trump's demands. "If you know what the answer is going to be, why wait? And it would be sanctions and maybe tariffs, secondary tariffs," Trump said. "I don't want to do that to Russia. I love the Russian people."

"I'm disappointed in President Putin," Trump said. "I'm going to reduce that 50 days that I gave him to a lesser number because I think I already know the answer what's going to happen." White House had not named Russia when it imposed levies on a host of countries in April. And the threat to impose secondary tariffs could threaten trading partners like China and India that import Russian oil and gas. AGENCIES

## 'US likely moved N-arms to UK for first time since '08'

The US has likely stationed nuclear weapons in the UK for the first time since 2008, in a signal to Russian President Vladimir Putin that it remains committed to European security.

On July 16, a US military aircraft flew with its transponder on — making its identification and location publicly visible — from a US nuclear weapons depot at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to an airbase in the UK city of Lakenheath, according to defence analysts and open-source data.

The C-17 flight involved the US Air Force's Prime Nuclear Airlift Force, which transports nuclear weapons, and didn't fly over any other nation's territory, according to William Alberque, a Europe-based senior fellow at Pacific Forum. US and UK govts have longstanding policies of not commenting on status or location of their nuclear weapons.

The weapons the aircraft most likely delivered were the new B61-12 thermonuclear bombs, increasing the number of US tactical nuclear weapons in Europe for the first time since the Cold War.



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Alberque said the decision to leave the flight transponders on indicates the US wants to show Russia that it is not reducing its nuclear capability in Europe. "Returning US nuclear weapons to the UK is no small feat."

The move also signals that the US is committing more flexible nuclear capabilities to Europe, creating a wider range of options for its forces, said Sidharth Kaushal, a senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute.

"Capabilities such as the B61 can contribute to limiting the impact of Russia's large advantage in theater-level nonstrategic nuclear weapons," Kaushal said. BLOOMBERG

# Moscow counters Ukrainian drones by turning off Russians' mobile internet

Katya's phones suddenly refused to provide the basics she needed to drive home to Moscow from St. Petersburg. She, her partner and countless others were unable to go online, cut off from their apps for things such as maps, banking, paying road tolls and buying fuel. There was no warning, no hint how widespread the outage was, no clue how long it would last — but it wasn't a surprise, either. Russia's mobile internet networks now have frequent blackouts because of the war with Ukraine.

Since last month, authorities have shut those networks down every day in various parts of the country, in unpredictable patterns, for hours at a time. The goal is to try to thwart attacks by Ukrainian



A satellite image shows a destroyed Tu-22 bomber after drone strike at Belaya air base in Russia on June 4

drones that use mobile connections for navigation. It is a big disruption in a country where smartphones provide the only online access for millions of people. The govt regularly tout an array of online services, including filing tax returns and applying for jobs, and President Putin claimed this year that Russia was "a step ahead of many other nations."

Even so, "they can turn off

the internet," said Katya. She described how the govt had encouraged reliance on apps and web services — and then exercised control over internet access — as a "digital gulag".

The Russian govt has a record of restricting online freedoms. But the mobile internet shutdowns are the collateral damage of war, a response to Ukraine's spectacular drone attacks on long-range bombers at Russian bases June 1.

Day-to-day orders to shut down the mobile internet come from regional officials responding to reported drone intrusions, rather than from Moscow. "The Kremlin has been asking regional authorities to put up a defence against the drones — there's nothing else they can do but turn the internet off," said Mikhail Klimarev, head of the Internet Protection Society, an exiled Russian digital rights group.

This year, authorities switched off mobile internet in Moscow for a few days before the annual Victory Day parade in May, a major event for Putin, who was hosting several world leaders. That outage exposed Muscovites' reliance on apps for contactless payments, taxis, food delivery and shopping, but discontent was fairly muted.

The lack of protests gave regional authorities the signal that "you can just turn the internet off" without causing a backlash, a lawyer said. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said, "Everything that's linked to ensuring public safety is justified." NYT

# Thailand and Cambodia agree to immediate & unconditional truce

Putrajaya (Malaysia): Thailand and Cambodia have agreed to an "unconditional" ceasefire starting midnight, Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim said Monday, a significant breakthrough to resolve five days of deadly border clashes that have killed dozens and displaced tens of thousands of people.

Cambodian PM Hun Manet and Thai acting PM Phumtham Wechayachai hailed the outcome of the meeting and shook hands along with Anwar at the conclusion of the brief press conference in Malaysia. The fighting began Thursday after a land mine explosion along the border wounded five Thai soldiers. Both sides blamed each other for starting the clashes, that have killed at least 35 people and displaced more than 260,000 people on both sides.

Hun Manet and Phumtham have agreed to an "immediate and unconditional ceasefire" with effect from midnight



Displaced Thai people celebrate truce announcement in Sisaket

local time, Anwar said, who hosted the talks as annual chair of Association of Southeast Asian Nations regional bloc.

"This is a vital first step towards de-escalation and the restoration of peace and security," Anwar said. As part of the ceasefire deal, military commanders from both sides will hold talks Tuesday to defuse tensions while Cambodia will host a border committee meeting on Aug 4, he said.

Hun Manet said he hoped that bilateral ties could return to normal soon so that some 300,000 villagers evacuated on

both sides could return home.

Phumtham said the outcome reflected "Thailand's desire for a peaceful resolution".

The Malaysian meeting followed direct pressure from US President Trump, who had warned the US may not proceed with trade deals with either country if hostilities continue. The joint statement said the US is a co-organiser of the talks, with participation from China. The Chinese and American ambassadors to Malaysia attended the meeting that lasted over two hours.

On Monday, Trump wrote on Truth Social "Just spoke to the acting prime minister of Thailand and prime minister of Cambodia. I have instructed my trade team to restart negotiations on trade."

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt posted news of the ceasefire on X and wrote: "President Trump made this happen. Give him the Nobel Peace Prize!" AGENCIES

## Pak forces kill 3 TTP militants, including man behind 2024 attack on Chinese

Karachi: Three TTP militants, including the mastermind behind an attack on Chinese engineers last year, were killed in an encounter in Karachi, officials said on Monday. Raja Umer Khattab, a counter-terrorism department (CTD) official, said the operation was carried out Sunday jointly by the CTD and personnel of intelligence agencies, Dawn reported.

"The teams raided a house in the Manghopir area in Karachi," he said. He said that terrorists opened fire when they spotted the police teams approaching them, triggering a gunfight that lasted over an hour. All three terrorists were killed during the operation, he said, adding that they belonged to the TTP. A suicide jacket, three grenades, a Kalashnikov rifle, two pistols and a large cache of ammunition were recovered from the site, he added. PTI

## Cyberattack hits Aeroflot flights, pro-Ukrainian hackers take claim

Moscow: A cyberattack on Russian state-owned flagship carrier Aeroflot caused a mass outage to the company's computer systems Monday, Russia's prosecutor's office said, forcing the airline to cancel more than 100 flights and delay others.

Ukrainian hacker group Silent Crow and Belarusian hacker activist group the Belarus Cyber-Partisans, which opposes the rule of Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, claimed responsibility for the cyberattack. It is one of the most disruptive cyberattacks to hit Russia since the start of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in Feb 2022.

Images shared on social media showed hundreds of delayed passengers crowding Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport, where Aeroflot is based. The outage also disrupted flights operated by Aeroflot's subsidiaries. While most of the flights affected were domestic, the disruption also led to cancellations for some flights to Belarus, Armenia and Uzbekistan. Silent Crow said it had accessed Aeroflot's corporate network for a year, copying customer and internal data, including audio recordings of phone calls, data from the company's own surveillance on employees and other intercepted communications. The Belarus Cyber-Partisans said they had hoped to "deliver a crushing blow." AP

## Trump: World tariff would be somewhere in 15-20% range

Turnberry: US President Trump said he expected the US to set tariffs in the range of 15% to 20% for those countries that did not reach a negotiated trade agreement with Washington.

"I would say it'll be somewhere in the 15 to 20% range," Trump told reporters, sitting alongside British PM Keir Starmer at his golf resort in Turnberry, Scotland. "Probably one of those two numbers."

Trump has said his administration will send out letters soon to some 200 countries notifying them of their expected tariff rate on exports to the US. Trump imposed an additional 10% tariff on most countries from April, with many others slated to see their tariff rates rise from Aug 1. REUTERS

## Trump contradicts Bibi on starvation in Gaza: 'Those kids look very hungry'

Says Israel Must Feed Gazans, Talks Of Setting Up Food Centres

Washington: President Donald Trump on Monday expressed concern over the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and urged Israel to get people food, seemingly recalibrating his stance on Gaza as images of emaciated children have sparked renewed worries about hunger in the war-torn territory.

Trump, speaking in Scotland on Monday, said the US and other nations are giving money and food to Gaza but that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has "got to sort of like run it." "I want him to make sure they get the food." The US president was asked if he agreed with Netanyahu's comments on Sunday in which the Israeli PM said, "There is no policy of starvation in Gaza and there is no starvation in Gaza." "I don't know," Trump replied. "I mean, based on tele-



A child waits to receive food from a charity kitchen in Gaza City

## Israeli strikes kill 36

Israeli strikes killed at least 36 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Monday, including a pregnant woman and her newborn, local health officials said. Israel meanwhile eased some aid restrictions as it came under mounting pressure over the spiralling hunger crisis in the war-ravaged territory. Israel said it would continue military operations alongside the new humanitarian measures. AP

vision, I would say not particularly because those children look very hungry" In the face

of mounting criticism, Israeli military has begun airdrops of aid, along with limited pauses in fighting for 10 hours a day. Trump, who met British PM Keir Starmer at his golf course in Scotland, said the US was "going to set up food centres," but didn't offer specifics.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi said on Monday Trump is "the one who is able to stop the war, deliver the aid and end this suffering."

Trump said Hamas has stolen food and aid trying to reach people in Gaza, but when asked about what responsibility Israel has for limiting aid to the area, he said, "Israel has a lot of responsibility." Starmer was more adamant than Trump, calling it "a desperate situation" in Gaza. "I think people in Britain are revolted at seeing what they are seeing on their screens," he said. Starmer faces pressure from his Labour Party to recognise a Palestinian state as France did last week. "I'm not going to take a position," Trump said. He added of Starmer, "I don't mind him taking a position." AP

## French PM says US-EU trade deal a 'dark day' for Europe

Paris: A day after the EU and US struck a trade deal Sunday, the French govt has come out swinging against the agreement, calling instead for tariff retaliation and warning that Europe would be politically weakened if it didn't hit back.

"It is a dark day when an alliance of free peoples, gathered to affirm their values and defend their interests, resolves to submit," PM Francois Bayrou wrote on X about the deal, which imposes 15% tariffs on European imports to the US, but lowers barriers in European countries for American imports.

France had been leading a charge in Europe to retaliate against the US before the deal, after an earlier threat by Trump to impose a punishing 30% tariff on the Europeans.

Benjamin Haddad, France's minister in charge of European affairs, suggested that Trump's trade deal amounted to a predatory tactic and called for Europe to activate an anti-coercion instrument to tax US digital services, or to exclude US tech companies from public contracts in Europe.

Despite France's push on other European countries to take a harder line, a majority of European countries had wanted a deal quickly.

"I'm 100% sure that this deal is better than a trade war with the US," top EU trade negotiator Maros Sefcovic told journalists. The German chancellor, Friedrich Merz, and the Italian PM, Giorgia Meloni, too welcomed the deal. "The agreement has succeeded in averting a trade conflict that would have hit the export-oriented German economy hard," Merz said in a statement late on Sunday. "This has enabled us to safeguard our core interests..."

"I consider it positive that there is an agreement..." Meloni told journalists on the sidelines of a meeting in Addis Ababa on Sunday.

Hungarian PM Viktor Orban, an ally of Trump, too blasted the agreement, calling it a failure on the part of Europe's leadership. Orban said, "Trump ate (European Commission president) Ursula von der Leyen for breakfast, that's what happened." AGENCIES



Francois Bayrou

## Gunman kills 5 at a market in Bangkok, shoots self

Bangkok: A gunman killed five people at a popular fresh food market in the Thai capital Monday before killing himself, police said, attributing the shooting to a personal grudge.

The victims included four security guards at the Or Tor Kor market in northern Bangkok, according to a police statement.



Police attributed the shooting at the popular market to a personal grudge

It said a vendor there was also killed, and that two others were wounded. The market is next to the sprawling Chatuchak weekend market, popular with Thai and foreign tourists.

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It said the shooter walked away after the shooting and shot himself with a handgun on a bench. He had been wearing a black T-shirt, military-pattern shorts, a baseball cap and a backpack. The statement stressed the incident involved a personal conflict and was not linked it to the border fighting with Cambodia, as had been rumoured on social media.

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## DAILY PLANET



WILDFIRE RAGES IN TURKEY: Firefighters battled blazes across Turkey on Monday as the country sweltered in a summer heatwave across much of the Mediterranean, with wildfires leading to at least 14 deaths in the country in the past week. Around 20 villages have been evacuated, officials said, and 3,500+ people have fled their homes

## China govt to offer childcare subsidies to boost birth rate

China's govt will offer subsidies to parents to the tune of \$500 per child under the age of three per year, Beijing's state media said Monday, as the world's second most populous nation faces a looming demographic crisis. The country's population has declined for three consecutive years, with UN demography models predicting it could fall from 1.4 billion today to 800 million by 2100. The nationwide subsidies apply retroactively from Jan 1. Beijing's state broadcaster CCTV said, citing a decision by the ruling Communist Party and the State Council, China's cabinet. "This is a major nationwide policy aimed at improving public wellbeing," CCTV said. "It provides direct cash subsidies to families across the country, helping to reduce the burden of raising children," it added. There were just 9.54 million births in China last year, half the number than in 2016, the year it ended its one-child policy, which was in place for

more than three decades. The population declined by 1.39 million last year. China's shrinking population is also aging fast, sparking worries about the future of the pension system. There were nearly 310 million people aged 60 and over in 2024.

## Spanish collector sets world record with over 5,000 dog figurines



Spanish collector Maria Gabarro did not care for real dogs but won a posthumous place in Guinness World Records this year for the largest collection of canine-related items — 5,025 figurines, soft toys or dog-head walking sticks. Gabarro, a sales manager from Barcelona, started his collection in his 60s. When he died last year at 94, his children decided to see if he had could claim a record as a tribute to their parents. Teresa Gabarro, one of the siblings, said: "(They) really liked the non-real dogs, but not live ones."

# China push: In Nepal, EVs now account for 76% of all vehicles sold

Lydia DePillis and Bhadra Sharma

Kathmandu: The narrow streets of Kathmandu — sized for pedestrians and rickshaws — are choked with engines. Buses, motorbikes, small trucks and taxis fill the sprawling valley with horns and exhaust. For its more than 3 million residents, just getting around is a dangerous, eye-stinging ordeal.

But recently, a new kind of motor has started to ease the crush. Sleek electric vehicles glide by with a quiet hum. Gleaming showrooms do a brisk business in the latest models, and charging stations on highways have turned into rest stops with cafes for drivers. Over the past



The EV market share in Nepal is now behind only those of a few countries, including Norway, Singapore and Ethiopia

"For us, using EVs is a comparative advantage," said Mahesh Bhattarai, DG of Nepal's department of customs. "In the global market, Chinese EVs are

expanding. The same is happening in Nepal." The effort stands in contrast to policies in the US and Europe, which have blocked Chinese EVs to protect their domestic auto industries. And it carries hope for other developing countries that seek to become wealthier without enduring the crucible of pollution from which many rich nations have already emerged.

"We're interested in making sure this rapid growth in these emerging markets doesn't follow the same trajectory as developed markets," said the head of sustainable transportation for UN Environment Programme. But as Nepal has learned, there are obstacles. The count-

ry has spent heavily on subsidies, and getting rid of the support too quickly could derail the shift to battery power. Even if gas-powered passenger cars are phased out, cleaning the air will require public transportation to go electric as well.

Asian Development Bank has been a key financier of Nepal's dams, transmission lines and charging networks. The head of ADB's resident mission in Nepal is cautious about the risk of backsliding. "Given the economic sense this EV conversion represents, I think I would see it as unlikely that we would have major policy change."

Businesses and advocates are, however, concerned Nepal



## India's GCCs Shift Focus

### To High-End AI Talent

◆ In the June quarter of this fiscal, GCC hiring rose by 8–10% sequentially, driven by growing demand for GenAI, cloud, and finops skills, signalling a shift in the tech talent landscape

◆ AI, platform engineering, and cloud security are key drivers of current talent demand



### Severe talent shortages widen

- ◆ AI & data roles face a **42%** supply gap
- ◆ Platform engg shortfall: **38%**
- ◆ FinOps shows the sharpest gap at **45%**



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AHMEDABAD



JAIPUR

**20–34%**  
QoQ hiring growth



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### Metros remain hubs for advanced tech

- ◆ Bengaluru leads in AI and product engineering
- ◆ GCC salaries for specialised roles in metros now surpass **₹50–60 lakh per annum**

Source: Qness Corp

## S'pore Air profit falls as Air India loss hits earnings

Singapore Airlines said it's upbeat about travel demand over the peak summer travel period, even as the carrier weathers a slump in profit due to losses at Air India. The airline's net income dropped 59% to \$145 million in the three months ended June 30, the carrier said in a statement on Monday. That was largely due to the results from Air India, in which it holds a 25.1% stake. Its performance wasn't part of Singapore Air's results last year. The investigation into the crash of AI 171 in June is ongoing and the fallout is likely to continue to weigh on Singapore Air's results. **BLOOMBERG**



## Adani Total Gas June qtr net declines 8%

**New Delhi:** Adani Total Gas on Monday reported an 8% fall in its June quarter net profit after a cut in supply of cheaper domestically produced gas led to higher input prices. Net profit was Rs 162 crore compared with Rs 177 crore a year back, according to a company statement. **AGENCIES**

## Mazagon Dock Q1 profit drops 35%

**Mumbai:** India's biggest warship builder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders on Monday reported a 35% drop in its consolidated net profit for the June quarter to Rs 452 crore. It had posted a net profit of Rs 696 crore during Q1 of the previous fiscal. Revenue from operations increased by 11.4%. **AGENCIES**

## GAIL profit falls 30% on lower margins

**New Delhi:** GAIL on Monday reported a 30% drop in first quarter net profit on widening losses on petrochemical business and a drop in gas marketing margins. Net profit was Rs 1,886 crore in April-June compared with Rs 2,724 crore in same period last year. **AGENCIES**

## figure it out

**\$7bn** is the estimated size of the astrology market in India. Its digital segment set to grow 10 times by 2030



Source: Bloomberg

## Trade deal talks continue with India: USTR

**Washington:** The United States is still working on aspects of its EU trade deal, including steel and digital services taxes, even as it meets with China this week to push talks forward and continues negotiations with India, the US trade representative said on Monday.

“There are certainly areas to keep working on in different sectors,” Jamieson Greer said in an interview to a TV channel, referring to the US-EU framework announced over the weekend.

On China, he said: “I don't expect some kind of enormous breakthrough today. What I expect is continued monitoring and checking in on the implementation of our agreement thus far.” **REUTERS**

# At 1.5%, industrial growth slows to 10-mth low in June

## Excess Rains Weigh On Mining & Electricity Sectors: Experts

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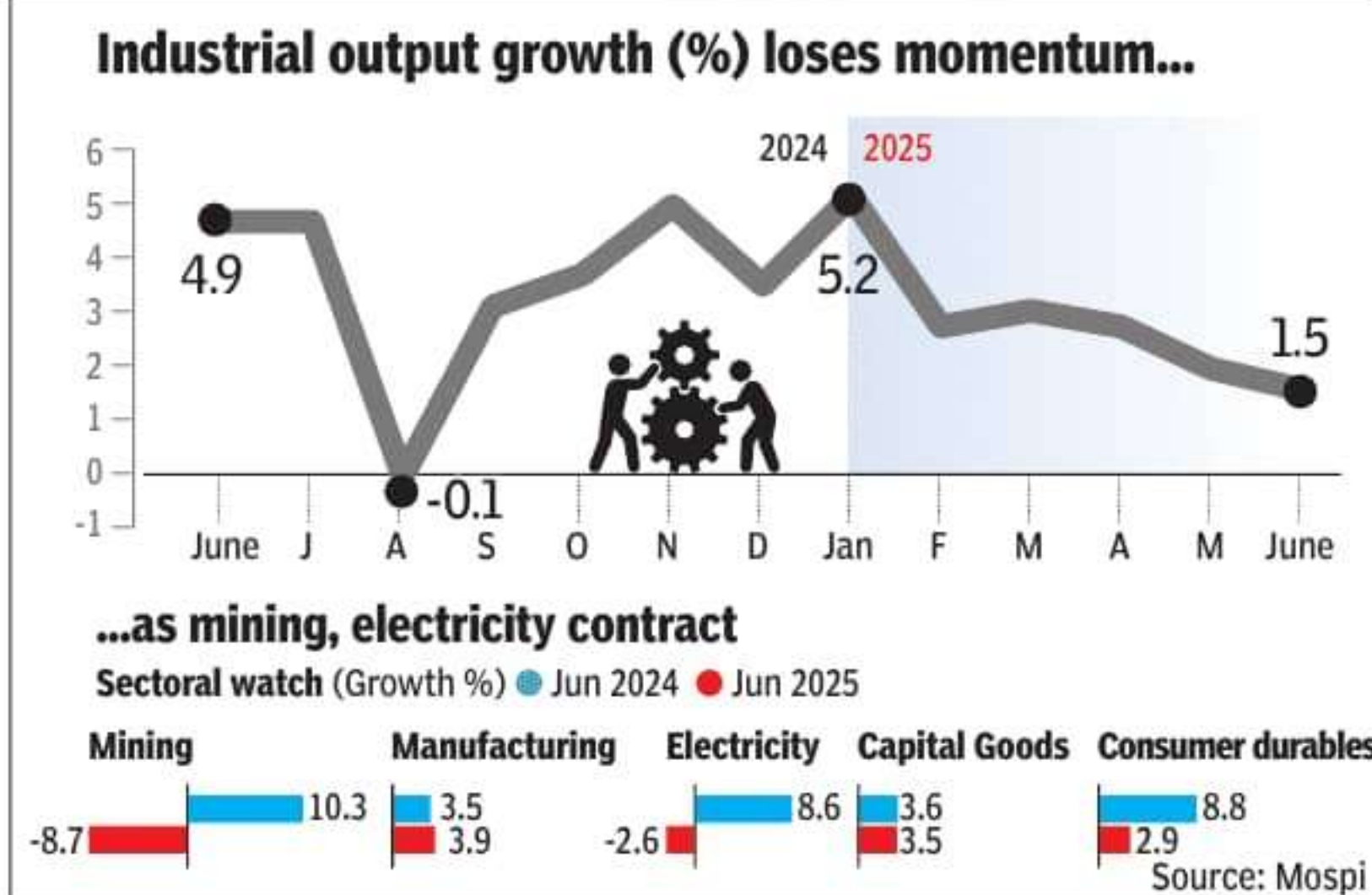
**New Delhi:** Industrial output growth slowed to a 10-month low in June, dragged down by a contraction in mining and electricity sectors and sluggish capital goods and consumer durables segments.

Data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Monday showed the index of industrial production (IIP) rose an annual 1.5% in June, slower than the upwardly revised 1.9% in May and below the 4.9% recorded in June last year.

The mining sector contracted 8.7% in June compared with a growth of 10.3% in June last year, and the electricity sector fell 2.6% during the month compared to a growth of 8.6% in June last year.

The manufacturing sector remained resilient, rising 3.9% during June compared to a growth of 3.5% in

### MANUFACTURING STAYS RESILIENT



June last year.

Experts attributed the slowdown to excess rains which had weighed on mining and electricity sectors.

“Excess rains in the second half of June 2025 are likely to have weighed on mining output, while also leading to a contraction in electricity ge-

neration, although the extent of the same narrowed compared to the previous month. Encouragingly, the growth in manufacturing output improved to 3.9% in June 2025 from 3.2% in May 2025,” said Aditi Nayyar, chief economist at ratings agency Icra.

The data also showed we-

akness in other segments of the industrial sector. The capital goods sector, a key gauge of industrial activity, remained sluggish during the month, rising by 3.5% in June compared to a growth of 3.6% in June last year.

The consumer durables sector slowed in June, rising by 2.9% compared to a growth of 8.8% in June last year while the consumer non-durables sector contracted by 0.4% during the month compared to a decline of 1% in June last year. “On the demand side, signals remain mixed. Output of consumer non-durables goods continued to remain weak, staying in the contractionary zone for five consecutive months, while output of consumer durable goods improved. Urban consumption, in particular, remains lagging,” said Rajani Sinha, chief economist at ratings agency CareEdge.

## IT, fin stocks pull sensx down 1,800 pts in 3 sessions

**Mumbai:** Indian equities declined for the fourth consecutive session on Monday, with weak earnings and concerns over trade negotiations weighing on sentiment. The sensx fell 572 points, or 0.7%, to close at 80,891, while the Nifty dropped 156 points, or 0.6%, to 24,680. Over three sessions, the sensx has shed 1,835 points and the Nifty 539 points.

Losses in financial and IT stocks pulled down the indices. Kotak Mahindra Bank declined 7.5% to Rs 1,965.6 on the BSE after reporting disappointing June-quarter earnings. The stock fell as much as 7.8% intraday to Rs 1,960.1. On the NSE, it closed at Rs 1,968.7, down 7.3%. TCS lost 1.8% on the BSE to close at Rs 3,079 after announcing plans to cut 12,000 jobs globally this year. The stock fell to an intraday low of Rs 3,070 before partially recovering. On the NSE, it closed 1.6% lower. **TNN**

## IndusInd Bank Q1 profit drops 72% to ₹604cr

**Mumbai:** IndusInd Bank returned to profit in Q1FY25, although net profit fell sharply by 72.2% to Rs 604.1 crore from Rs 2,170.7 crore a year earlier. The decline was driven by higher provisions and a contraction in core lending profitability, even as other income more than tripled.

The bank had reported a loss of Rs 2,329 crore in the preceding quarter after incurring losses on derivatives, which led to the managing director and deputy managing director stepping down. Total income slipped 3.8% to Rs 14,420.8 crore, while interest earned declined 2.3% to Rs 12,263.9 crore; interest expenses rose 6.8% to Rs 7,624.1 crore. **TNN**

## Tech Turmoil: Indian Cos Mirror Global Trend

# TCS's 12k job cuts spark fears of larger IT layoffs

## Employees 'Unbilled' For 3-18 Months May Bear Brunt | Freshers, Lateral Hires Face Uncertainty

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**Bengaluru:** TCS laying off over 12,000 mid- and senior-level employees has sent shockwaves across the tech industry. This move not just challenges the perception of TCS as a company known for job security and stability, but shows that India's IT sector is in the early stages of a significant reset. The industry is undergoing a structural shift, mirroring global trends where major tech firms are streamlining resources, improving cost efficiency, reallocating assets, and shutting down divisions that no longer align with strategic priorities.

**Margin Pressures:** Industry experts attribute this transformation to mounting margin pressures, prompting companies to control costs by reducing headcount. Many believe that AI is disrupting the traditional workforce pyramid, replacing broad-based hiring models with leaner, more specialised structures which yield higher billing. As a result, the future of services will rely heavily on a blend of newer tech and human ingenuity, where billability is determined by the premium clients are willing to pay for niche skills rather than volume of resources.

**Bench Policy:** TCS has said its restructuring efforts are aimed at making the company future-ready. As part of this initiative, sources told **TOI** the company has begun focusing on employees who have remained unbilled — commonly referred to as being on the “bench” — for extended periods, typically ranging from 3 to 18 months. These individuals, many of whom have between 3 and 10 years of experience with the firm, are being either relocated or let go. This has sparked concerns within the industry over the potential for a wave of sudden

and unexpected exits.

**Sudden Exits:** Several employees who spoke to **TOI** on condition of anonymity said those impacted had been on the bench for anywhere between 3 and 18 months. In one case, an employee claimed she was called into a meeting where three HR representatives handed her a “discharge letter” and asked her to resign.

TCS have sounded an alarm across the industry. Global capability centres (GCCs) continue to lead recruitment efforts as Indian IT companies adapt to a major transformation in the tech landscape.

Even as upskilling becomes part of everyday work life, lower net additions are making engineering graduates anxious. Indian campuses today present a stark contrast:

### AI RESET TRIGGERS IT ANXIETY

◆ **AI disrupts workforce models:** Broad-based hiring is giving way to leaner, skill-intensive structures—replacing volume with value, and billing based on niche expertise

◆ **Benched talent facing the axe:** Employees idle for 3–18 months, despite years of experience, are being let go—raising fears of sudden, silent exits across firms

◆ **Onboarding freeze fuels uncertainty:** Lateral hires

report indefinite delays and HR silence, reflecting how cos are rethinking workforce needs in real time

◆ **Graduates struggle amid hiring slump:** While a few students secure top offers, many—especially in tier 2/3 colleges—are left behind

◆ **Urgent call to reimagine education:** Experts warn that unless AI is embedded across disciplines, India risks a mismatch between graduate skills and future industry demands



“It was sudden and shocking. There was no prior intimation,” she said.

TCS, however, maintains that it has consistently offered relocation and retraining options to benched employees to enhance their chances of being deployed on projects.

Meanwhile, lateral hires awaiting onboarding have reported uncertainty. In response to one such candidate, a TCS HR executive reportedly said, “Do not wait for TCS. New announcements are going on. We are helpless,” suggesting that onboarding timelines are unclear amid ongoing changes.

**Campus Chaos:** Indian campuses are facing a stark dichotomy — freshers without job offers on one side, and large salary packages on the other. The recent layoffs at

while some students receive lucrative offers, many others are left without any. For computer science students, the future is deeply intertwined with AI, offering exciting opportunities but also demanding rapid adaptation.

Ramkumar Ramamoorthy, partner at tech growth advisory firm Catalinix, said, “In the context of digital and AI, there is a crying need for India to reimagine its higher education to stay relevant. Beyond STEM programmes, we must integrate AI across disciplines — liberal arts, law, medicine, management, and social sciences. The only way to do this at scale is through collaboration with experts and practitioners. Otherwise, we risk producing graduates who are misaligned with market needs, potentially leading to serious social implications.”

# ‘India one of most critical mkts for Google globally’

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**K**aran Bhatia is Google's global chief for govt affairs and public policy. Bhatia, who served as deputy US Trade Representative (USTR) between 2005 and 2007 and reports directly to CEO Sundar Pichai, says India is like a second home for the tech giant and stands as a “natural ally” to US when it comes to development of AI and subsequent regulations.

He says Google's investments in India, including hirings and development of global solutions, will only strengthen with time. Excerpts from an interview given to **TOI** at Google's Washington office:

### How critical is India when we look at Google's global ambitions?

If you look at growth and investments that Google has made in India, it does justify the statement that ‘India is like our second home’. We have more than 13,000 employees in the country, we have five major office sites and have invested in creating substantial amounts of infrastructure... I think the future is quite optimistic and quite exciting. India is absolutely one of the most critical markets for Google globally. It's not just the scale, which obviously is huge, but it's also a very, very tech-savvy market.

### How do you see India and US collaborating in development of AI and in creation of regulations around frontier technologies?

I think the US and India are natural partners in development of AI. There are comp-

This is important and provides the stability that companies need to strengthen business-to-business relationships. I think there are a lot of components that make me believe that future of AI is going to be one where you see the US and India work together very closely.

**Google has been a key player in furthering India's digital ambitions. But there's also a fear that Big Tech is stifling startups. In India, we saw Google being penalised by fair play regulator Competition Commission (CCI). Do you agree with the view that dominance of Big Tech is becoming a challenge for smaller companies?**

First, I have never seen a sector that is more dynamic and more competitive than the technology sector. You just look back five years ago when companies like Ope-

15 years has been. Secondly, Google has been one of the great incubators of new businesses, startups, sometimes even competitors. And that's great.

**What is your view on India's talent in IT. Why do you think India has not been able to produce a Google or a Microsoft or an OpenAI? Do you see that happening anytime soon?**

The talent of the Indian IT workforce is well known globally and it's the reason why we and many other companies have a strong presence in India. On the question of why you don't have a Google or an Amazon born out of India, I feel India is a hotbed of great innovation and there are great companies in the IT and other space that continue to be born. I have no doubt that the future is going to see even more global IT powerhouses coming out of India.




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**A thought for today**  
*Don't be seduced into thinking that that which does not make a profit is without value*  
**ARTHUR MILLER**

# Keep UPI Free

*It's a public good that's made India a digital economy. Charging a fee on transactions might scupper it*

Thanks to UPI, India leads the world in *instant* digital payments. Last month, there were 1,840cr UPI transactions worth ₹24L cr. Behind this success lies a tweak that GOI made in Dec 2019. It removed all transaction fees – what banks call merchant discount rate or MDR – on UPI. Until then, banks had charged 0.25% for transactions up to ₹2,000, and 0.65% above. So, when you bought, say, milk worth ₹100 via UPI, your grocer lost ₹0.25. It doesn't seem like much, but on a low-margin product like milk – 2.5% dealer margin – it's a 10% hit to earnings. That's why UPI wasn't popular for daily needs back then. But with MDR gone, everyone loves UPI. Transaction volumes have jumped 14-fold in five years.

So, RBI governor's recent remark regarding UPI: "Some costs have to be paid...whether collectively or by the user," needs careful analysis. This isn't the first time the idea of reinstating UPI fees has been floated, but coming from the guv, it merits discussion, even though the finance ministry last month ruled out restoring MDR.



It was responding to media reports on restoration of MDR. North Block termed them "baseless and sensation-creating speculations (that) cause needless uncertainty, fear and suspicion among our citizens."

Banks say they lose money on every UPI transaction because they get no return on the IT infra they maintain to process hundreds of millions of real-time payments every day. But the fact is, govt has been compensating banks for running UPI as a 'public good' these past five years. It paid a subsidy of 0.15% – 15 paise on ₹100 – on UPI transactions worth ₹2,000 or less last fiscal. Besides, if UPI is such a losing proposition, why has the number of participating banks jumped from 143 at the time of MDR's removal to 675 now? It's because banks use UPI to acquire customers for other lucrative products like loans and insurance.

Also, IT costs that banks complain about don't arise from UPI alone – the infra is shared across their services. Still, if RBI and GOI tomorrow agree that UPI hurts the bottom line of banks, they should consider increasing the subsidy to banks, because reinstating MDR would reduce the acceptability of UPI, and increase cash in circulation, which was already at a record high of ₹37L cr in March, and cost the govt ₹6,373cr in printing costs last fiscal.

# Stoking The Game

*England's cricket captain forgot the rules, was churlish, but some Indian fans read too much into it*

In *The Godfather*, Don Corleone famously talks about an offer the other side cannot refuse. In the fading lights of Manchester, Ben Stokes made a cricket's version of that offer. The England skipper wanted to 'declare' India's innings. But the cessation of a Test cannot depend on the needs and desires of one captain. It must follow the Laws of Cricket, or, to be specific, ICC's match playing conditions, where Clause 12.7.6 clearly states: "On the final day, if both captains (the batsmen at the wicket may act for their captain)



accept that there is no prospect of either side achieving a victory, they may agree to finish the match after." Simply put, calling off a game must be mutual. The consequent acts of petulance by Stokes and his teammates were downright unsportsmanlike. The match referee should look into it.

Such innocence about the game's laws has happened before. In Bangalore, 1983, Pakistan captain Zaheer Abbas and his side left the field, leaving Gavaskar stranded on 86. Umpires had to bring them back. Gavaskar scored his 28th century. In those pre-internet days, the incident didn't degenerate into an online scrap. Sunday night, some Indian fans saw evidence of colonial 'hangovers' in Stokes. Wrong. Stokes is a New Zealander by birth, and England's 'bazball' progenitor coach Brendon McCullum is a bona fide Kiwi. This was just an outburst born out of utter frustration of having drawn a game that was once firmly in England's grasp. The needless spat sadly took the focus away from a steely display by captain Shubman Gill's young India. That needs to be roundly applauded. With the series 2-1 in England's favour, Oval should see a cracker of a fifth Test.

# Their museum, my sighs

*When Clive of India was recently spotted in Wales*

**Gopinath Chandroth**

Family holidays are invariably hard work for those with an archaeologist or historian in the family. There's no basking in the sun with a book and a Margarita, no lie-in or breakfast in bed. The days follow a regular 9-5 routine. Endless aisles of Louvre are navigated, shoes are worn out at Smithsonian, and the mummies of British Museum are practically on first-name terms.

There's always an exception to everything – something that breaks the pattern. A recent visit to Powis Castle in Wales to see the Clive Collection was one such outlier. Yes, Robert Clive – or *Clive of India* – who laid the foundation of the British East India Company's reign of Bengal. When he left India, it was with a cool personal fortune of £31mn (today's value), amassed at immeasurable human cost. That was just the cash and doesn't include the priceless artefacts that visitors are privileged to see.

An impressive collection of Mughal-era artefacts is on display at Powis. It assembles items amassed by two generations of the Clive family: his son Edward served as the governor of Madras. It's also a reminder of the stealth, guile and deceit of East India Company. But that is history and one shouldn't quarrel with history.

The most stunning display is one of the finials detached from the throne of Tipu Sultan of Mysore – a dazzlingly well-made tiger-head in solid gold, studded with diamonds, rubies and emeralds. Other objects that stand out include the ornately carved palanquin of Siraj ud-Daulah, the last Nawab of Bengal, and the elegant chintz cotton tent that Tipu used during his battles. The multitude of exquisite pieces, both on display and in storage, outnumbers any collection in national museums across South Asia.

Each object was examined with an intensity the visitors didn't know they possessed. It was as if their own history lay bare among the ivory-hilted daggers and swords, curved gold-brocaded shoes, and elaborate paintings. The experience was like peering into a time gone by – an epoch otherwise encountered only in school textbooks and dry, one-dimensional history lessons. The affinity they felt towards the objects was difficult to make sense of – like trying to remember the details of a vivid but elusive dream. Nevertheless, standing among Clive's loot that morning, they heard the echo of battle cries, the neigh of horses and the stomping of hooves. The Indian visitors left Powis with the spectre of Robert Clive trailing behind them.

# Bigger Meaning Of Being Divya

*The World Cup winner isn't from a traditional chess centre like Chennai, but from Nagpur. This is indicative of how deep the sport has taken root in India, even as its global centre is shifting to Asia*

**Devangshu Datta**



The Women's Chess World Cup final turned into a fantastic fairy tale journey for 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh. She won the second-largest prize in women's chess, taking home \$50,000 as prize money and also achieved the Grandmaster title after three weeks of toil and strife.

The final was an all-Indian affair and a battle between generations at the same time. The woman Divya beat, Koneru Humpy, is literally twice her age at 38.

Both finalists qualify for the next women's Candidates and by winning the Cup, Divya should also automatically receive the Grandmaster title. She is the fourth Indian woman (and the 88th Indian in total) to make it to GM, along with Rameshbabu Vaishali, Humpy and Dronavalli Harika, whom Divya beat in the quarterfinals.

WWC is set up in a format similar to Wimbledon as a series of knock-out matches. Each match starts with two games played at a long time control, and if there's no decision, a string of tie-breaks is played at progressively shorter time controls, until there's a winner. There's prize money for the winners and losers of every round, with the champion and the runners-up receiving \$50,000 and \$35,000 respectively. In addition, the finalists and the winner of the match for third and fourth places receive spots in the next Candidates tournament.

This means that one of them could be the next challenger for the world title, which is currently held by Ju Wenjun. The world champion is allowed to play the WC though Ju didn't. In case any of the top three are already qualified for the Candidates, the fourth semi-finalist qualifies. This is the case here since third-placed Tan Zhongyi (who Divya beat in the Semis) was Ju Wenjun's challenger in the last title match.

The scope of Divya's achievement has to be put into perspective, not only for her as an individual but also as a leading light of India's chess squad. This young lady from Nagpur is a multiple world age-group champion, and an Olympiad gold medallist, as well as being the world's highest rated U-20 female player. She was also a key contributor to India's online Olympiad title in 2022. The World Cup was a breakout event for Divya, propelling her into the ranks of the World Top 15 as well as fetching the GM title and the spot in the Candidates. She beat the World No. 4 and former world champion Tan Zhongyi, the World No. 5 Zhu Jiner, World No. 6 Humpy, and No. 12 Harika on her way to the title. Each time, she was an underdog and she won each of these matches in tie-breaks.



Incidentally, Humpy is a two-time winner of the World Rapid Championships and there were some analysts who wondered whether Humpy was deliberately "taking it deep" in the finals by playing out quickish draws in the two long games, followed by tie-breaks in her favourite short-control. But Divya kept her nerves in the final tie-break, as indeed she did throughout the event, by winning a series of epic tie-breaks against higher rated players.

The quarterfinals of the event also offered an indication of the tectonic shift in the chess balance of power. Traditionally, nations like Georgia, Ukraine and Armenia have been the big powers in women's chess along with Russia, of course.



But here, in the quarterfinals in Batumi, Georgia, there were four Indians in Divya, Humpy, Harika and Vaishali and three Chinese in Tan, Yuxin Song and Lei Tingjie in the fray along with a lone Georgian in Nana Dzagnidze. That made it overwhelmingly likely that the two Asian giants would take the top honours.

The Indian and Chinese women's team have won multiple Olympiad medals in the last few cycles and of course, China has held the world title through Tan and Ju. India won golds in both Open and Women's category in the last Olympiad.

Humpy and Vaishali played in the 2024 Candidates as did Lei and Tan. Tan won that event, with Humpy and Vaishali sharing second to fourth place with Lei. India and China have also "traded" the Open world championship between Ding Liren and Gukesh.

A decade or 15 years ago, chess fans would have scoffed at the likelihood of any of these results and it looked as though the chances were remote. Asia would produce a stream of serious contenders for chess titles.

Yes, there was an Anand, and China was developing into a significant chess power but nobody would have believed that the two Asian giants could both create this assembly line of "strength in depth". If you factor in the rising stars of Uzbekistan and Iran, the balance has certainly shifted Eastwards.

Divya doesn't hail from a traditional chess centre like Chennai. Nagpur has, however, started to produce strong players like her and Raunak Sadhwani and this is an indication of how deeply chess has taken root across India now.

She's also from a modestly middle-class family, which has had to come to terms with their daughter becoming a globe-trotter long before she was eligible to vote. If all goes well and she continues her meteoric rise, she could be on course to become the next challenger, or even, who knows, the next Champion.

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# 'Multilingual, Inclusive Education Being Realised At Scale'

**Marking five years of NEP, Union education minister argues its ideas, from language choice to stress on skills, have fundamentally changed classroom experience**

**Dharmendra Pradhan**



In 2020, India more than just released a policy – it rekindled an ancient ideal. National Education Policy (NEP) placed learning at the heart of nation building, drawing from civilisational wisdom. Framed through one of the most participatory policy-making processes in history under late K Kasturirangan's guidance, NEP 2020 was a visionary roadmap rooted in cultural values. It reimagined learning as a process free from confines of rote memorisation, rigid structures, and linguistic hierarchies. It set the stage for a holistic, inclusive and future-ready education system.

Five years on, NEP's impact is visible in policy corridors and classrooms. In early childhood classrooms, play-based learning is displacing rote memorisation; children read fluently in their mother tongue; Class 6 students explore hands-on skills in vocational labs. Its imprint is visible in research hubs where India's knowledge systems engage in dialogue with cutting-edge science. NEP's vision is reflected in the rise of women in STEM fields and in the growing global presence of Indian institutions.

Nipun Bharat Mission has improved learning outcomes, ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy by Class 2. Nipun Bharat's success, reflected in Aser 2024 and Parakh Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024, has made classrooms spaces of curiosity and comprehension. Initiatives like Vidya Pravesh and institutionalisation of Balvatikas will help integrate early childhood care and education. Add to this new-age textbooks and introduction of Jaadui Pitara and e-Jaadui Pitara in 22 Indian languages. Over 14L teachers have completed Nishtha training, and platforms like Diksha have expanded access to teaching resources.

NEP recognised language is not a hurdle but a powerful medium of empowerment. With 117 language primers developed and Indian Sign Language introduced as a subject, vision of multilingual, inclusive education is being realised at scale. Bhartiya Bhasha Pustak Yojana and National Digital Depository for Indian

Knowledge Systems will democratise access to linguistic and civilisational learning.

National Curriculum Framework for School Education and new textbooks for Classes 1 to 8 are in place. Prerna is a bridge programme to help curriculum transition and ensure students aren't overwhelmed but supported at each stage of their learning journey.

Centrally sponsored schemes like Samagra Shiksha and PM Poshan have helped achieve near-universal enrolment. NEP's reach has extended to underserved populations. More than 7.12L girls from disadvantaged



groups are enrolled in over 5,138 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas. Over 490 hostels have been sanctioned for PVTG learners and 692 hostels under Dharti Aaba Janatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan. Prashast, a programme that screens for disability, helps the schooling system become more resilient and inclusive.

A key driver of the transformation under NEP 2020 are 14,500 PM Shri schools. These modern, inclusive and green institutions are being developed as exemplary schools aligned with NEP's vision, redefining both infra and pedagogy. The Vidyanjali platform has connected over 8.2L schools with more than 5.3L volunteers and 2,000 CSR partners, directly benefitting 1.7cr students.

In higher education, total enrolment has risen from 3.42cr to 4.46cr, a 30.5% increase. Women now comprise nearly 48% of all students, and female PhD enrolment has more than doubled from 0.48L to 1.12L. This expansion in enrolment, especially for SC, ST, OBC, and minority students, marks a historic achievement for inclusivity in higher education. Female GER has surpassed male GER for six consecutive years.

Introducing Multiple Entry and Exit, Academic Bank of Credits with over 21.12cr APAAAR IDs issued, and National Credit Framework have together provided flexibility and mobility. With 153 universities offering multiple entry and 74 multiple exit options, learning is not linear but modular and student-driven.

NEP's emphasis on research and innovation has improved India's Global Innovation Index rank from 81st to 39th. Over 18,000 startups have been incubated across 400 HEIs. Anusandhan NRF, revamped PMRF 2.0, and the 76k cr One Nation One Subscription initiative show a commitment to decentralise access to research.

Tech platforms like Swayam and Swayam Plus have recorded over 5.3cr enrolments. Support of Diksha and PM e-Vidya with over 200 DTH Channels ensures high-quality content is available countrywide. Digital learning ecosystem's success, including biannual admissions and dual degree regulations, has made higher education more inclusive, interdisciplinary, and industry-relevant. In QS World University Rankings 2026, 54 Indian institutions made the list, up from just 11 in 2014. Global universities Deakin, Wollongong, and Southampton have set up campuses in India.

The journey of transformation is being celebrated through Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam, but is being measured in the quiet confidence of learners, teachers, and parents. We must continue to green our campuses, expand critical research infra, and deepen learning outcomes. Under PM's leadership, education is not just policy but the greatest national investment. Where there is learning, there is progress. A billion minds unshackled and empowered aren't just a demographic dividend, but New India's supernova.

*Views are personal*

## Calvin & Hobbes



# Keep Your Heart Lamp Alive Always

**Narayani Ganesh**

Bhanu Mushtaq's *Heart Lamp*, stories from the Muslim community in Karnataka, narrates heart-rending stories of women and children routinely treated as subhumans by patriarchal, insensitive men thriving on false interpretations of holy scriptures like the Quran and Hadiths to justify their dominating behaviour. But these holy books uphold the rights of women and respect them as valuable human beings.

*Maa ke kadmoo ke neeche Jannat hai* – Paradise lies beneath the mother's feet – says a Hadith on mothers. Another says that while you are offering namaz, and your mother calls for you, you can pause your prayer and answer her first. In the short stories by Mushtaq, one is saddened that mothers and wives are ill-treated by their fathers, husbands and brothers, all citing justification from Islamic holy scriptures, keeping the women in

ignorance and terrorising them with their bullying, reducing them to chattels, enslaved and kept in deprivation, abused and discarded at will.

"As evening started to lose its light, lamps were lit around the house. But the lamp in Mehru'n's heart had been extinguished a long time ago. Who should she live for? What was the point? The walls, roof, plates, bowls, stove, bed, vessels, the rose plant in the front yard – none of these were able to answer her questions." Mehru'n and her children, abandoned by her uncaring husband and dismissed by her maternal family, have nowhere to turn. In desperation, she wishes to end it all. Dare I try and answer her questions?

Mehru'n, you should live for yourself first. Stoke the flame of your heart lamp gently every day; remind yourself you are a person in your own right, with

children to nurture, besides yourself. No one is worth destroying yourself for. No one should be given the power to extinguish your heart lamp. It is your pure, inner light that keeps your spirit alive; your source of self-inspiration and your sustainer, no matter how grave the challenges you face.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent and submission, and no one can dare try to put out the flame in your heart. Keep the light aglow, find a way to survive despite all the humiliation and rejection. You will rise like a Phoenix from the ashes and overcome. And thrive.

When Aashraf, in another narrative, seeks justice from mosque officials following her husband Yakub abandoning her and the children once she had a third girl baby in succession, she is ignored and dismissed. With nothing to eat, she begins working at Zulekha

## Sacred space



*Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul And sings the tune without the words And never stops at all.*

**Emily Dickinson**



On International Tiger Day, A Look At What Makes India's Conservation Story A Success — And The Challenges Going Forward

# Twist in tale: How India got tigers back from the brink

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In 2006, India had just 1,411 tigers left in the wild. By 2022, there were 3,682, almost 75% of the world's wild tiger population — a 161% jump in just 16 years.

More than 50 years since the launch of Project Tiger in 1973, the numbers tell a tale that's obvious: tiger conservation has been a roaring success. But challenges remain.

The numbers are significant, especially in the backdrop of a decline in tiger population in the 1980s, and a period of not-so-robust growth thereafter because of multiple factors, primarily poaching. By 2004, the situation had become so bad that tigers were on the brink of extinction at Rajasthan's Sariska Tiger Reserve.

The country's wildlife managers and biologists sensed the urgency and started taking multiple measures to protect the existing tiger population and increase the number of big cats.

But, in the journey from 1,411 in 2006 to 3,682 in 2022, many lessons have been learnt — primarily about human-tiger conflict and the lurking threat of poaching.

"The country has been a leader in tiger conservation," said Yadvendradev V Jhala, a senior scientist at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, and a former dean of Wildlife Institute of India (WII). But Jhala — who has been part of the journey to bring back tigers through policy intervention and management strategies, following the Sariska situation — cautions that the threat to tigers has never gone away.

"Though India now has approximately 3,700 tigers, they are still



A tiger in Corbett National Park, which has India's largest count of the big cat

vulnerable and can be decimated if poaching is left unchecked, as the market for illegal tiger parts and products still thrives outside India." He also reminded that the tiger population increase had not been uniform: reserves such as Palamau (Jharkhand), Achanakmar (Chhattisgarh), Satkosia (Odisha), Dampa (Mizoram) and Buxa (Bengal) have seen declines and localised extinctions.

On the other hand, big cat populations in Uttarakhand and eastern Maharashtra had increased so much that man-animal conflict has become an issue. "Also, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Jharkhand have registered declines, though they have good habitats because of prey base depletion," Jhala said.

India began its efforts to protect

the tiger population when it launched Project Tiger as a centrally sponsored scheme in 1973 in nine reserves (Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Bengal) over a 14,000sq km area.

Since then, project coverage has expanded to 58 tiger reserves, over more than 84,487sq km across 18 states, occupying nearly 2.5% of the country's total geographical area.

The numbers show that approximately 35% of our tiger reserves urgently require enhanced protection measures, such as habitat restoration, ungulate augmentation and subsequent tiger reintroduction.

"Tiger recovery is linked with rural community prosperity and law and order," Jhala said. "In the last 20 years,

wherever there has been extreme poverty and armed conflicts (Maoist activity or other law-and-order problems), we have seen tiger extinctions. Improving the livelihoods of forest communities, so that they do not have to rely on forest produce for a living, will reduce their negative impact on biodiversity."

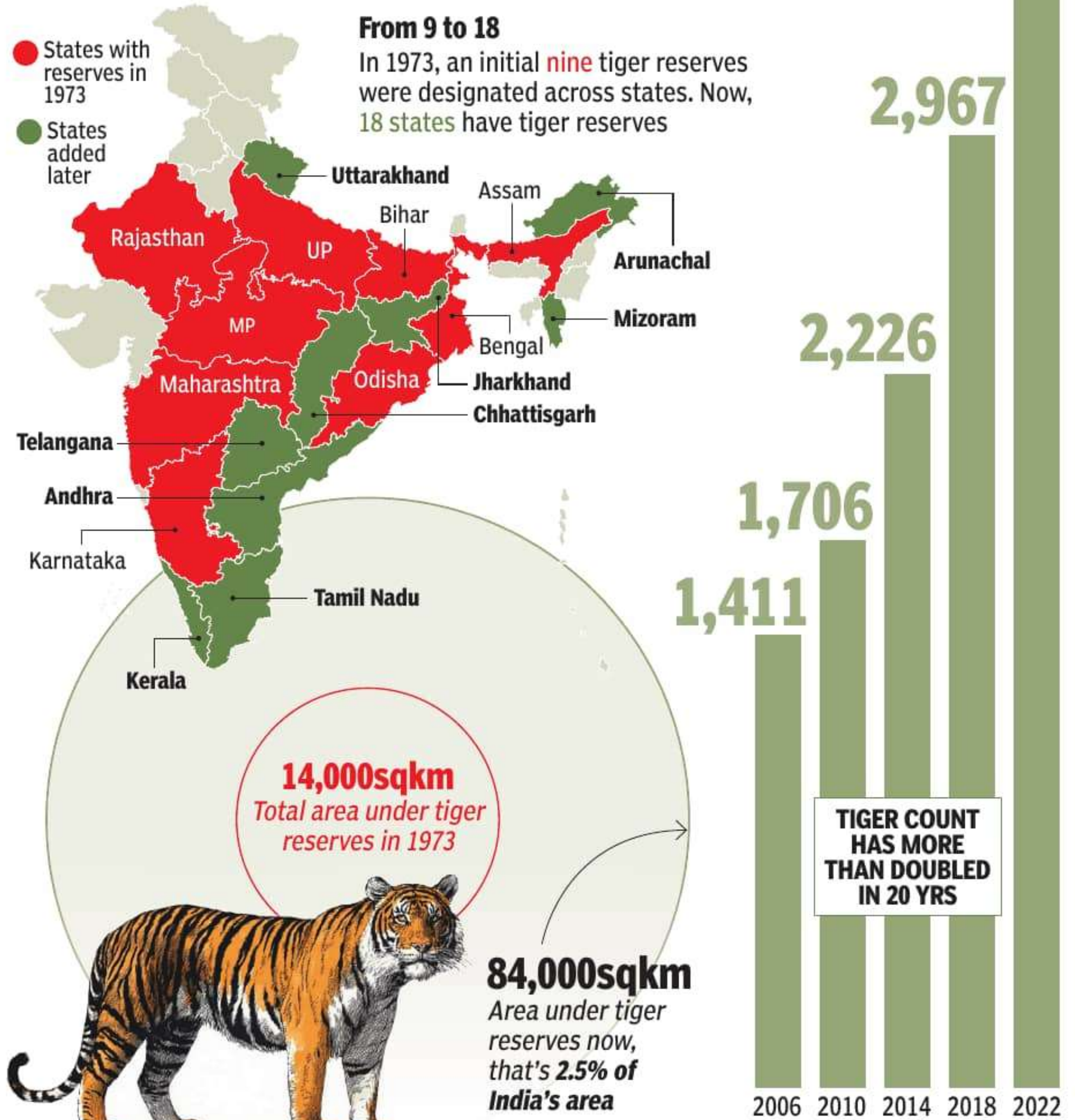
He, however, stressed that India would need a strategy to manage the growing population of tigers. "If this is not done in time, there will likely be a severe backlash from local communities, and we stand to lose all we gained in the past 20 years."

The conflict has, indeed, taken a human toll. The environment ministry told Parliament on July 24 that 73 lives were lost in tiger attacks in 2024, with Maharashtra reporting the highest (42), followed by UP (10), MP (6), Uttarakhand (5) and Assam (4). There were 51 human lives lost in 2020, 59 in 2021, 110 in 2022 and 85 in 2023.

Indian Forest Service officer and Barabanki DFO Akash Deep Badhwan said during his tenure as DFO Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Bahraich, forest personnel grappled with a mix of threats: a 45km porous border with Nepal, with cross-border gangs and illegal wildlife trade putting staff at risk. Understaffing and resource shortages are another constraint. "Human-wildlife conflict fuels mistrust between communities and enforcement teams. Efforts to evict encroachments or set up fencing provoke resistance from villagers, compounding socio-political tension. Balancing legal constraints, regulatory delays, and ecological imperatives adds further administrative and ethical complexity."

## GROWING FOOTPRINT

Project Tiger was launched in 1973 and has delivered remarkable results. Every three of four tigers in the wild are in India now



### MP Leads The Table

Top 5, State-wise tiger count

Madhya Pradesh	785
Karnataka	563
Uttarakhand	560
Maharashtra	444
Tamil Nadu	306

### Corbett Reserve Has Highest Popn

Top 5, Tiger count within reserves

Corbett	260
Bandipur	150
Nagarhole	141
Bandhavgarh	135
Dudhwa	135

58

Number of tiger reserves in India at present. **MP** has **nine** of these, the highest, followed by **Maharashtra** with **6**. **Karnataka, Rajasthan** and **Tamil Nadu** have **5** reserves each

## Bhopal's 'urban tigers' & humans live and let live

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When night falls over Bhopal, the city belongs to the tigers. Unseen, yet ever-present, they prowl through the green corridors that cut across an urban sprawl of 2.4 million residents, leaving only paw prints and camera-trap images as proof. To protect this rare harmony, the MP forest department is rolling out AI-based camera traps and installing an extra e-eye tower to generate real-time alerts, blending technology with conservation.

Twenty-two tigers share the southern and eastern landscapes in and around the municipal limits, yet most people have never seen one. There have been no attacks, no conflicts. Officials say the big cats have become masters of camouflage, perfectly adapting to survive in an urban world.

Locals have internalised this coexistence. "When I was looking for a house on the southern side of Bhopal, a resident casually warned me, 'Tiger kabhi bhi aa jata hai yahan,'" a senior officer recalled. "That simple remark captures the unique reality of this city — people here have learned to live with tigers as silent neighbours."

"We are introducing AI-based camera traps to monitor tiger movement and installing an additional e-eye tower to generate instant alerts for our monitoring teams," said L Krishnamurtey, APCCF (wildlife).

### What 'Operation Durga' Found

Though tigers had roamed the area for years, the city's extraordinary relationship with big cats first came to light in 2012, when a camera trap captured an image of a tiger mov-



A camera-trap image of a tiger on the southern fringes of Bhopal in July 2021, during a study conducted in collaboration with the MP forest department

ing along Bhopal's southern fringes. Alarmed, forest officials launched 'Operation Durga,' a large-scale effort to tranquilise and relocate what they believed was a lone predator near human settlements.

At the time, Krishnamurtey was posted as divisional forest officer in Bhopal and personally led the high-stakes operation. For 20 days, teams of guards, trackers, and elephants scoured the Kerwa-Kaliasot forests. Instead of finding one tiger, they discovered several quietly thriving in the city's fragmented green patches. These tigers were not aggressive: they were elusive, intelligent, and experts at staying out of sight.

Moved by their behaviour, forest guards and rangers requested their seniors to abandon the capture plan, assuring they could manage the

animals without disturbance. The operation was called off — and a silent, unspoken pact of coexistence was born. Today, more than a dozen tigers inhabit the forested corridors around Bhopal's southern boundaries. Studies reveal they have adapted their movement patterns to avoid humans, mostly becoming active between 11pm and 6am.

"Operation Durga changed our understanding of urban wildlife," Krishnamurtey told TOI. "We realised these tigers were not intruders; they were residents who had learned to live alongside humans without conflict. That discovery reshaped our approach to conservation."

### Delicate Balance Under Threat

Though Bhopal's tigers have coexisted peacefully with humans for over a decade, their rising numbers have caused tension in the bureaucracy. One faction pushes for urbanisation, while another stresses conservation. Under pressure from some senior bureaucrats, the Mad-

hya Pradesh wildlife headquarters, at one point, even questioned the presence of 22 tigers in and around the city. Field officers countered with a detailed dossier — complete with geo-tagged evidence, photographs, and behavioural data, establishing their existence.

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The report confirmed that six tigers had established territories within city limits, while others, including nine cubs, roam a 5km buffer. Officers argue these big cats have successfully adapted to the urban environment, making Bhopal a rare example of coexistence. However, they warn that unchecked development could upset this balance.

MP Forest Department

## This rescue centre makes big cats fit to be wild again

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When a six-month-old tiger cub recently fell into a disused open well near Saragur, near the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve in Karnataka, on July 9, forest officials knew they had a race against time — not just to save a life, but to preserve the spirit of the wild.

Swiftly rescued by a team of veterinarians, the disoriented cub was transported to the Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre, on the outskirts of Mysuru. Since then, the facility has become his temporary home, one designed to prepare him not for a life in a zoo, but a return to the wild.

"The aim is to ensure he doesn't spend the rest of his life behind bars," an official said. "Given his young age, there's a real possibility that he can be rewilded."

That possibility is grounded in experience. The Mysuru centre recently achieved a milestone by rewilding an injured adult tiger after nursing it back to health. Experts believe the cub — if he learns critical survival skills, such as hunting — could join Karnataka's dwindling wild tiger population.

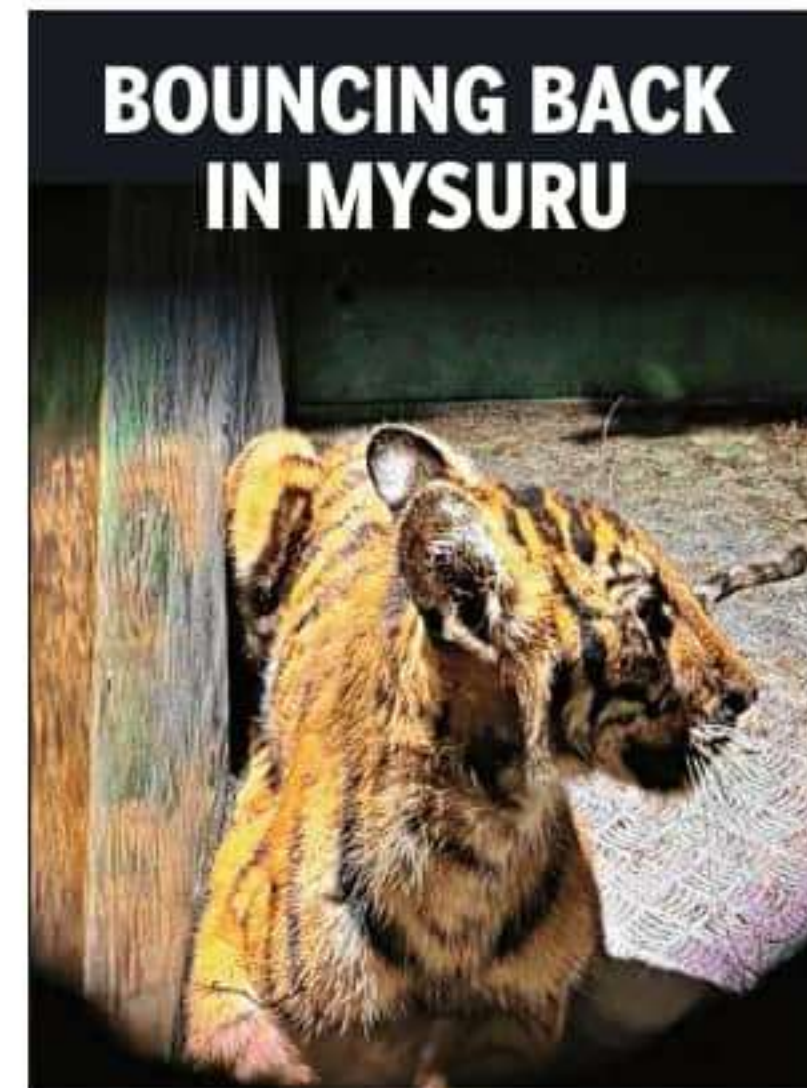
Set up in 2012 across 113 acres, the Mysuru rescue centre was intended to care for old or injured animals from the 133-year-old Mysuru Zoo. But it has evolved into a critical conservation hub. So far, it has handled 35 tigers — some rehabilitated and rewilded, others moved to zoos or retained at the centre. Six tigers are now being cared for.

The young cub's journey began with a comprehensive medical examination upon arrival. Fortunately, he showed promising signs of resilience. Staff at the rescue centre noted that he was keen to explore his surroundings, was agile and displayed playful behaviour — and, crucially, had begun to eat meat. But G K Shashidhara, assistant director and veterinarian at the zoo, said each cub needed at least two years to learn essential hunting and learning skills.

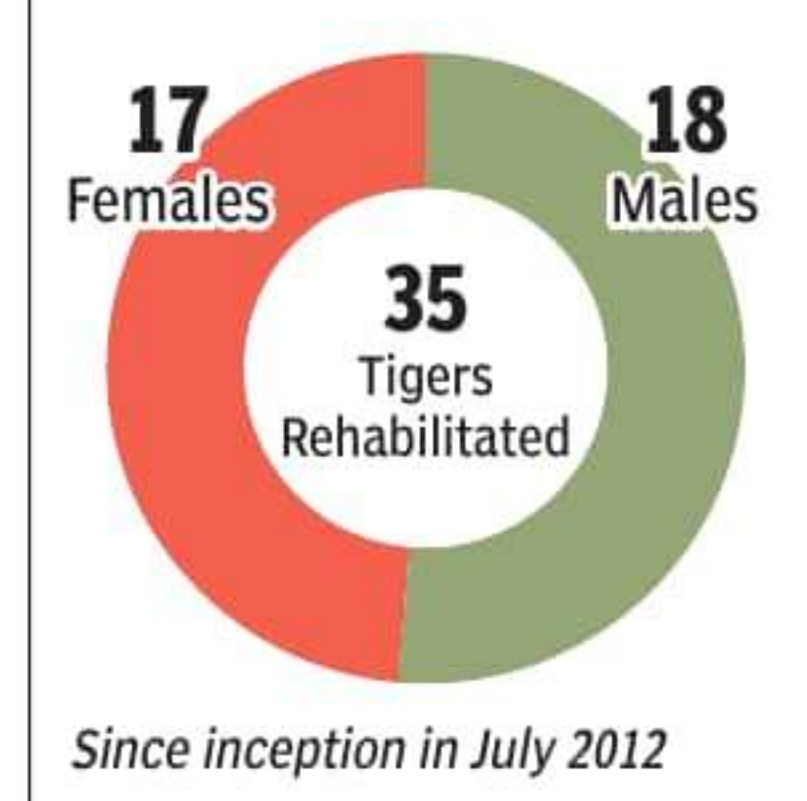
Just two months ago, the team at the centre successfully rehabilitated and released another tiger rescued from the Nagarhole range.

"A tiger that was exhausted and remained confined to a place on the fringes of the Nagarhole range in the forest was shifted to the centre two months previously, and was treated before it was declared fit for release in the wild. Accordingly, it was radio-collared and released back into the forests," said P A Seema, director of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve.

This marked the second successful rewilding by the centre



A six-month-old cub that fell into a disused open well near Saragur, close to the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, on July 9. The cub was rescued and is recovering at the Chamundi treatment facility in Mysuru



in a year. Earlier, a tigress was also released after rehabilitation. Both animals are being tracked with radio collars to ensure they don't stray into human settlements. "Forest personnel are keeping a tab on their movements and taking measures by deploying a force to prevent its advance towards the village," Seema added.

Tigers are released only if they are deemed healthy, young, aggressive (a sign of vitality), and capable of surviving in the wild. "Tigers that have tasted human blood are unlikely to be released into the forest," said Prabhash Chandra Ray, principal chief conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden of Karnataka. "Rather, they will be used to introduce a new bloodline by pairing them with captive-bred tigers."

K N Rangaswamy, the zoo's executive director, said a tiger that was rescued near MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary six years ago, was never released into the wild, but kept in captivity.

From 2022 to 2023, the state forest department captured 14 tigers involved in conflicts, or who were injured. Of those, five were healthy and sent back to the wild; the rest were retained in rescue facilities.

The Mysuru facility has rehabilitated 35 tigers in all, said Rangaswamy.

The centre's efforts are crucial in the broader context of wildlife conservation, particularly for species like tigers, which face significant threats from habitat loss, poaching, injury, and human-wildlife conflict, he added.

## EARNING THEIR STRIPES

### 'SuperMamma' Of Amrabad

In 2018, Amrabad Tiger Reserve in Telangana was home to only seven tigers. It now has a thriving population of 36. At the heart of this resurgence is just one tigress: **Farah, aka F6, aka "SuperMamma"**. Farah is the undisputed matriarch of the reserve that's spread over 2,611sqkm in Nagarkurnool and Nalgonda districts.

Since her first litter in 2019, she has had three more, with the latest — of three cubs — coming earlier this year, bringing up her cub count to around 10. Her bloodline now accounts for around half of the reserve's inhabitants. Forest officer Rohit Gopipidi calls Farah the "cornerstone" of the big cat population at Amrabad. But what about fears of inbreeding? The reserve has managed to maintain its genetic diversity through migrating male tigers from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. — **U Sudhakar Reddy**



### Kaziranga's Vanguard Against Poachers



They are named after Goddess Durga, and part of their duty involves protecting the animal that she sits astride. Meet the **'Van Durgas'** of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam. Armed with SLRs, this unit of 113 women watch for snares, traps, suspicious activity, and the telltale marks of poachers.

Kaziranga, spanning over 1,300sqkm and spread across four districts, has long been a poaching target due to its populations of rhinos and endangered tigers. Van Durgas start their day as early as 5 with patrols lasting until late evening or night, sometimes extending till 10pm. If they suspect any illegal activity, they quickly alert forest rangers and support intelligence-gathering to disrupt poaching syndicates. — **Kangkan Kalita**

## How a Myanmar town became capital of trade in tiger parts

Mazhar Ali | TNN

### THE SMUGGLING TRAIL

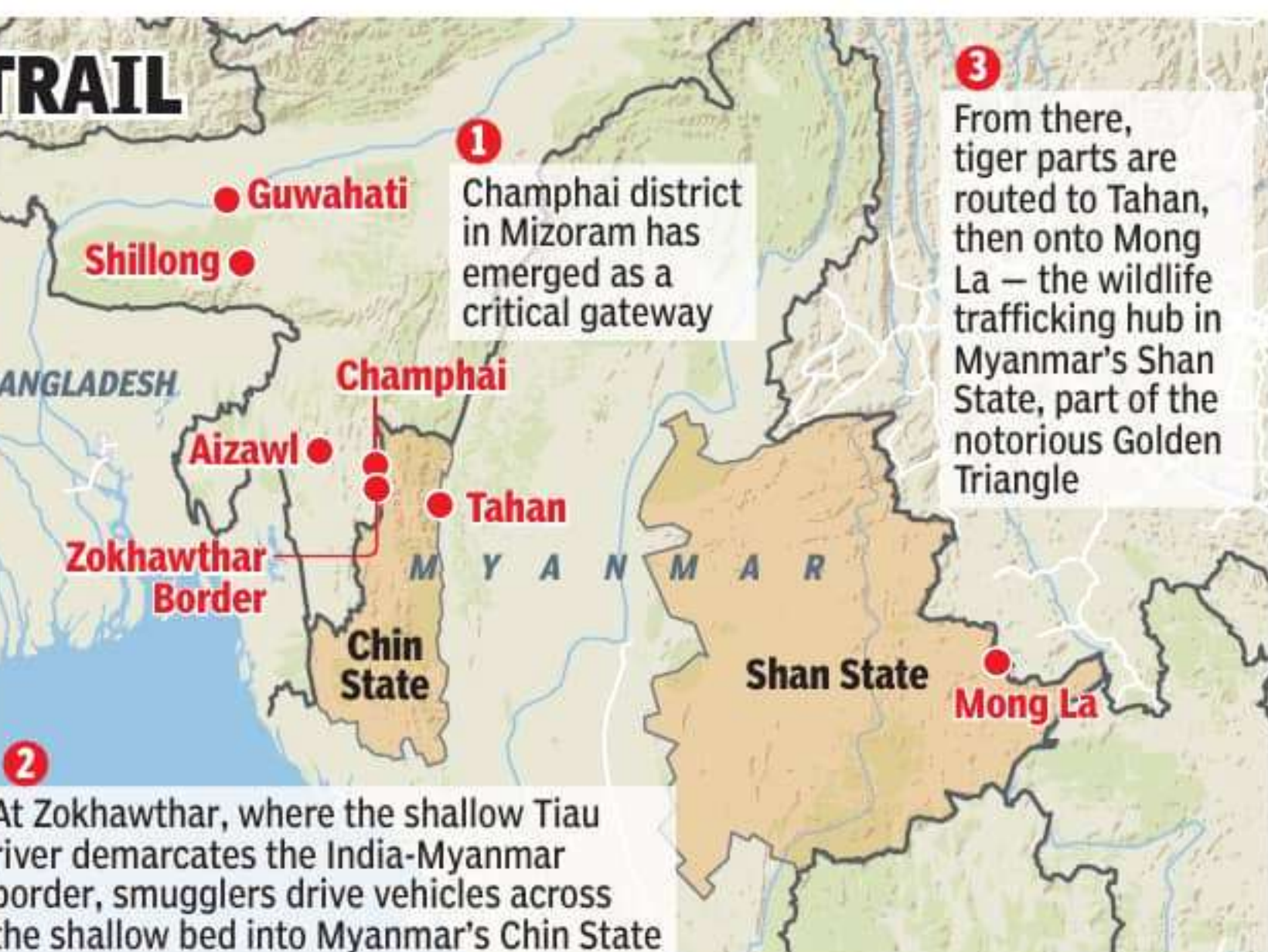
From Central India, consignments of tiger parts are sent to staging points in the North-East like Guwahati, Shillong, and Aizawl



A woman of the Pardhi tribe caught with tiger jaw traps in Maharashtra

animal products are openly sold to tourists from China, where such items are still sought for their supposed aphrodisiac qualities, or for use in traditional medicine.

Investigators say this underground chain has evolved dramatically over the past two decades. Earlier routes passed through Delhi, Gorakhpur, and Nepal; later, traffickers moved through Bengal's Siliguri corridor. But heightened scrutiny forced syndicates to shift operations eastward, exploiting Mizoram's fragile border security and its prox-



imity to Myanmar. "Today, one full tiger consignment is worth up to Rs 15 lakh — more than double its value in 2012. Payments are layered via online transactions of small values to avoid detection," a source said. Traffickers, experts say, are using encrypted calls, change SIMs and routes frequently, and even deploy counter-surveillance with poaching having evolved into a cross-border operation backed by militias, shielded by corrupt systems, and driven by lucrative overseas markets.



GALLERY

McIntosh wins 2nd gold, China prodigy Yu 4th

**Singapore:** Summer McIntosh, 18, won a second swimming world championships gold in as many days as she triumphed in the 200m medley on Monday. Twelve-year-old Chinese prodigy Yu Zidi was fourth.

**Fernandez wins DC Open:** Canada's Leylah Fernandez produced a dominant performance to defeat Russia's Anna Kalinskaya 6-1, 6-2 in straight sets and win the WTA Tour's DC Open.

**AIFF to name head coach on Aug 1:** The next head coach of the Indian men's football team is set to be announced on Aug 1 when executive committee of the national federation meets in New Delhi.

**Diksha Dagar finishes strongly:** Diksha Dagar finished strongly in the final round of Women's Scottish Open to give herself a boost for her next event, the AIG Women's Open. Diksha added a second straight 71 to finish with rounds of 69-76-71-71 for a tied-39th position.

**Diamond Harbour beat Md Sp in Durand Cup:** Debutants and I-League 2 champions Diamond Harbour FC rode on Slovenian poacher Luka Majcen's injury time winner to register a 2-1 win over Mohammedan Sporting in the first Group B clash of Durand Cup.

**Atwal T-24th at Senior Open:** Arjun Atwal sunk in six birdies but also gave away five bogeys, two of them in the last five holes, for a final round of 1-under 69 to finish tied-24th at the ISPS HANDA Senior Open in Sunningdale, UK. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

**CRICKET:** WI vs Aus, 5th T20I, 4.30 am (Fancode); **FOOTBALL:** Durand Cup, 3.30 pm & 7 pm (Sony); **TENNIS:** ATP Master 1000, 8.30 pm (Sony)

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Divya Takes Control Of The Clock To Surprise Humpy & Become First Indian Woman World Cup Winner

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Monday's win made Divya India's 88th and the world's 44th woman GM. Divya also became the third winner of the women's World Cup after Russian GMs Alexandra Kosteniuk (2021) and Aleksandra Goryachkina ('23). As stars would have it, both Kosteniuk and Goryachkina defeated China's Tan Zhongyi in the semifinals of the World Cup in 2021 and 2023 respectively. In Batumi, Divya, too, defeated Tan in the semis.

In the first game on Monday, Divya missed a trick of taking advantage with white pieces. A solid defensive play by Humpy denied Divya any opportunity to take advantage. The marathon opening game of Petrov's Defence with Classical Attack ended in an 81-move draw.

Divya's moment of history came in the second rapid game, playing with black pieces. Divya's preparations gave her control over the clock and she was eight minutes ahead of Humpy on the 13th move. Speaking exclusively with TOI after the triumph from Batumi, Divya said, "The second tiebreak was tense, but my preparations came in handy. Once I found that line and started making moves faster, it eventually helped me to take control of the clock. She came under time trouble and made a blunder, giving me an advantage."

Unlike what happened in their first classical game when veteran Humpy accepted the Queen's Gambit challenge of Divya, the 19-year-old declined it in their second rapid game to go a pawn up in the fourth move. When Divya made her first notable move on the ninth turn, Humpy was forced to change tactics. Despite being a pawn down, Humpy had control over the board, but time was running away from the 38-year-old.

The double-rook endgame with an extra pawn for Divya saw back-to-back dubious moves by Humpy on the 40th and 41st turns. When Divya advanced her queen on the 41st turn, she was a couple of moves away from winning. Looking at Humpy's 40th move blunder, Anand said, "A totally self-inflicted collapse by Humpy. It's one of those situations where your nerves just get the better of you, and there's nothing you can do."

But when Divya made a mistake on the 42nd move, Humpy got her position back with the youngest still enjoying a slight edge. When the queens got exchanged on the 47th move, Divya was still a pawn up. Trying



**DIVYA** Divya during the tie-break games in Batumi, Georgia on Monday



**CHEERS AND TEARS:** Divya with her mother Namrata after the triumph

**"I love playing long games and waiting for my opponents to make a mistake. Though I got success on many occasions, I have suffered losses too. I just love playing attacking chess with the aim to get decisive results."** —Divya

to convert the endgame, Divya sacrificed her pawn, and Humpy again blundered on the 54th move. Divya regained her pawn on the 71st move and ultimately converted the rook endgame into victory in the 75th move to win the title.

When Humpy resigned and stopped the clock with a handshake offer, Divya burst into tears and looked back as if searching for her mother. After completing the board formalities, Divya ran into the arms of her mother. Controlling her emotions, Divya later said, "I definitely need to learn endgames. I am pretty sure at some point I messed it up. Not sure how, but it should have been an easy win."

The greatest female chess player of all time, Judit Polgar congratulated Divya and said, "Indian chess is just unbelievable."

One of Divya's mentor, Abhijit Kunte, said, "When I saw her first time in coaching camp for the Asian Games in Kolkata, I realized she has a great talent and can develop a lot. From there she has traveled so fast. I hope the progress will just grow and she will become a first woman world champion from India."

From no norms to Grandmaster title

Divya Now India's 88th GM & 4th Among Indian Women

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Nagpur's International Master (IM) Divya Deshmukh took the shortest but strongest route to a Grandmaster (GM) title.

With an emphatic World Cup triumph in Batumi, the 19-year-old became India's 88th Grandmaster on Monday. The Grandmaster title is one of the toughest achievements in chess. To secure the top title awarded by the world chess federation (FIDE), a player needs to earn three GM norms from FIDE-approved tournaments and cross the rating of 2500 Elo.

Mostly, players achieve the norms to get the title. Divya cleared the rating criteria when she registered a peak rating of 2501 in October 2024. While Divya was trying hard to get the three norms, she came very close but missed it in many tournaments by a whisker. Her first norm came when she qualified for the World Cup final in Batumi.

As per the FIDE rules, winners of certain elite competitions can avoid the usual norm-and-rating route and can become GMs directly. The

Women's World Cup was one such event, and Divya earned the GM title by becoming the youngest World Cup winner.

On achieving her childhood dream, Divya said, "I think it is fate, getting the Grandmaster title this way, because I didn't even have one norm before coming to the World Cup. And all I was thinking of was 'Oh, when can I get my norm', and now I have a crown and Grandmaster title too."

Congratulating Divya on X, World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura said, "Huge congratulations Divya for both winning the Women's World Cup but also going from no-norms to the GM title in one big jump! Indian chess is knocking it out of the park these days."

Three years after she started playing chess, Divya became the youngest Woman FIDE Master (WFM) in 2013. Five years later, she achieved the Woman International Master (WIM) title and in 2021 became the WGM. In 2023, Divya earned her highest title, International Master (IM).

Divya's inspiring performance took her live ranking to 15th in the world with 2478 Elo points.



Hope this is just the start, says Divya

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Divya Deshmukh has been a fighter ever since she started making moves on the 64 chequered boxes. Like the youngest world champion, D Gukesh, playing long games is Divya's forte. This strength makes both Gukesh and Divya different from others in their peer group.

The two champions started playing chess almost at the same time, but in different cities. Both work tremendously hard on their preparations. Divya credits her extra effort for helping her clinch the World Cup on Monday.

Speaking exclusively with TOI, Divya said, "Preparations played a major role for me in winning this World Cup. Before

coming here, I wasn't expecting that I could reach this far. Since I was in the bottom half and pitted against many strong opponents, I had to make my preparations stronger. I used to be on call for long hours with my trainers."

On defeating World No. 5 Humpy in the all-India final, Divya said, "I have so much respect for Humpy Akka. She is playing the best of the best at this age! It is something to learn from her, it is commendable. It definitely felt good to play against her in the final and I am happy to have beaten such a classy player like Humpy Akka. I think luck was on my side today."

After clinching the title, Divya said, "It's hard for me to speak right now. I am hoping this is just the start."

I was never going to risk my frontline bowlers, says Stokes

**Manchester:** England captain Ben Stokes said he wanted to shake hands with Indian batters when 15 overs were left in the game and the only possible result was a draw. However, India did not accept the offer as Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar were closing in on their hundreds after batting for more than two sessions. The decision did not sit well with the England camp.

"We took the game as far as we could with our frontline bowlers to think we have a real chance of winning it. As soon as it got to the point where a draw was inevitable, I was never going to risk any of my frontline bowlers with the short turnaround," Stokes said. "The only other person who has got some bowling workload into them was Harry Brook (laughs) but I did have to tell him, don't

OVERTON IN FOR 5TH TEST

Allrounder Jamie Overton has been recalled to England's 15-member squad for the final Test.

**SQUAD:** Ben Stokes (captain), Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Zak Crawley, Liam Dawson, Ben Duckett, Jamie Overton, Elie Pope, Joe Root, Jamie Smith (wk), Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes.

do anything stupid."

Sundar and Jadeja received some verbal abuse from England fielders for carrying on towards the three-figure landmark, with Stokes telling reporters, "They played incredibly well and I don't think there would have been too much more satisfaction at walking off 100 not out than 80 or 90."

'Ready to run through brick wall to feature in decider'

Stokes proclaimed "pain is just an emotion" as he insisted he will do everything in his power to feature as a fully-fledged allrounder in next week's series decider.

Stokes expects to take the field at the Oval on Thursday. "Hopefully I will be all right going for the last one," he told reporters. "It's just a workload sort of thing. We got a fair amount of overs and everything starts creeping up on you. I'll keep trying, keep going and as I say to all the bowlers: pain is just an emotion."

Stokes, who said "I've physically been better," added, "I'll always try to run through a brick wall for the team. I don't want to eat my words but the possibility I won't play (at the Oval) is very unlikely." AGENCIES

'When things don't go England's way, all of a sudden it's everyone else's problem'

**"Have you heard the term double standards? They (India) played your bowlers all day, batted you out and suddenly when they're nearing hundreds, you want to walk off? Why should they? They have played all your bowlers since morning and taken it to a draw. They have worked hard, and you want them to leave their hundred? If I was the Indian captain, I would have played the entire 15 overs."**

—Ravichandran Ashwin

**"I liked what India did. They earned the right to stay as long as they want. The batters had the right to make their hundreds. Just because it didn't go England's way and they didn't get the result they want, all of a sudden they weren't happy and started getting verbal. When things don't go England's way, all of sudden it's everyone else's problem. Well done to India."**

—Brad Haddin

**"Stokes didn't have to bowl Brook and look silly at the end. We make far too much of these things. They played well and all credit to India."**

—Nasser Hussain

**"It was the right decision for India to carry on, for the momentum they're getting from it. When you're out in the field for 140 overs, you get frustrated. It's a little bit of frustration for England, but I understand why India did it. Five years down the line, you look at the scorecard, you see two brilliant hundreds to save the game, plus obviously (Shubman) Gill's as well, so all will be forgotten about Harry Brook's 37-mile-an-hour ball."**

—Alastair Cook

DOUBLE SCOOP

England Sink Spain On Penalties To Win Back-To-Back Euros

**Basel:** Chloe Kelly has written her name in the history books. Or perhaps that should be rewritten.

Kelly was England's hero again at the Women's European Championship on Sunday, setting up the equalizer in the final before coolly firing home the winning spot kick in the shootout to seal victory over World Cup winner Spain.

The 27-year-old Kelly is establishing herself as one of the most clutch players around. "I just came on to the pitch and wanted to make something happen," Kelly said. "I actually missed three penalties in training yesterday."

"I'm really proud to be English right now."

It was back-to-back European trophies for England and yet another final that Kelly had a huge impact on after coming on as a substitute during the Euro 2022 trophy match and scoring the winner against Germany in extra



**"IT WAS CRUEL. WE PLAYED BETTER BUT IN SOCCER SOMETIMES THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. IT ALL CAME DOWN TO THE PENALTIES. I'M SORRY FOR MY MISS."**

—Aitana Bonmati | SPAIN STAR

Chloe Kelly celebrates with teammates after England won the Euro 2025 trophy on Sunday

injury. And it was a Kelly cross from the left for Alessia Russo to head in the equalizer in the 57th minute.

The double joy of another European champion winner's medal as well as a Champions League one, won in May with Arsenal, has helped draw a line under a difficult period for Kelly.

Bronze played through pain

England defender Lucy Bronze revealed after Sunday's Euro 2025 final victory that she had played the entire tournament with a fractured tibia. AGENCIES

When Zaheer Abbas-led Pak left Gavaskar stranded

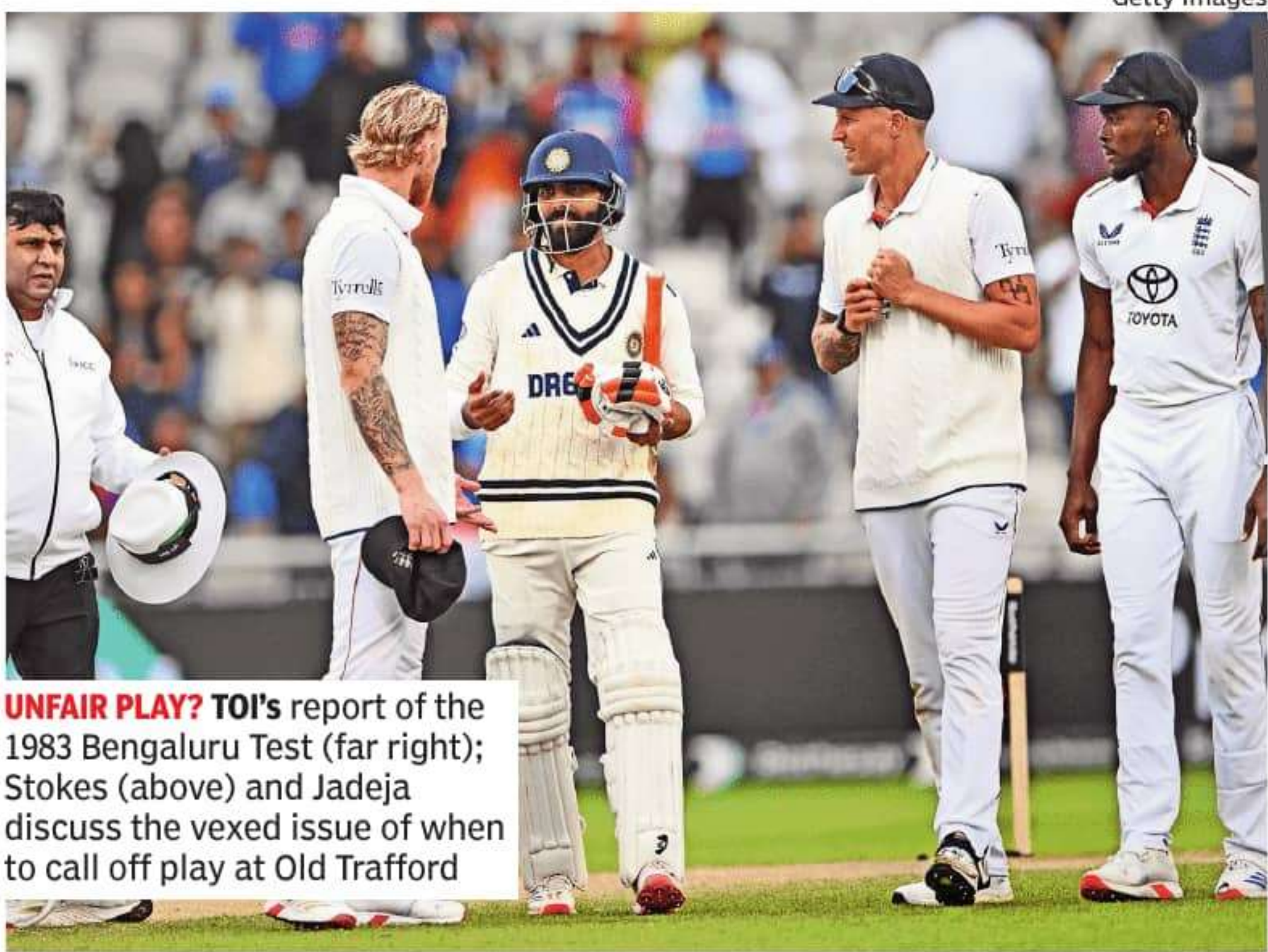
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**New Delhi:** The Stokes-Jadeja controversy towards the end of the fourth Test in Manchester has led to fierce online debate. But far worse happened in the 1983 Bangalore Test against Pakistan when skipper Zaheer Abbas had arbitrarily left the field with his team on the last day, leaving opener Sunil Gavaskar stranded on 86.

TOI reported that play was interrupted for 27 minutes while Sandeep Patil wrote in his autobiography, 'Sandy Storm', that "half an hour" was wasted. Gavaskar, who was suffering from "bronchial infection" for the previous two days, his opening partner Anshuman Gaekwad and the two umpires, Madhav Gothoskar and Swaroop Kishen, stayed on the ground during this period.

In his book, 'Runs 'n Ruins', Gavaskar vividly recreated the scene at the stadium. "The crowd was getting restive and impatient and had begun to boo and shout a little angrily now. The officials of the Karnataka State Cricket Association rushed to confer with both the umpires as well as the manager of the Pakistan team, Intikhab Alam."

The TOI report detailed what had led to the Pakistan team's exit. "Zaheer's contention was that Pakistan had completed their quota of 77 overs for the day.... there was a great deal of wrangling over the rules before wiser counsels prevailed on Zaheer and manager Intikhab Alam....he (Zaheer) relented when the umpires



**UNFAIR PLAY?** TOI's report of the 1983 Bangalore Test (far right); Stokes (above) and Jadeja discuss the vexed issue of when to call off play at Old Trafford

pointed out that the stipulation of 14 overs per hour in the playing condition did not apply for the last day when the mandatory overs had to be gone through," the report said.

Interestingly, the report also said that the umpires had clearly explained the law to Zaheer, fondly called 'Zed', in the morning. "He perhaps saw the light when it was made clear to him that the match would be awarded to India if his team did not return to the field. England captain (Ray) Illingworth had acted similarly on the tour of Australia and had to bring his team back," TOI said. The newspaper added, "a potentially explosive situation

was thus defused".

Despite the loss of considerable time, the light was good enough for the game to resume. "After this kind of drama one gets disturbed, especially a batsman. But Sunil, without any problem, completed his hundred," wrote Patil. Gavaskar's description went, "When play finally did start, I managed to get to my century in the 20th (mandatory) over. As the ball streaked to the boundary, I glanced at Zaheer and he was already walking towards the pavilion along with his players and we followed." It was Sunny's 28th Test ton, leaving him one short of Don Bradman's record 29 centuries.



Gavaskar ended with 34 Test centuries. Allrounder Madan Lal, who was awarded MoM in that game, told TOI over phone that it was the right decision and within the rules to call the Pakistan team back. "A batsman works hard to reach a century. Why shouldn't he be allowed to complete it," he asked. Not everyone in the Pakistan team condoned Zaheer's action. "The walk-off by Zaheer had left a bad taste in the mouth and later in the evening on the flight to Delhi some of his players were critical of his actions, which they felt was unnecessary and unsporting," Gavaskar said. For the record, the Test ended in a tame draw.

Pakistan will come for Asia Cup, jr WC

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**Chennai:** The Pakistan hockey team will take part in the Asia Cup and the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup in India. The Asian meet is set to be held in Rajgir from August 27 to Sept 7, while the Junior World Cup will take place from

**HOCKEY** across two venues: Chennai and Madurai.

Confirming the development, Hockey India (HI) treasurer and president of the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, Sekar J Manoharan, told TOI that both the senior and junior teams from Pakistan have applied for visas.

"Pakistan's teams will definitely be coming. They've already submitted visa ap-

plications. The senior men's team has applied with a contingent of 18 players and seven support staff," Sekar said after the inauguration of the Sub-Junior Men's National Hockey Championship here on Monday.

HI President Dilip Tirkey said the federation has not received any official communication yet. The Indian men's hockey team endured a poor campaign in the recent FIH Pro League, finishing eighth and suffering a string of seven straight defeats.

Reacting to that performance, Tirkey said the federation is in talks with the coach Craig Fulton and selectors. "If we see players who are not performing well are unable to deliver, it's on the selectors to take a call."

SC RELIEF FOR LAKSHYA SEN IN FORGERY CASE

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**New Delhi:** In a relief to badminton players Lakshya Sen and his brother Chirag Sen, Supreme Court on Monday quashed criminal proceedings initiated against them on allegation of fabricating their birth certificates to participate in the underage tournament after noting that there was no evidence to prove it and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) had already given them a clean chit after holding inquiry and medical tests.

A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Aravind Kumar allowed the plea of the brothers for quashing FIR. It said the suggestion that a criminal investigation was necessary to test the allegations "rings hollow".





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# Will India stick to Bumrah's three-Test plan?

**Coach Gambhir Says All Pacers Fit & Available For Series Decider As Debate Rages Over Star Pacer's Workload-Management Plans**

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**Manchester:** It's been over 50 days since the Indian team arrived here in England, and Jasprit Bumrah's workload has been the focal point of India's planning ahead of each Test. As India's batters were pulling off a fighting draw at Old Trafford, Bumrah's availability for the last Test — starting at Oval in London on Thursday — again became a point of discussion.

At the start of the tour, head coach Gautam Gambhir had confirmed that the team management had planned to play Bumrah in only three of the five Tests. India go to London 1-2 down in the series and Bumrah has already played his quota of three Tests. It's a tricky situation for both Bumrah and the team management. Will the team deviate from the three-Test plan regarding Bumrah's availability, since now there is a big opportunity to come out of the gruelling series with a 2-2 scoreline?

"There has been no talk about it (Bumrah playing at the Oval). And no such decision has been made on whether Bumrah (will) play in the last Test. Ultimately, whoever plays, they'll try and do the job for the country," Gambhir said after the fourth Test.

Bumrah's susceptibility to breaking down in the middle of a Test has given the caretakers of Indian cricket sleepless nights. The Indian cricket board (BCCI) doesn't want a repeat of the incident in the Sydney Test at the beginning of the year. In Australia, the medical team working on Bumrah believed that his long and intense spell in the Test in Melbourne may have triggered the back injury in Sydney. **TOI** understands that Bumrah is now advised to bowl 45-50 overs maximum per Test.

Bumrah bowled just 33 overs in the last Test in Manchester. This was after an eight-day break after the third Test at Lord's. **TOI** has learnt there have been murmurs in BCCI corridors around Bumrah's pick-and-choose policy in Test cricket. He was not given the Test captaincy only because he would not be available for every Test.

The BCCI is not comfortable with the selectors and the team management going into a series without knowing if Bumrah will be available for the entire series. It is being considered whether he should make himself available for an entire series, or not at all. Sources said that when the fourth Test began with Bumrah in the XI, it was almost certain that he will give the Oval Test a miss. "All the fast bowlers are there. There is no injury scare," was Gambhir's curt reply to a query around the fitness of the pace attack.

Gambhir asserted that he doesn't prefer the term 'transition' while discussing the Test team playing in England. He believes this team may be inexperienced, but it's the best team that India have. He doesn't like to hide behind the words 'transition' and 'inexperience'. "You're asking someone who only believes in results. And I've always said that in the past as well, I believe in results. Yes, there is inexperience, but this is still the best Indian team right now. We're still down 1-2. Hopefully, we can try and make it 2-2. That's going to be a great achievement," Gambhir said.

It will be interesting to see if India risk Bumrah. His speed, after all, had come down significantly on the third evening of the third Test, where he returned figures of 2/112, his poorest show in his seven-year-long Test career.

India's only win has come when Bumrah opted to sit out of the second Test at Edgbaston. It's not that the Indian bowling can't hold its own without him.

**"If Bumrah feels like he's available, it'll be a great deal. If not, we can still take 20 wickets."**  
—Shubman Gill

## Versatile Washington shows he's the perfect fit

**The Allrounder's Ability To Consistently Perform Different Roles, At Different Stages Of A Game, Makes Him Invaluable**

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**Manchester:** Three days before he was unexpectedly picked for India's home Test series against New Zealand last Oct, Washington Sundar scored a 152 for Tamil Nadu against Delhi in a Ranji Trophy match while batting at No. 3. "I consider myself to be a top-order batter," Washington had asserted at the end of the day's play. "I'm happy with the kind of opportunity I got batting at No. 3. I'll be batting regularly up the order in future. Hopefully, I can deliver such knocks consistently in future."

In the middle of a disastrous Test series against New Zealand on raging turners, a shaken team management and selection committee had picked Washington for his off-spinners. Soon, he was the lead spinner ahead of R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja when India took the field in Perth a month later.

In England, he was drafted into the playing XI in the second Test



purely on the basis of his ability to add batting strength to the lineup down the order. Calls for including a specialist spinner in Kuldeep grew louder but the team management kept backing Washington to be the second spinner.

On Sunday, he answered the call with the bat at No. 5 and saw to it that India came out of the fourth Test without losing the series. Washington is now the second Indian to score his maiden Test century in Manchester, the first being Sachin Tendulkar in 1990.

Washington's composure at the crease, against a red-hot English attack on a pitch with disconcerting variable bounce, needs to be measured beyond the number of overs he has batted. It's not that he hasn't batted well for India before. He scored a half-century on debut at the Gabba in 2021 and also has an unbeaten 96 against England to his name. He averages in the upper 30s in Tests. But Sunday was a different kind of challenge.

He was asked to bat at a position

which is manned by Rishabh Pant, whose fractured foot left a gaping hole in the middle order. Washington had to prove he was a good enough batter to fill in for Pant, after having proved he is skillful enough with the ball to keep Kuldeep on the bench.

"Washington was in really good form. It's just that sometimes when you're playing seven or eight batters, sometimes it's difficult to accommodate someone. With Rishabh not being there, it was our opportunity to put Washy at five," Gambhir said on Sunday. "We always knew what kind of form he was in, after the way he was batting in the nets and even in the last couple of Tests," Gambhir added.

When he opened up the game by claiming four wickets in the second innings of the Lord's Test, Washington was asked if he was comfortable with the team management describing him as someone who can fill in as a second spinner and add a few important runs at No. 8. "This is a team sport. I want to contribute to the team differently in different passages of a match. I've been given different roles. That's what makes Test cricket exciting," he had said.

Washington is the quiet achiever of Indian cricket. He has already been a key part of some memorable Tests since his debut. He has just made it very difficult for India to leave him out of the XI.



**"No decision has been made on whether Bumrah will play or not. We haven't had any conversation around the combination for the last Test. Ultimately, whoever plays, they will try and do the job for the country. All the fast bowlers are fit. There are no injury concerns."**  
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Name of BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues closed below IPO Price as on listing date
ICICI Securities Limited	41	9
IIFL Capital Services Limited ( <i>formerly known as IIFL Securities Limited</i> )	24	6
Common Issues of all BRLMs*	14	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>18</b>

\*Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs.



**BASIS FOR OFFER PRICE**

The “**Basis for Offer Price**” section on page 163 of the RHP has been updated with the above price band.

Please refer to the websites of the BRLMs: [www.icicisecurities.com](http://www.icicisecurities.com) and [www.iifcap.com](http://www.iifcap.com) for the Basis for Offer Price section updated with the above price band.

You may scan the QR code for accessing the website of ICICI Securities Limited.

**Additional Information for Investors**

- Pre-IPO Placement - In the Draft Red Herring Prospectus, our Company had provided for an issue of specified securities as may be permitted in accordance with applicable law for an amount aggregating up to ₹1,000.00 million prior to filing of the Red Herring Prospectus. However, our Company has not undertaken and does not propose to undertake a Pre-IPO Placement.
- Details of transaction of shares aggregating up to 1% or more of the paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company by Promoters from the DRHP till date are as stated below:
  - Pursuant to an agreement dated September 27, 2024 (“**Inter-se Agreement**”), entered amongst Aditya Khemka, Shradha Khemka, Ananmay Khemka, Aditya Khemka (HUF), Hari Khemka Business Family Trust, Aditya Khemka Business Family Trust, Hari Shanker Khemka, Hari Shankar Khemka (HUF), Rishi Khemka, Ruchi Khemka and ARK Business Prosperity Trust, Hari Shanker Khemka, Aditya Khemka and Rishi Khemka (collectively “**Individual Promoters**”), transferred 19,719,150 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each to Hari Khemka Business Family Trust, transferred 100 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each to Aditya Khemka Business Family Trust, and transferred 100 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each to ARK Business Prosperity Trust, respectively. The details of the transaction are:

Date of transaction	Name of the transferor (Collectively, “Transferors”)	Name of transferee (Collectively, “Transferees”)	Nature of transaction	Number of Equity Shares transferred	Transfer price per Equity Share (in ₹)	Consideration (in ₹)	Percentage of pre-Offer share capital of the Company on a fully diluted basis
April 23, 2025	Hari Shanker Khemka	Hari Khemka Business Family Trust	Gift	19,719,150	Nil	Nil	17.85
April 23, 2025	Aditya Khemka	Aditya Khemka Business Family Trust		100	Nil	Nil	Negligible
April 23, 2025	Rishi Khemka	ARK Business Prosperity Trust		100	Nil	Nil	Negligible

Except as disclosed below, the Transferors and the Transferees are not connected, in any manner, with our Company, our Promoters, members of our Promoter group, our Directors, our KMPs, our Subsidiaries, or our Group companies and their directors and KMPs:

- Hari Shanker Khemka is the father of Aditya Khemka and Rishi Khemka and is the grandfather of Ananmay Khemka.
- Each of the Transferors are Promoters of our Company. Additionally, Hari Shanker Khemka and Aditya Khemka are Executive Directors and KMPs of our Company.
- Hari Khemka Business Family Trust, one of the transferees, is a Promoter of our Company. Further, the remaining transferees, Aditya Khemka Business Family Trust and ARK Business Prosperity Trust, are members of our Promoter Group.
- Each of the Transferors are directors on the board of one of our Group Companies, ARK Infosolutions Private Limited.
- Aditya Khemka is a director on the board of one of our Subsidiaries, AIL Dixon Technologies Private Limited.

- Pursuant to the share purchase agreement dated July 10, 2025, entered amongst Aditya Khemka, Hemant Sachdev, Agarwal Family Trust, Gaurav Ghai, Arpit Goel,

Namrata Goel, Chaitanya Sood, Aparna Siddharth Todi, Udyat Indian Ventures LLP, Rakhee Kothari, Rachna Gupta, Rahul Garg, Nishant Arya, Chandra Shekhar Mehta, Parshva Kumar Daga, Aakash Chaudhry and Prateek Chotrani (collectively, “Transferees” and individually “Transferee”), Aditya Khemka, transferred 248,138 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each to the Transferees at a transfer price of ₹675.00 per Equity Share for a total consideration of ₹167,493,150 and aggregating to 0.23% of the pre-Offer equity share capital of the Company, on a fully diluted basis. The details of the transaction are:

Date of transaction	Name of the transferor	Name of Transferee	Nature of transaction	Number of Equity Shares transferred	Transfer price per Equity Share (in ₹)	Consideration (in ₹)	Percentage of pre-Offer share capital of the Company on a fully diluted basis
July 10, 2025	Aditya Khemka	Hemant Sachdev	Secondary	29,629	675.00	19,999,575	0.03
		Agarwal Family Trust		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Gaurav Ghai		7,407		4,999,725	0.01
		Arpit Goel		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Namrata Goel		7,407		4,999,725	0.01
		Aparna Siddharth Todi		7,407		4,999,725	0.01
		Udyat Indian Ventures LLP		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Rakhee Kothari		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Rachna Gupta		22,222		14,999,850	0.02
		Rahul Garg		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Nishant Arya		29,629		19,999,575	0.03
		Chandra Shekhar Mehta		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Parshva Kumar Daga		14,814		9,999,450	0.01
		Aakash Chaudhry		29,629		19,999,575	0.03
		Prateek Chotrani		7,407		4,999,725	0.01
		Chaitanya Sood		3,703		2,999,525	Negligible
		<b>Total</b>		<b>248,138</b>		<b>167,493,150</b>	<b>0.23</b>


The Transferees are not connected, in any manner, with our Company, its Promoters, members of the Promoter Group, Directors, KMPs, Subsidiaries, or Group Companies and their directors and KMPs.

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**UPI - Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional Investor applying in public issues where the application amount is up to ₹500,000, applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, CDPs & RTAs. Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional Investors also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021 read with press release dated September 17, 2021. CBDT circular no. 7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022, read with press release dated March 28, 2023.**

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except Anchor Investors. UPI may be availed by (i) Retail Individual Investors in the Retail Portion; (ii) Non-Institutional Investors with an application size of up to ₹500,000 in the Non-Institutional Portion. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in the Bid Cum Application Form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section “*Offer Procedure*” on page 477 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India (“AIBI”) and Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. The Bid Cum Application Form and the Abridged Prospectus can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited (“BSE”) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (“NSE”), and together with BSE, the “**Stock Exchanges**”) and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at [www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?do=RecognisedFpi-yes&intmid=43](http://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?do=RecognisedFpi-yes&intmid=43), respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: [www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in). UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI Mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. HDFC Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited have been appointed as the Sponsor Bank for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of SEBI (CDR Master circular. For Offer related queries, please contact the Book Running Lead Managers (“BRLMs”) on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll-free number: 18001201740 and mail id: [ipo.upi@npci.org.in](mailto:ipo.upi@npci.org.in).

**THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES.**

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid / Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid / Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar unforeseen circumstances, our Company may, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid / Offer Period for a minimum of one Working Day, subject to the Bid / Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid / Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and by indicating the change on the respective website of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 (“SCRR”) read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI (CDR Regulations) wherein not less than 75% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers (“QIBs”, and such portion, the “**QIB Portion**”), provided that our Company, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis (“**Anchor Investor Portion**”). One-third of the Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the price at which allocation will be made to Anchor Investors, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion (other than the Anchor Investor Portion) (the “**Net QIB Portion**”). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to QIBs (other than Anchor Investors), including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not more than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders (out of which one-third of the portion available to Non-Institutional Bidders shall be reserved for Bidders with an application size of more than ₹0.20 million and up to ₹1.00 million and two-thirds shall be reserved for Bidders with an application size of more than ₹1.00 million, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of the aforementioned sub-categories may be allocated to Bidders in the other sub-category) and not more than 10% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. Further, Equity Shares will be allocated on a proportionate basis to Eligible Employees applying under the Employee Reservation Portion, subject to valid Bids received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to participate in the Offer by mandatorily utilising the Application Supported by Blocked Amount (“**ASBA**”) process by providing details of their respective ASBA Account (as defined hereinafter) and UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders (as defined hereinafter), as applicable, pursuant to which their corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the Self-Certified Syndicate Banks (“**SCSBs**”) or by the Sponsor Banks under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of respective Bid Amounts. Anchor

Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For further details, see the “*Offer Procedure*” section on page 477 of the RHP.

**Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID available (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for RIBs and NILs bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants’ sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with the notification issued by Central Board of Direct Taxes notification dated February 13, 2020 and read with press releases dated June 25, 2021, September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.**

**CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS:** For information on the main objects of our Company, investors are requested to see the “*History and Certain Corporate Matters*” section beginning on page 288 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see the “*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*” section beginning on page 527 of the RHP.

**LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMPANY:** Limited by shares.

**AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE:** As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹150,000,000 divided into 150,000,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹109,805,805 divided into 109,805,805 Equity Shares of face value of ₹1 each. For details of the capital structure of our Company, see the “*Capital Structure*” section beginning on page 134 of the RHP.

**NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM:** The names of the initial signatories of the

Memorandum of Association of our Company along with their allotment are: Allotment of 10 equity shares each of face value of ₹10 each to Hari Shankar Khemka, Govind Kumar Khemka, Surendra Kumar Khemka, Indu Khemka, Aditya Khemka, Urmila Khemka and Anand Kumar Khemka. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company see the “*Capital Structure*” section beginning on page 134 of the RHP.

**LISTING:** The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received ‘in-principle’ approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their respective letters each dated January 9, 2025, respectively. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange. A copy of the Red Herring Prospectus and the Prospectus shall be filed with the RoC in accordance with Sections 26(4) and 32 of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the Red Herring Prospectus until the Bid / Offer Closing Date, see the “*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*” section beginning on page 527 of the RHP.

**DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (“SEBI”):** SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities stated in the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 456 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

**DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE:** It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE Limited should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE Limited nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to the page 458 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

**DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (the Designated Stock Exchange):** It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 458 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

**GENERAL RISK:** Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares have not been recommended or approved by SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to the “*Risk Factors*” section beginning on page 41 of the RHP.

**An indicative timetable in respect of the Offer is set out below:**

**Submission of Bids (other than Bids from Anchor Investors):**

Bid/ Offer Period (except the Bid/ Offer Closing Date)	
Submission and revision in Bids	Only between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. IST
<b>Bid/ Offer Closing Date*</b>	
Submission of electronic applications (Online ASBA through 3-in-1 accounts) – For RIBs	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 5.00 p.m. IST
Submission of electronic applications (Bank ASBA through Online channels like internet banking, mobile banking and Syndicate UPI ASBA applications where Bid Amount is up to ₹0.50 million)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 4.00 p.m. IST
Submission of electronic applications (Syndicate non-retail, non-individual applications)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 3.00 p.m. IST
Submission of physical applications (Bank ASBA)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 1.00 p.m. IST
Submission of physical applications (Syndicate non-retail, non-individual applications where Bid Amount is more than ₹0.50 million)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 12.00 p.m. IST
<b>Modification/ Revision/Cancellation of Bids</b>	
Upward revision of Bids by QIBs and NIBs*	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 4.00 p.m. IST on Bid/ Offer Closing Date
Upward or downward revision of Bids or cancellation of Bids by RIBs and Eligible Employees	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 5.00 p.m. IST on Bid/ Offer Closing Date

Event	Indicative Date
Bid / Offer Opening Date	Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Bid/ Offer Closing Date	Thursday, July 31, 2025
Finalisation of Basis of Allotment with the Designated Stock Exchange	On or about Friday, August 1, 2025
Initiation of refunds (if any, for Anchor Investors)/unblocking of funds from ASBA Account	On or about Monday, August 4, 2025
Credit of Equity Shares to demat accounts of Allottees	On or about Monday, August 4, 2025
Commencement of trading of the Equity Shares on the Stock Exchanges	On or about Tuesday, August 5, 2025

\*UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 pm on Bid/Offer Closing Date.

\*QIBs and NIBs can neither revise their Bids downwards nor cancel/withdraw their Bids.

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Place: Noida  
Date: July 28, 2025

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On behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
**Roshni Tandon**  
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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**US AND CHINESE OFFICIALS KICK OFF 2-DAY TALKS AIMED AT EXTENDING THEIR TARIFF TRUCE BEYOND A MID-AUG DEADLINE 18**

## SC acts on TOI report on strays, orders PIL regn

The Supreme Court on Monday expressed shock while taking suo motu cognisance of a **TOI** report on alarming figures for cases of stray dog bites in Delhi and decided to examine measures to address the growing menace. A bench comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan remarked that the **TOI** report was deeply disturbing and directed the court registry to register a PIL based on it. According to the report, over 60,000 dog bite cases were recorded in Delhi in 2023—averaging more than 165 cases per day. **P 3**

## BMW hit-&-run: Dead girl's uncle also dies

Two days after a five-year-old girl died after a BMW car, allegedly driven by a student under the influence of alcohol, crashed into a scooter near the Noida Sector 30 govt hospital, her 20-year-old uncle succumbed to his injuries, **reports Advitya Bahl**. According to police, Raza suffered fractures to his head, leg and hands. He had slipped into a coma during treatment. He was being treated at a private hospital in Ghaziabad since Saturday midnight. Her father Gul Mohammad continues to remain under observation. **P 7**

## Drill to boost city's disaster preparedness

Delhi is set to host a drill aimed at bolstering emergency response for major calamities such as earthquakes and industrial chemical disasters, officials said. The field-level drill will mark the culmination of the multi-agency Exercise Suraksha Chakra, designed to enhance emergency response coordination in NCR, covering 18 districts across Delhi, Haryana, and UP. The exercise will begin on July 29 with a symposium on disaster risk and strategic preparedness. The full-scale drill on Aug 1 will be the final phase. **P 3**

# This plea shouldn't have been filed: SC to Varma

## SC: If You Doubt In-House Procedure, Why Did You Join It?

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**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court on Monday told Justice Yashwant Varma, facing removal motion in LS for discovery of sacks of currency notes at his residence premises on March 14 night, that he should not have filed the petition challenging the procedure adopted by the in-house committee after fully participating in it.

As senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Justice Varma, began his arguments asserting it is 'matters of moment', a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta & A G Masih said "It is a matter of moment only for the benefit of lawyers who are involved in this petition. This petition must not have been filed." Sibal took the bench through several SC rulings that barred discussion in public and in Parliament of alle-

### 'WHAT IS WORTH OF IN-HOUSE INQUIRY REPORT?'

**Sr advocate Kapil Sibal**, representing Justice Varma, says politics has been introduced into a purely constitutional matter by sending inquiry report by the then CJI to Prez and PM with a recommendation to initiate removal motion against judge

**Sibal asks**, 'How could in-house inquiry committee conclude it was a misbehaviour on my (client's) part when cash was found in the outhouse? The committee did not find that cash belonged to the judge... Entire procedure of in-house inquiry was flawed & hence report should be quashed'



**Justice Dipankar Datta**-led SC bench says, 'Prez is the appointing authority & PM is the head of executive on whose advice Prez acts. Sending report to them doesn't mean it amounted to influencing Parliament, where the process is independent of in-house inquiry report'

**Justice Datta asks**, 'What is the worth of the in-house inquiry report? It is not going to be treated as evidence by the inquiry panel...If you are aggrieved by the procedure adopted by the in-house committee, why did you participate in its proceedings?'

ged misconduct of a judge prior to the debate on the removal motion. He said by uploading video of burning currency notes and communications between the then CJI & Delhi HC CJ (related to Jus-

tice Varma's explanations) on SC website, the petitioner has been vilified, subjected to media trial & pronounced guilty without an inquiry.

► **Constitutional matter, P 17**

## No pollution data from Haryana as all state AQI stns offline since April

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**Gurgaon:** A large chunk of Delhi's neighbourhood has been pollution-blind since April and could remain so when toxic air over the region peaks in Oct-Nov, severely undermining mitigation strategies over India's most polluted airshed.

All 29 air quality monitoring stations in Haryana operated by state pollution control board (HSPCB) have been offline since April 2 this year. The state's pollution data, meanwhile, has been coming from just two stations of the India Meteorological Department, one in Gurgaon and the other in Panchkula.

HSPCB stations are offline because the board let the maintenance contract with the firm that had managed monitors for five years lapse without lining up a stopgap

### NO DATA TILL NOV?

► After entire AQI network went on the blink on April 2, Haryana floated a tender in May for hiring an operator

► It drew 1 bid which was disqualified under govt rules. 2nd tender still being prepared with a late-Aug deadline for submissions

► Once bids are received, it could take up to 3 months for final approval

fix. Air monitoring stations began going offline after Oct 31 last year. By Dec 31, nearly 50% of the stations had stopped recording data, which is used by HSPCB and Central Pollution Control Board to issue daily pollution bulletins and by CAQM to formulate strategies for bad-air days.

► **Ggn staring at...., P 7**

## Stalking case accused dropped from Haryana law officer post

**Chandigarh:** Ten days after naming Vikas Barala — an accused in a stalking case — as an assistant advocate general, the Nayab Singh Saini-led Haryana govt has dropped him from the appointment list, saying he did not report on joining day.

On July 18, govt had issued a list of 92 law officers, including Barala, who would represent the state before Punjab and Haryana HC at Chandigarh and Delhi. Barala's appointment triggered outrage, and a govt spokesperson confirmed Monday that his name had been dropped. Except for Barala, the rest of the law officers had joined duty; the official said. Barala is facing trial as an accused in stalking and attempted abduction of the daughter of a senior bureaucrat (since retired). **TNN**

► **Govt slammed, P 17**

## Maha bars staff from online criticism of govt

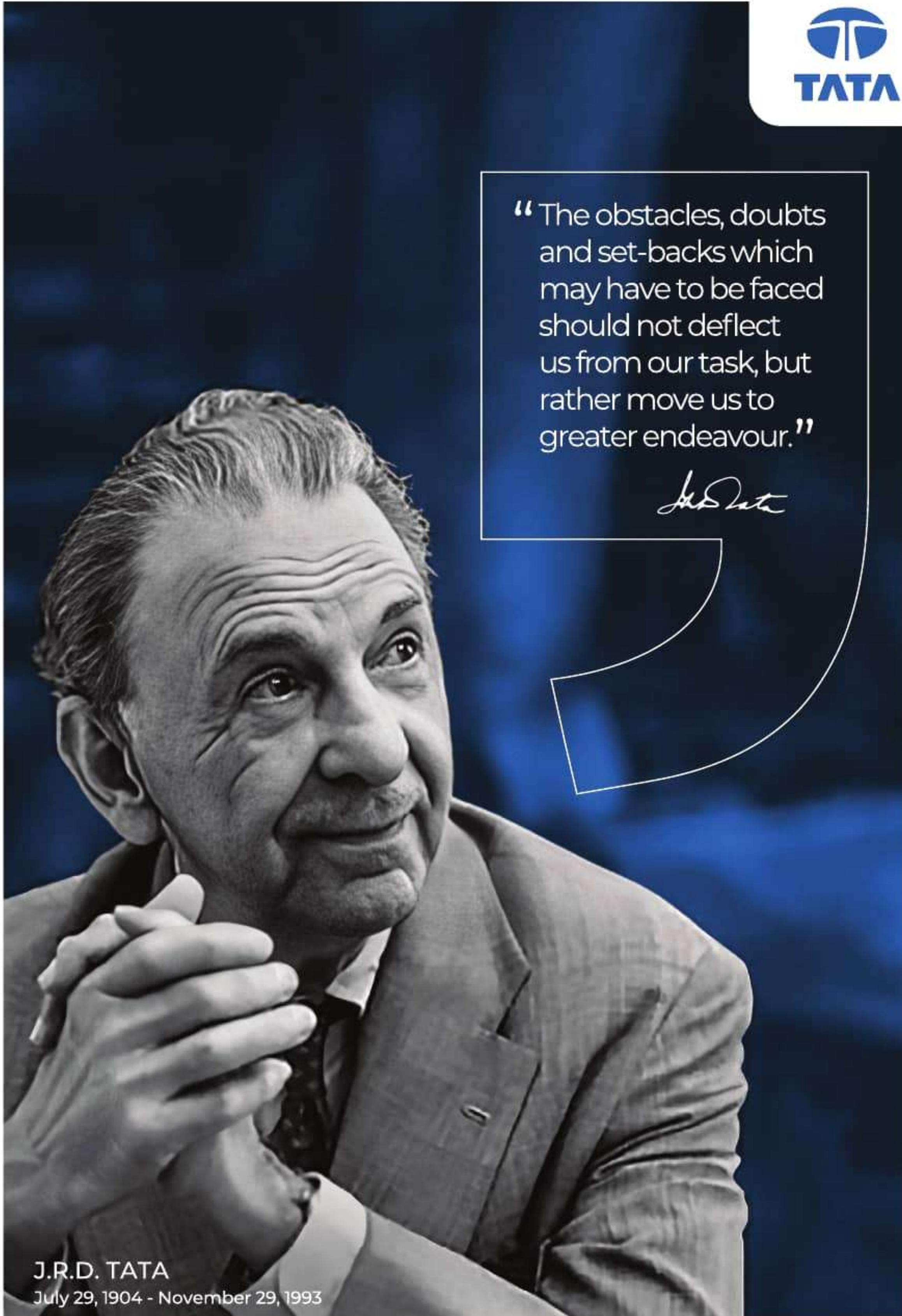
Flagging dangers of use of social media, Maharashtra govt has laid out guidelines for its use by state govt employees, which include a bar on criticism of govt policies. A GR issued Monday referred to misuse of social media by "giving adverse comments about govt policies or any political event or person in violation of the govt service rules". **P 15**

## Baby orphaned in HP floods now 'child of state'

Nikita, the 10-month-old who lost her parents and grandma in the flash floods in HP's Mandi, has been declared a "child of the state", with the state govt pledging to support all her expenses, including higher education and professional studies. Under the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana, she will receive Rs 4,000 monthly till she turns 27. **FLAP INSIDE**

## UP doc sleeps, man 'bleeds to death in hosp'

A junior resident doctor of Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College and hospital in Meerut was suspended on Monday for alleged negligence after a 30-year-old accident victim from a nearby village "bled to death when he was left unattended for hours at the emergency ward". In a video, the doctor could be seen sleeping in front of an AC. **P 12**



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# The royal game demystified: What you might not know about chess

Indian chess is having a golden run. From Gukesh D defeating world champion Magnus Carlsen, to Praggnanandhaa besting him twice, to India's men's and women's teams winning gold at the Chess Olympiad, the country has established itself as a global chess powerhouse. The latest triumph came as 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh defeated veteran Koneru Humpy in an all-India final to win the FIDE Women's World Cup. As chess becomes more popular, here's a quick explainer to help understand five basics of the game.

■ **Is playing with Black a disadvantage?**

In chess, White always makes the first move. This gives White a tiny initial advantage, as they can immediately start developing pieces and dictating the flow of the game. Black, on the other hand, has to react to White's first move. While this "first-move advantage" is small at the grandmaster level and doesn't guarantee a win for White, statistically, White does win slightly more often than Black. Think of it like starting a race a fraction of a second before your opponent.

■ **World Champion vs World Cup in chess: What's the difference?**

The World Champion is the undisputed, reigning champion of chess. To become the World Champion, a player must win a series of highly competitive matches leading up to a final match against the current champion. This title is held by only one person at a time and signifies being the very best player in the world. The FIDE (International Chess Federation) World Cup is a major knockout tournament. Players compete in a series of head-to-head matches,



with the loser being eliminated, until the winner remains. While winning the World Cup is a prestigious achievement and often qualifies players for the World Championship cycle, it doesn't automatically make them the World Champion. Think of it like the difference between winning a major golf tournament (like The Masters) versus being ranked the No. 1 golfer in the world.

■ **Why do women and men play separately when chess isn't a physical sport?**

While chess is a mental sport, historically, there have been fewer women

playing chess professionally compared to men. This has led to the establishment of women-only tournaments and titles (like Woman Grandmaster) to encourage more female participation, provide more opportunities for women to compete for titles and prize money, and help bridge the gap in numbers. It's not about physical differences but about fostering growth and representation in the sport for women. Men are generally allowed to compete in women's tournaments, but it is rare. Conversely, women are allowed to compete in "open" .

■ **The significance of 'resigning' a game:**

Unlike many other games, in chess, it's common and considered good sportsmanship to "resign" a game before checkmate is delivered. A player resigns when they realise their position is hopeless and there's no way to avoid defeat. It saves time and acknowledges the opponent's superior play. Forcing an opponent to play out an already lost game until checkmate can sometimes be seen as disrespectful in high-level play.

■ **The Elo rating system: How players are ranked:**

The Elo rating system is a method for calculating the relative skill levels of players in competitor-vs-competitor games like chess. After every rated game, a player's Elo rating changes based on the outcome of the game and the ratings of their opponent. Beating a much higher-rated player significantly boosts your rating, while losing to a much lower-rated player drops it considerably. It's a dynamic system that reflects a player's current strength.

## Bar versus bench: Madras HC notice to lawyer sparks conflict

### Ex-Judges Back Lawyer, HC Says 'Interference' In Judicial Process

Kaushik Kanman & K Sureshkumar | TNN

**Madurai/Chennai:** “You are a comedy piece, I don't know who called you a revolutionary,” Justice G R Swaminathan of Madras HC told Madurai-based advocate S Vanchinathan, who had been summoned to court Monday.

Amidst protests by several bar associations against the notice or any contempt action against Vanchinathan, a division bench of Justices Swaminathan and K Rajasekar said it was not a contempt notice but only a “pre-cognisance notice”.

Noting that the notice was sent for “a scandalising campaign” carried out by Vanchinathan on social media, the judges referred the matter to the Madras HC chief justice for further proceedings. The first bench of Justices Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Sunder Mohan, before which the matter was mentioned on Monday, said the issue would be dealt with in the administrative side of HC.

On July 24, a division bench in Madurai had first

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MADRAS HIGH COURT

summoned Vanchinathan after he wrote a letter to the CJI, complaining about Justice Swaminathan's orders and conduct both inside and outside court. Taking exception to social media posts related to the issue, the judges asked Vanchinathan if he still stood by his allegations. To this, the advocate replied he would respond only if the query was given in writing. The judges then ordered the court registry to issue a questionnaire to Vanchinathan.

However, on July 26, seven former judges of Madras HC wrote a common representation seeking the withdrawal of proceedings against Vanchinathan. For their part, several Bar associations had declared that they would hold protests in front of the principal bench as well

as the Madurai bench of HC, besides the district court in Madurai. Several political parties had also issued statements against initiating contempt against Vanchinathan. On Monday, there were protests at several courts.

The bench on Monday expressed dissatisfaction with the former judges who had signed the representation, and said: “We have to record our dismay as to how such interference with the judicial process can be made. Several assumptions, which have no factual basis, have been made. We characterise their approach as most unfortunate.”

Vanchinathan has mobilised a group of lawyers and retired judges to rush to his rescue, they said, adding, “They have also passed reckless comments without waiting for

today's outcome. Gratuitous appeals and advice have poured forth. We ignore them with the contempt they deserve.”

Cautioning that communal campaigns on social media would eventually weaken the judicial system itself, the bench said: “The time has come to regulate the level of discourse on social media. In the name of freedom of speech and expression, one cannot condone acts of contempt. The channels which rake in money by such slanderous campaigns will have to be taken head on. Lawyers who make such statements are guilty of professional misconduct. There is something called the Laxman Rekha, which, if crossed, must invite peril.”

Lawyers and judges belong to one large family, said the bench, adding: “When a judge sits on the dais, he discharges his judicial duties as per his conscience and by strictly adhering to the judicial oath. He cannot be seen as carrying on his caste or religious labels while on the bench. If someone continues to have such a perception, he obviously has jaundiced eyes.”

## Baby orphaned in HP floods is now 'child of the state'

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**Kullu:** Ten-month-old Nikita, who was orphaned in the June 30 flash floods in Himachal's Mandi district, has been declared a “child of the state”, with govt pledging to support her expenses, including higher education and professional studies.

Nikita was asleep when a flash flood struck in the dead of night and swept her parents, Ramesh and Radha Devi, and grandmother, Poornu, to their deaths in Talwara village. Her father's body was found, but there is still no sign of the women, who are presumed dead.

Orphaned, yet surrounded by love, Nikita was cared for by the village. Her relatives and Mandi district administration began receiving calls from couples, even from abroad, to adopt her. However, the family decided Nikita would be in the care of an aunt.

Now, the state govt has brought the baby under the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana, rendering her eligible to receive Rs 4,000 monthly till she turns 27. Mandi deputy commissioner Apoorv Devgan said Rs 8,000 (for July and Aug) has already been credited to Nikita's savings bank account.

Devgan said children who lost their loved ones in the disaster would be provided support through welfare schemes.

## Amid Bihar's SIR drive, a dog gets a residence certificate

Adwitiya Deb & Jainarain Pandey | TNN

**Patna:** Every dog has his day. In Bihar, some have Aadhaar-verified addresses when many voters are struggling to convince the poll panel about theirs. The claws are out after a residence e-certificate issued to a dog in Patna's Masaurhi area surfaced, listing one “Dog Babu” as the applicant, “Kutta Babu” as the father and “Kutiya Devi” as the mother.

The document was issued to an online applicant who apparently used others' Aadhaar details and remains untraced. It was issued on July 24 when EC's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls was on ahead of the assembly elections later this year.

The howler has sparked an outcry from the opposition that has already protested SIR in the NDA-governed state and led many to wonder whether Bihar's e-governance systems had gone walkies. Such residence certificates are among documents EC has been insisting on during the drive to “purge” the rolls of alleged bogus and illegal voters.

Masaurhi SDO Abhishek Kumar disclosed that the online application was “fraudulently” supported by an Aadhaar card of one Vibha Kumari with a Delhi address. “The applicant also used the Aadhaar of her husband Ajit Kumar, also with a Delhi address,” the SDO said, adding an FIR had been filed against the unknown applicant, an IT assistant and a revenue officer who handled the matter.

For a certificate issued in Masaurhi, the documents should have reflected a local address, a basic criterion overlooked due to negligence. IT assistant Rakesh Kumar has been removed while revenue officer Murari Chauhan, who approved the application without verification, faces suspension, said Patna DM Thiagarajan SM.

The blooper became a lightning rod for political outrage and mockery, with opposition parties slamming the Nitish Kumar-led NDA govt and EC. The row comes in the backdrop



The residence cert lists 'Dog Babu' as applicant, 'Kutta Babu' as father and 'Kutiya Devi' as mother

of SC's observation that Aadhaar and EPIC (voter) cards should be valid for SIR.

RJD mascot and state leader of opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav took a biting swipe: “Nothing moves in Bihar without paying a bribe. Earlier, Aadhaar cards were made in the names of Sunny Leone and CM Nitish Kumar. The dog must have paid some bribe, too.”

Tejashwi further said: “People can now understand how intensive this so-called revision was. What more proof does one need about the farcical nature of this exercise...”

Congress also reacted sharply, saying “it seems the votes of the people would be taken away and given to the dogs”.

Purnia MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav posted a copy of the certificate on social media platform X and wrote: “A dog is showing its residence certificate while human beings are unable to provide evidence.” Activist and psephologist Yogendra Yadav echoed the concerns, saying, “This is the same certificate acceptable in SIR while Aadhaar and ration cards are being called fake.”