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Lord Meghnad Desai, renowned British Indian economist and House of Lords peer, dies at 85. PM Modi leads tributes to the Gujarat-born parliamentarian and thinker, saying 'he played a role in deepening India-UK ties', P 20

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UK PM Keir Starmer says Britain will recognise a Palestinian state in Sept unless Israel agrees to a truce in Gaza, allows UN to bring in aid and takes other steps toward long-term peace, P 20



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No world leader told India to stop Op Sindoor, says Modi

Tough Stand On Indus Treaty Will Continue

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New Delhi: PM Modi on Tuesday asserted that no foreign leader had asked India to pause Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, in a clear refutation of US President Donald Trump's repeated statements that he leaned on the two inimical neighbours to cease hostilities on May 10.

"No world leader asked for suspension of Operation Sindoor," the PM said. Modi's assertion came in response to the opposition's taunt that he should show the courage and call the US president out if he had made a false claim.

Modi also hit out at Jawaharlal Nehru's decision to sign the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan. Reiterating that "blood and water cannot flow together", he said India has put the treaty on hold in the best interests of its citizens and farmers — a clear signal that India's tough stand on the issue would continue.

Earlier, Leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi challenged the PM to announce that Trump is a liar and did not force the "ceasefire", and that India did not lose any planes.Accusing Modi of using the defence forces to "protect his image", Gandhi said the govt "surrendered" before Pakistan by telling it within moments of Op Sindoor that it did not intend to escalate or attack military installations.

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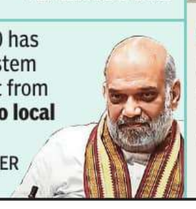
'INDIA SUFFERING PAIN OF MISTAKES BY PAST GOVTS'



"Before asking why POK has not been taken back yet, Cong must respond — who let it go? India is still suffering the pain of mistakes committed by previous Congress govts, starting from Jawaharlal Nehru... No leader in the world asked us to stop Operation Sindoor... **If Pakistan attacks, we will respond with a big attack**. I said 'hum goli ka jawaab gole se denge (we will reply to a bullet with a cannonball)'. Even Pakistan understands now that every reply by India is bigger than the last
—**PM Narendra Modi**



"If Modiji has even 50% of the courage that Indira Gandhi had, then clearly **he must say in Parliament — Donald Trump is lying... 'Trump, you are a liar, you did not make a ceasefire and we did not lose any planes'**... I said in this House 3-4 months back and they laughed at me... you have destroyed the single biggest goal of foreign policy. China and Pakistan are fused
—**Rahul Gandhi** | LEADER OF OPPN IN LOK SABHA



"Scrapping of Article 370 has destroyed terror ecosystem in J&K. Terrorists are now sent from Pakistan to J&K as **there are no local terrorists in Kashmir**
—**Amit Shah** | HOME MINISTER



"Our neighbouring nations are either attacking us or not supporting us. China is increasingly aggressive and poses as much of a threat as terrorism from Pakistan... (it) **is capturing both our land and our economy**
—**Akhilesh Yadav** | SP

Shah: All 3 terrorists behind Pahalgam attack killed

Home minister Amit Shah told Lok Sabha Tuesday that three Pakistani terrorists behind the Pahalgam massacre on April 22 were killed in Dachigam near Srinagar Monday, **reports Bharti Jain**.

He identified the trio — Suleman alias Faizal Jatt alias Usama Markaz; Hamza Afghan; and Jibran — as members of Lashker-e-Taiba. Shah said the terrorists were identified and the cartridges matched with spent casings secured from Pahalgam. Two of the three terrorists were carrying Pakistani IDs, and the weapons and chocolates recovered from them further sealed the Pakistani link. FLAP OPP

Trump's latest: May slap India with 20-25% tariff

New Delhi: President Donald Trump Tuesday said India may be hit with a tariff of 20-25% — a little lower than the 26% reciprocal tariff announced in April — but cautioned that the final levy had still not been finalised as the two countries negotiate a trade deal ahead of an Aug 1 deadline.

"I think so," Trump told reporters on Tuesday when asked if that was a possible tariff rate for New Delhi.



"India has been a good friend, but India has charged basically more tariffs than almost any other country," Trump said aboard Air Force One as he returned to Washington from a five-day visit to Scotland. "You just can't do that."

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With a 20-25% levy, which will include a 10% baseline tariff, India will be better placed than Bangladesh, with which it's competing for a share of the textiles market. But several others, including Vietnam (20%) and Indonesia (19%) are better placed, along with the EU and Japan (15% each) and the UK (10%). Chinese imports into the US currently face 30% customs duty. TNN & AGENCIES

▶US officials to visit, P 17

Delhi govt nod for women to work night shifts

CM Rekha Gupta on Tuesday approved a proposal to allow women to work night shifts at shops and commercial establishments, calling it a "significant step towards making Delhi a 24x7 business hub". In a statement, Delhi govt said strict safeguards, including mandatory transport arrangements, must be in place to ensure the safety of women employees in night shifts. Also, their written consent will be mandatory for assigning night shifts. P 7

Now, Harappan site in Rajasthan desert

A Harappan site has surfaced at Ratadiya Ri Dheri in Jaisalmer district, marking the first known Indus Valley settlement in Rajasthan's arid region. Ratadiya Ri Dheri pushes the frontier southward into the heart of India's desert. P 17

'Citizenship proof asked of Kargil vet'

The family of retired soldier Hakimuddin Shaikh, who fought in the Kargil war, alleged that 30-40 men accompanied by cops stormed their home Saturday night and demanded to see documents to prove their Indian citizenship. P 17

Cousins, 5, buried alive at NHAI plant

Two five-year-old cousins were buried alive on Monday when a dumper accidentally unloaded a heap of sand over them at an NHAI plant in MP's Shahpur town. Their families had come from Jhabua to work at the site. P 17

Will step in if there's mass exclusion in Bihar poll rolls: SC

Gives Go-Ahead To EC To Publish Draft List on Aug 1

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday gave the go-ahead to Election Commission (EC) to publish the Bihar draft voter list on August 1 after completing its special intensive revision (SIR).

The apex court said, "We are overseeing the process. The Jan 2025 voter list forms the base. If there is mass exclusion (from it), we will immediately step in".

After senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Gopal Sankaranarayanan and counsel Prashant Bhushan alleged exclusion of nearly 60 lakh voters on the grounds that they are either dead or have migrated from the state and requested the court to scrutinise the process, Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said EC's notification provides for a procedure, and SC would swing into action if EC deviated from that.

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➤ SC: **Lawyers' professional work can't be questioned by probe agencies**, but no protection from prosecution if they indulge in wrongdoing or commit an offence | P 28

➤ 'Can't make scurrilous allegation against judges': **SC sends contempt notice to 3 lawyers for vilifying T'gana HC judge** after she quashes SC/ST Act charges against CM Revanth Reddy | P 17

Woman judicial officer quits over promotion to 'harasser'

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New Delhi: In a dramatic development, a junior woman judicial officer has resigned, protesting the appointment of a district judge as an HC judge despite her serious allegations of misconduct against him. In her resignation letter, she lamented that the constitutional courts rewarded a judge who had severely harassed and tormented her.

The judicial officer, reinstated by the SC's stinging judgment of Feb 28 that termed her termination "arbitrary and illegal", said the district judge, who had orchestrated her sufferings, was rewarded with a high court judgeship.

▶ 'Faced harassment', P 28

Stay on HC's order on Hindi-speaking ADM

The Supreme Court has stayed a Uttarakhand HC order ticking off an ADM for communicating in Hindi and showing his inability to speak in English during hearing of a case related to preparation of electoral roll for the three-tier panchayat elections in the state. P 28

Mystery over 'ghost litigant' in SC deepens

The 'ghost litigant' mystery in the Supreme Court deepened as the third lawyer whose name appeared in the order sheet for the litigant told the court on Tuesday that he was not involved in the case and did not know how his name cropped up, **reports Amit Anand Choudhary**. In regard to the case, a litigant managed to get a favourable order from the SC after he propped up a 'ghost' opponent who told the court that he had compromised with the petitioner in a land dispute, which became the basis for the SC to quash orders passed by a Muzaffarpur trial court and Patna HC against the litigant. Suspecting the role of some outsider and not lawyers, the bar associations sought a police inquiry. P 15

IN THE COURTS

➤ **SC holds that a convict, sentenced to life term with a fixed term, will not require remission of sentence to come out of jail like a normal life term case** and will become a free bird after completing jail term. It directs forthwith **release of Sukhdev Pehalwan in the Nitish Katara case** | P 6

➤ **Saying right to emergency medical care is part of right to life,** consumer panel directs Wockhardt Hospitals, Nashik, to pay ₹34L to a man whose son died after he was not admitted to ICU on time | P 15

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SC questions age restriction for surrogacy

New Delhi: Questioning the restrictions under surrogacy laws, including age limit on intended parents and surrogate mothers, Supreme Court Tuesday said laws shouldn't frustrate the wish of childless couples, widows and divorcees to become parents through surrogacy, **reports Amit Anand Choudhary**. Instead, the laws should frustrate commercial surrogacy.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and K V Viswanathan said present laws seem "harsh" to those wanting to take the surrogacy route to parenthood. The bench is examining provisions of Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021.

The laws set age limits for intended parents and surrogate mothers. An intended mother must be aged between 23 and 50, and the intended father between 26 and 55 years. Further, a surrogate mother must be married and between 25 and 35 years of age, have a biological child, and only act as a surrogate once in her lifetime.

▶ 'If couple in...', P 28

Clubbing of cases on Balaji a fraud: SC

Supreme Court on Tuesday slammed the TN govt for clubbing all cash-for-job scam cases, which now has over 2,000 accused, including those who gave bribe to then minister V Senthil Balaji for jobs in state transport corporation. "It is a fraud on the system," said the court. P 11

5 kanwariyas killed in bus-truck collision

A bus carrying kanwariyas crashed into a truck in Jharkhand's Deoghar Tuesday, killing six people, including five kanwariyas, and injuring 24 others. The impact was so strong that the driver was thrown off the vehicle. TNN

Woman thrashed in city, pushed from 6th floor

A woman, 27, from Aligarh died in north west Delhi's Narela on Tuesday after being beaten up and pushed off from the sixth floor of a building. Cops detained a man — an engineer — who was her friend. P 7

No 'deal' to spare Nimisha: Victim's bro

Confusion prevails over the revocation of death sentence of Nimisha Priya, the Kerala nurse on death row in Yemen, with the victim's brother contesting claims by a cleric that an "agreement" has been reached. P 17

City doc, 81, injured as bikers snatch her chain

A doctor, 81, was injured when two bikers snatched her gold chain in Safdarjung Enclave Friday. When the two yanked her chain, she tried resisting and fell down, suffering a fractured femur. The bikers fled with the chain. P 5







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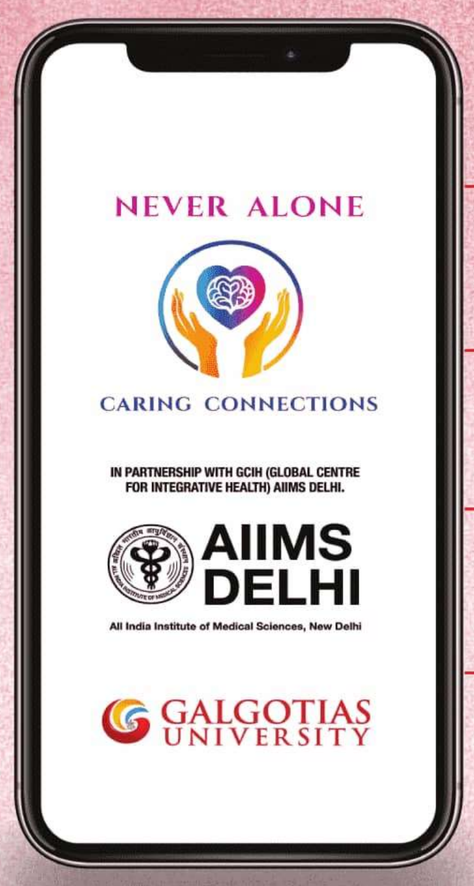
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ITC: Navigating A TURN To Reimagine The Future

Excerpts from the Address by
Shri Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited
114th Annual General Meeting, ITC Limited, July 25, 2025

Enduring Value

A few months ago, India demonstrated to the world its firm resolve to counter terrorism with zero tolerance. The swift and decisive action, led commendably by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and the indomitable courage demonstrated by our Armed Forces have earned universal respect and admiration.

Operation Sindoor also unveiled India's transformation into a global player of significance in manufacturing indigenous, hi-tech defence systems. This remarkable progress is indeed a testament to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to 'Make in India' and build an Atmanirbhar Bharat – a dream that is today becoming a reality with India emerging as an economic, strategic and technological powerhouse.

> **Your Company has always lived by its credo of Nation First: Sab Saath Badhein, that has inspired a commitment to subserve larger national priorities that puts the Country before the Corporation and the Institution ahead of the Individual.**

ITC's world-class Indian brands create, capture and retain larger value in India and generate large-scale livelihoods. Across your Company's businesses, over **90% of value-addition** takes place in the country, enlarging ITC's contribution to the economy. Committed to the 'Make in India' vision, ITC has built **40 state-of-the-art manufacturing assets,** which enrich your Company's robust **ecosystem of 250 dedicated factories and 7,500 MSMEs,** fostering local entrepreneurship. Your Company's deep engagement in agriculture has empowered millions of farmers, aiding a virtuous cycle of rising incomes, consumption, investment and livelihoods. ITC's Life Sciences & Technology Centre (LSTC) is an epicentre of agile science-based innovation that powers the development of your Company's differentiated products. Your Company's impactful social investment initiatives have expanded to over 300 districts across 24 States, helping transform lives and landscapes. ITC's inclusive businesses and value chains today **support nearly 9 million livelihoods,** serving national imperatives.

We live in an era of unprecedented change. Geo-political conflicts, geo-economic fragmentation, elevated uncertainty in trade policies, the accelerated climate crisis, rapidly changing consumer preferences and regulations as well as the societal impact of dynamically evolving areas such as Artificial Intelligence are today raising significant concerns.

> **We are indeed navigating a critical TURN, a pivotal inflection point shaped by Turbulence, Uncertainty and Rapid change that calls for Novel strategies, innovation and solutions to reimagine the future. This underscores the imperative to redefine growth and competitiveness, build resilience and adopt a new paradigm of compassionate capitalism.**

India's Ascent in a Turbulent World

This is truly India's moment, and one that ushers in unparalleled opportunities emerging from visionary policies of the Government, as well as the country's young demography, increasing disposable incomes, rapid urbanisation, accelerated digital adoption and entrepreneurial spirit.

The year gone by has witnessed challenges from a weak external sector, dumping of cheap imports and inflationary pressures leading to softening of demand. However, the future outlook remains promising, on the back of the continued thrust on reforms, strong domestic drivers and macro-economic stability.

As India ascends on the global stage, the opportunities are both vast and transformative. With this promise also comes responsibility. At ITC, we believe that enterprises have a vital role to play — not only by partnering India's growth story, but also by creating larger societal value for stakeholders. It is this north-star that inspires us to build an institution that is resilient and competitive, a force for good and a source of enduring pride for India.

ITC: Key Highlights 2024-25

A significant milestone was achieved with the demerger of the Hotels Business into ITC Hotels Limited. In the 9 months ended 31st December, 2024, the Hotels Business posted its highest ever revenue and operating profits. The demerger is poised to drive new dimensions of growth in the future, pursuing its asset right strategy and sharper business focus aligned with industry-specific market dynamics.

> **The ITC Next strategy envisions the creation of a future-ready portfolio through both organic and inorganic vectors to win today and beyond. In line with this strategy, several value-accretive acquisitions were announced this year.**

ITC Infotech, your Company's wholly owned subsidiary, also **acquired Blazeclan Technologies Pvt Ltd,** a leading cloud consulting firm, to further deepen its multi-cloud capabilities.

A new vector of growth envisioned in the ITC Next strategy is your Company's **Food-Tech Business,** which leverages ITC's strengths in Foods, Hotels and Digital technologies to tap into the fast-growing online food services segment. A delectable range of cuisines is today being offered under 4 brands, **'ITC Master Chef Creations', 'ITC Aashirvaad Soul Creations', 'ITC Sunfeast Baked Creations'** and **'Sansho by ITC Master Chef'**. The full-stack food-tech platform has already scaled up to **60 cloud kitchens across 5 cities.** In addition, your Company's new vectors launched under ITCMAARS and Sustainable Packaging are also making encouraging progress.

Encouraged by the promise of the Indian economy, your Company has invested in **8 world-class manufacturing facilities** in the recent past. As we continue to scale new horizons, ITC plans to invest ₹20,000 crores across businesses in the medium term.

Your Company has embedded sustainability as a bedrock of its corporate strategy and continues to raise the bar in triple bottom line performance. ITC has sustained its distinction of being the only company in the world to be **carbon-positive, water-positive** and **solid-waste recycling positive for nearly 2 decades** now. It continues to be on the Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets Index and has retained the 'AA' rating by MSCI-ESG, as well as the Leadership score for CDP Climate and the 'A' list for CDP water. Today, **renewable sources power 52% of ITC's energy consumption.** Your Company has also been **plastic neutral for 4 years now.**

> **ITC has committed to achieving Net Zero operations by 2050, entailing an even sharper reduction of emissions by over 85% in the next 25 years, despite a growing footprint.**

ITC: Shaping the Future Amidst Global Challenges

> **Enterprises of the future will need to navigate the TURN, that I mentioned earlier. Future readiness is not merely about adapting to change, it is about anticipating, innovating and proactively shaping the future. And this is what the ITC Next Strategy has set out to achieve, redefining the next horizon of growth and competitiveness, creating larger value for stakeholders.**

I would like to highlight 2 key pillars of this strategy, namely, the creation of a future-ready portfolio and the need to build anti-fragile supply chains.

Building a Future-Ready Portfolio

Your Company is building a portfolio across all businesses to win the markets of tomorrow, harnessing its extensive institutional synergies to seize emerging opportunities. **This is powered by a three-horizon strategy that focuses on 1) fortifying the core, 2) addressing value-added adjacencies and 3) nurturing new vectors of growth aligned to emerging trends.**

Strengthening Value Chains from Farm to Fork, Lab to Home

India's consumer market is at the cusp of a profound transformation, with per capita incomes expected to exceed $4,000 by 2030. Gen Z is expected to account for every 2nd rupee spent by 2035. The preferences of Gen Alpha, who are growing up in a hyper-digital, socially conscious and AI-integrated world, are also vying for attention as a distinctive cohort. Segments like health & wellness, nutrition, functional foods, organic and naturals are poised to become megatrends of the future. New generation channels are also transforming the market and accentuating these trends. ITC's diverse enterprise strengths provide strategic competitive levers to capitalise on these evolving trends.

> **It is our firm belief that Indian brands must adorn the global stage and towards that, establish an enduring legacy in Bharat first, before making an impact overseas.**

ITC's FMCG portfolio today accounts for an annual consumer spend of over **₹34,000 crores**, reaching over **260 million households** in India and gaining encouraging consumer franchise in over **70 international markets.** Over 100 new, differentiated and superior products were launched last year. Even as we strengthen our mega brands, we are also introducing new brands and pursuing **value-accretive acquisitions** to address emerging opportunities and whitespaces.

- As consumers increasingly seek healthier, organic and natural food products, ITC is meticulously building its 'Good-for-You' portfolio with the mission to **'Help India Eat Better'.** This portfolio was earlier augmented with the acquisition of **Yoga Bar** and is now being strengthened with the addition of the popular **24 Mantra Organic** brand, with its impressive array of 100+ products.
- In a first-to-market move, your Company introduced a range of nutrition-dense products under the **'Right Shift'** brand for consumers in the 40+ age group, using clinically proven natural ingredients and proprietary formulations developed at LSTC.
- Today, consumers are also seeking new therapeutic experiences. To address this, your Company launched **'Pranah'**, a range of incense sticks, cones and scented candles, built on the core promise of **'Earth Inspired Aromatherapy'** that harmonises the planet's natural elements with scientific wellness.
- Your Company's exquisite range of frozen food, under the **'ITC Master Chef'** brand, comprises over 80 Indian and Western Snacks, Indian breads, Prawns and Vegetables. We are now fortifying our presence in this category with the acquisition of **Prasuma**, which has developed several first-to-market Pan Asian frozen products spanning over **170 options in 100+ cities.**
- As consumers seek specialised natural solutions, ITC has signed definitive agreements for the acquisition of **Mother Sparsh**, a front-runner in the premium ayurvedic, natural baby care and hygiene space.

Your Company has also sharpened its focus on **premiumisation** as also **value-added adjacencies.** At the core of your Company's strategy to build a future-ready portfolio lies the powerful synergies of its enterprise strengths nurtured assiduously over time.

- A robust **Digital Superstructure** has been established to engage in deep insighting, utilising proprietary algorithms to analyse a multitude of signals and real-time data. **Extensive deployment of AI and GenAI** is reinforcing the ecosystem to uncover dynamically evolving trends, identify unique opportunities and promote hyper-personalised marketing.
- The journey from such consumer insighting to formulating superior and differentiated products that enable speedier time-to-market is being powered by **specialised research platforms** at the ITC-LSTC, which has been recognised as a top innovator in India.
- Leveraging its **deep agricultural expertise**, your Company has empowered farmers to sustainably **'produce the buy'**, facilitating the scalable procurement of high-quality, safe, traceable, and attribute-specific agri commodities.
- ITC's **state-of-the-art manufacturing units** are today hubs of innovation, technology and efficiency.
- Your Company's smart, omni-channel **Trade Marketing & Distribution** highway has evolved into an invaluable enterprise asset serving multiple channels across urban and rural geographies, besides addressing a wide range of value-chains spanning ambient, perishables, cooled and chilled products.

Taken together, these enterprise strengths provide unmatched competitive advantages to build a future-ready portfolio that addresses evolving needs and accelerates performance over time.

Spearheading the Plantations to Paper and Packaging Value-Chain

This sector possesses enormous potential given that India's per capita consumption is only one-fourth of the global average. Moreover, the country is the fastest-growing market in the world for paper and paperboards, with demand growing at 6-7%, requiring industry to create an additional capacity of about 1 million MT per year for the next decade. This will spur economic multipliers, with afforestation creating large-scale employment generation and carbon sequestration. New growth drivers are also emerging as customers increasingly seek solutions that are bio-degradable, substitute single-use plastic and meet stakeholder & regulatory expectations.

ITC is a market leader in **Value-added Paperboards** and derives formidable competitive advantage from its integrated business model. Substantial investments have been made over time to expand capacity 3-fold and strengthen structural competitiveness.

> **The fibre value-chain pioneered by ITC has promoted an afforestation programme that has cumulatively greened over 13 lakh acres, supporting 240 million-person-days of livelihoods, while sequestering 6.4 million tonnes of CO_2 annually contributing to the nation's endeavour to combat climate change.**

In a strategic move aligned to your Company's growth aspirations, ITC has signed an Agreement for the acquisition of the **Century Pulp and Paper** undertaking to scale up its Paperboards business. The proposed acquisition will substantially enhance capacity, and in a more cost-efficient manner. In addition, the acquired plant's locational advantage will provide proximity to key raw materials and enable better servicing of customers.

Your Company's proprietary knowledge and knowhow will contribute to significant cost optimisation and superior customised solutions. Consequently, the acquisition is expected to be EPS-accretive in the first year of operations, whilst driving overall profitability improvement with a targeted increase of 30% to 40% in EBITDA per ton over normalised levels after 2 full years of operation.

In addition to scaling up your Company's core portfolio, **Horizon 2** envisages new vectors of growth through the development of sustainable solutions to substitute single-use plastics. A wide range of recyclable or compostable materials as also offerings with proprietary **patented barrier coatings** have been developed, which are today commercially available under the **'Filo'** and **'Bioseal'** series. Since its launch, this new vector has grown at **2.4x of FY22 levels**.

The **Horizon 3** initiative focuses on complex, engineered high-quality Moulded Fibre Products made from renewable natural raw materials such as wood, bamboo, bagasse and wastepaper. ITC's state-of-the-art facility in Madhya Pradesh has recently commenced operations to manufacture and export these innovative products under the **'Fyba'** brand.

Your Company's core portfolio, together with the new vectors, holds immense promise given the headroom, growing consumer awareness and regulatory requirements.

Anchoring NextGen Agriculture

> **Your Company has spearheaded multi-dimensional interventions to build a future-ready portfolio that also empowers millions of farmers and addresses the urgent need to build climate resilience, a critical need to ensure food and nutrition security. Today, ITC's Agri Business is one of the largest procurers of agri-commodities in the country, supporting over 20 agri value-chains and sourcing over 3.5 million tonnes from 22 States.**

While ITC is scaling up its core agri-commodity segment, comprising high-quality grains, oilseeds as well as its Leaf Tobacco business, a major thrust is being accorded to **Horizon 2** initiatives in developing **value-added agri-products**, including categories like spices, coffee, horticulture and aqua products. In the last 5 years, this portfolio has registered a 2x growth demonstrating immense potential. Your Company's subsidiary, **Technico**, has become the world's largest pre-basic potato seed producer and is also working with 15 leading global breeders to develop climate resilient varieties.

As part of the **Horizon 3** initiatives, your Company is developing future vectors in areas with enormous potential such as biological extracts and ITCMAARS to usher in Next Generation agriculture. Substantive investments have been made to develop an ecosystem for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in a 100-acre farm in Madhya Pradesh. Extensive farmer training to promote such traceable and value-added crops has led to its cultivation in 4,000 acres. While Ashwagandha and Turmeric extracts are being progressively provided to the nutraceutical and cosmetics industry, your Company's ongoing R&D endeavours are aimed at developing proprietary formulations for specialised value-chains.

The **ITCMAARS phygital ecosystem** has evolved, into a dynamic and integrated full stack solution for farmers and also as a robust marketplace. It has been spearheading the crucial need to empower farmers by promoting FPOs as dynamic collectives, enabling their transformation into progressive rural enterprises. ITCMAARS, building further on the physical network of your Company's **e-Choupal**, currently supports over **2,050 FPOs**, encompassing over **22 lakh farmers in 11 States** as well as **100 active partnerships** for specialised solutions.

> **Today, this vibrant platform provides AI-enabled hyper-local, personalised crop advisories, image-led diagnostics, access to credit, high quality inputs including biologicals and drones for nano nutrients, efficient market linkages and the expertise of agri-tech start-ups. ITC is also developing an ecosystem of local entrepreneurs inspired by the 'Drone Didis' model to establish Farming as a Service. It is encouraging that focused interventions have already led to the reduction of fertiliser use as well as increase in crop yields by 15-20%, increasing net returns to farmers by 25-30%.**

ITCMAARS is indeed poised to emerge as a robust business of the future, lending formidable competitive strength to the Company's agri and foods businesses and in shaping new opportunities, whilst significantly empowering farmers.

Building Supply Chain & Climate Resilience

> **Global turbulence has exposed the fragility of traditional supply chains, reinforcing the need to build agile, diversified and localised manufacturing and supply networks, whilst systematically addressing climate challenges.**

ITC has over time invested in creating and nurturing several integrated supply chains in India that are today pillars of resilience and competitiveness, supporting large-scale livelihoods. These value chains from farm to fork, plantations to paper & packaging, together with their distributed manufacturing footprint, promote local entrepreneurship, MSMEs and domestic sourcing with multiple alternatives to provide resilience in an era of intense uncertainty.

> **The largest challenge of the century is the devastating global impact of climate change. While the world has rightly focused on long-term decarbonisation initiatives, the increased severity of extreme weather events makes it imperative that urgent focus is accorded to adaptation.**

Therefore, sharper emphasis is today being accorded to the super critical area of adaptation, that focuses on climate-proofing physical infrastructure, building resilience of agri value-chains and promoting nature-based solutions. Accordingly, a **comprehensive climate-risk modelling exercise** across 140 sites and agri value-chains using AI-enabled tools and site-specific plans have been devised to address the identified decadal risks.

In line with this approach, your Company has spearheaded a large-scale **Climate Smart Agriculture** (CSA) programme to de-risk farming systems from both biotic and abiotic stress. The programme promotes high-yielding, climate-resistant seed varieties, developed by LSTC, along with best-in-class agro-chemical management and micro zone-specific agricultural practices. These practices have led to greater resilience, higher productivity and enhanced farmer incomes.

The CSA programme today spans over **31 lakh acres**, **covers 100 districts** and benefits more than **12 lakh farmers**. Your Company is committed to expanding CSA coverage to over **40 lakh acres by 2030**.

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> **I must reiterate my unwavering belief that a company's most enduring asset lies in its inspired talent and powerhouse of diverse people that fuels innovation, drives transformation and anchors resilience in times of change.**

Your Company is indeed privileged to earn the enduring trust and support of its stakeholders including shareholders, consumers, customers, farmers, local communities, partners and many others. On behalf of the Board and myself, I express our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your invaluable partnership in contributing to this exemplary institution of national pride.



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TEMP ON TUESDAY
29.1° MAXIMUM | 26.8° MINIMUM

FORECAST Partly cloudy sky. Max & min temperatures on Wednesday would be around 31°C and 24°C

MOONSET 10.27PM (WED) **MOONRISE** 11.38AM (THU)
SUNSET 7.14PM (WED) **SUNRISE** 5.42AM (THU)



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Skyfall! Capital's Roads Turn Into Rivers

Heavy Rain Surprises Delhi, Brings Relief From Heat And Improves Air Quality

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New Delhi: Heavy to very heavy rain inundated the city on Tuesday morning, with the Ridge weather station logging 129.8mm of precipitation between 8.30am and 5.30pm. The base station at Safdarjung recorded 68.1mm of rainfall in the same period. Lodhi Road also experienced heavy rainfall measuring 72.2mm. The intense precipitation on Tuesday took the monthly rainfall for July beyond the normal, with Delhi logging 220.2mm during the month to overtake the long-period monthly average of 209.7mm.

IMD classifies rainfall as light when it measures up to 15.5mm in a 24-hour window, moderate when it is between 15.6 and 64.4mm. Rainfall is heavy if the precipitation is between 64.5mm and 115.5mm and very heavy when it measures over 115.5mm.

The Met department had only forecast moderate rain for the day, and the heavy showers on Tuesday took the city by surprise. Catching the people unprepared, the rain caused widespread traffic snarls and waterlogging.

IMD attributed the downpour to the monsoon trough passing close to Delhi-NCR. According to the weather officials, the moisture level spiked in the region coming from a low-pressure area. With the conditions likely to remain the same over the next few days, IMD has predicted light to moderate rainfall on Wednesday and Thursday too.

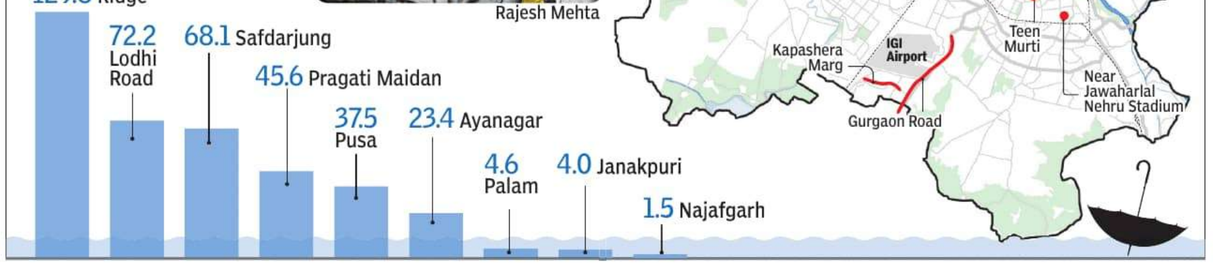
"The monsoon trough at mean sea level continues to pass through Sri Ganganagar, Delhi, with the centre of a low-pressure area over northwest Madhya Pradesh, Satna, Daltonganj, Jamshedpur, Digha, and then east-southeastward towards northeast Bay of Bengal," said the IMD bulletin on Tuesday. "The upper air cyclonic circulation over south Punjab and adjoining Pakistan extending up to 1.5km above mean sea level persists. The upper air cyclonic circulation over northwest Uttar Pradesh and the neighbourhood at 1.5km above mean sea level also persists."

According to Mahesh Palawat, vice-president, climate change and meteorology, Skymet, the monsoon trough line was passing through Delhi on Tuesday, which was what led to the significant precipitation. Palawat also explained that a low-pressure area in northwest Madhya Pradesh and adjoining northeast Rajasthan brought additional moisture to the region.

While the showers ceased around late morning, the sky remained overcast throughout the day, bringing the daytime temperature down by six degrees. The maximum temperature recorded at the base station of Safdarjung was 29.1 degrees Celsius, six degrees below normal and the lowest maximum since July 8, 2023. The maximum temperature the previous day was 35.6 degrees. The minimum on the day was 26.8 degrees Celsius, which was one below normal and around two degrees lower than Monday's 28.4 Celsius.

According to IMD, the maximum temperature on Wednesday is likely to be 30-32 degrees Celsius and the minimum between 23 degrees and 25 degrees Celsius.

The rain had a positive impact on the air quality, a slight improvement from the previous day. The air quality index, on a scale of 0 to 500, was 72 on Tuesday against 86 on Monday, both in the 'satisfactory' category. According to the air quality early warning system, the city is set to enjoy 'satisfactory' air till Aug 1.



It poured and how: 3rd spell of intense showers this season

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Tuesday was a special day for the city as far as rainfall is concerned. The day saw one of the most intense and widespread spells of rain this year, with three stations logging heavy rainfall. In May, Delhi recorded two days of heavy rainfall, with the period from Jan to April recording only deficit rainfall.

On Tuesday, three weather stations recorded heavy precipitation, defined by the India Meteorological Department as measuring between 64.5 mm and 115.5 mm. Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, and Ridge in north Delhi and Lodhi Road in central Delhi marked heavy rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm. It measured 68.1mm in Safdarjang, which twice before this season, recorded heavy rainfall, 77mm on May 2 and 81.2mm of rainfall on May 25. Otherwise, during the monsoons this year, which arrived in Delhi on June 29, Safdarjung had mostly seen light to moderate showers.

"The shifting of the monsoon trough closer to Delhi saw intense rain activity on Tuesday. The precipitation varied from station to station depending on the weather system and local factors," explained a Met official.

Other parts of the city received heavy rain this monsoon. On July 22, the Ridge measured the precipitation at 64.8mm, while on July 10, Najafgarh logged 105.5mm, Pusa 82mm, Ayanagar 73mm and the Ridge, 69.2mm.

During the monsoons, Delhi usually records two or three days of heavy rain. In 2021, there were seven heavy rainfall days during the monsoon period from June 1 to Sept 30, the highest number of such days in at least 60 years. However, in 2023, there were just two days of heavy rainfall while it was a mere day in 2022. No heavy rain days were recorded in the monsoons from 2018 to 2020, with two such days each in 2017 and 2015.

This year, the city recorded a rain deficit of 65% in Jan, 93% in Feb, 90% in March and 96% in April. However, the frequent thunderstorms accompanied by rain and gusty winds meant May received excess rainfall of 507%. Though June also reported excess rainfall of 45%, the month did not see any heavy rain activity.

According to IMD, trace to 2.4mm of rainfall in a 24-hour period is considered very light precipitation. Light rainfall measures between 2.5mm and 15.5mm, moderate between 15.6mm and 64.4mm, while rainfall is considered heavy when the measure reads 64.5mm to 115.5 mm. Rainfall between 115.6mm and 204.4mm is logged as very heavy and any precipitation measuring above 204.5mm is defined as extremely heavy rainfall.

Pole falls on woman

A woman had a close shave when an electric pole fell on her while she was riding her scooter in west Delhi's Tagore Garden area. In the CCTV footage, vehicles were seen driving down a wet street. Sudden sparks were seen atop an electric pole, which eventually fell on the woman's scooter. The woman, trapped under the pole, was rescued by residents. Police have not received any complaint. TNN

AAP, BJP spar over flooding, Cong attacks Delhi govt too

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After Tuesday's rain, AAP slammed BJP-led Delhi govt for "turning the capital into a pool", prompting the party in power to claim that the situation was brought under control within a few hours by joint efforts of the govt and Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Sharing videos of waterlogging on social media platforms, AAP functionaries claimed that the city completely "collapsed" within five months of BJP forming the govt. "Despite tall claims and promises of proper management by CM Rekha Gupta and PWD minister Parvesh Verma, even a brief spell of rain on Tuesday morning was enough to bring the national capital to a standstill," the party alleged. "Waterlogging inundated not just the inner streets but also the city's most posh localities, exposing once again the complete failure of BJP's so-called 'four-engine' govt to deliver even basic civic infrastructure."

AAP claimed that within days of lieutenant governor VK Saxena and Public Works Department minister Verma publicly congratulating each other for their "so-called efforts" to prevent waterlogging at ITO, the stretch was submerged once again on Tuesday. "This is ITO. On July 9, LG and PWD minister came here to inspect anti-waterlogging work and patted each other's back. Now that it's flooded again, please accept my congratulations too," Delhi AAP convener Saurabh Bharadwaj posted on X.

He also posted videos of waterlogged roads in Connaught Place, Tibetan Market on Janpath Road, and near RML Hospital. Sharing CP's video, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal posted on X, "When this is the condition of Connaught Place, the heart of Delhi, it's not hard to imagine the state of the rest of Delhi. Just 10 minutes of rain and the roads have turned into ponds. In five months, where has BJP brought Delhi to? Is this the speed of the 'four-engine' govt?"

Leader of the opposition in Delhi Assembly Atishi said even Civil Lines— home to both LG and CM—was waterlogged. She also posted videos of waterlogging in several parts of the city, including Panchkuian Road, Kamla Nagar Market, Sadar Bazar, Ambedkar Stadium near Delhi Gate, and Pragati Maidan.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said heavy rainfall continued across Delhi for over three hours, leading to waterlogging in some areas. "Due to the efforts of Delhi govt and MCD, the situation was brought under control within just a few hours," he said.

Sachdeva claimed timely cleaning of major drains and sewers on key roads resulted in "significant improvement", unlike the situation in 2024 and earlier years, when even a light rain would flood roads for days. "The residents of Delhi felt the difference brought by the change in govt. The chief minister, the ministers, the mayor, BJP MLAs and councillors, and the NDMC vice-chairperson, stepped onto the streets and ensured that waterlogging was cleared within hours of the rain," he claimed.

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav slammed BJP govt for the "lack of preparedness" to tackle the monsoon chaos. "Despite giving extended deadlines, PWD failed to complete the desilting work," he alleged.

It's a crawl: Traffic thrown out of gear during rush hours

Anindya Chattopadhyay



TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi woke up to a grey Tuesday and relentless rain that turned its streets into streams and intersections into pain points. By morning rush hour, waterlogging spread across the city, disrupting traffic, stalling vehicles and stranding commuters.

Although conditions improved by mid-morning, the early hours saw the worst of the chaos. From Zakhira underpass to Panchkuian Marg, key stretches were submerged in ankle-deep water. Traffic was reduced to a crawl, with some vehicles breaking down. Stranded drivers and two-wheeler riders sought refuge under flyovers, shop awnings, and even trees, which further slowed vehicular movement.

The impact was felt across arterial routes, with major snarls reported from ITO, Mathura Road and NH-8. Office-goers, especially those heading to or from Noida and Gurgaon, faced acute delays — some commutes took over an hour longer than usual. Live traffic maps showed long red stretches across different parts of the city.

According to traffic police sources, waterlogging was reported in several parts of the city, including the Zakhira and Punjabi Bagh underpasses, areas near Modern School, Kapashera Marg, Nigambodh Ghat, Mukherjee Nagar, South Avenue, Teen Murti roundabout, Majnu ka Tila, MCD Chowk, Mundka traffic signal, Panchkuian Marg, Azad Market, and stretches near Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and New Delhi Railway Station.

As a result, traffic was also affected on these stretches. Disruptions were also reported on Mehrauli-Badarpur Road, MG Road, Old Rohtak Road, and near key junctions leading to NH-8.

Those crossing ITO to reach Vikas Marg and onward to Noida faced particularly severe snarls, with several commuters reporting travel times that doubled. Many also encountered delays on Mathura Road and other link roads leading out of the capital.

Traffic advisories were issued throughout the day. One warned of waterlogging at the GTK Bus depot, urging commuters to take alternate routes. Another alert flagged the Zakhira underpass, which remained heavily waterlogged for much of the morning. At Kalindi Kunj, traffic personnel in rain gear were seen managing the flow of vehicles.

Traffic officials said swift on-ground action was taken. "Wherever complaints of waterlogging were received, staff was sent immediately to manage the situation," a senior officer said.

Frustrated commuters took to social media to share updates and vent. "Deep congestion on Barapullah (Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Setu between JLN and Aurobindo Marg) due to waterlogging," one user posted. Another wrote, "Water has flooded the road in front of Air Force Station Tughlakabad, and because of that, there's traffic."

Delhi finds itself in knee-deep trouble — again

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New Delhi: The early morning brought heavy rains and there were instant apprehensions about waterlogging and disruptions in movement. As expected, numerous places went under, including ITO, Tilak Bridge, Panchkuian Road, Zakhira, Connaught Place, Kamla Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Malviya Nagar, Sadar Bazar, Sangam Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Preet Vihar, Shakarpur, Zakir Nagar, Savitri Flyover, the underpass at Kishanganj near Azad Market and the area opposite Ambedkar Stadium. Even 15-16 locations in Lutyens' Delhi suffered waterlogging.

Chief minister Rekha Gupta was at ITO. "Clear instructions have been given to the officials to make proper arrangements to ensure quick drainage in case of heavy rains. Delhi govt is identifying all the areas of the capital where waterlogging occurs repeatedly during the rains," she posted on X. "Work is being done rapidly on a modern drainage system, real-time monitoring and rapid response units for a permanent solution at these places."

ITO was a mess with Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Vikas Marg and Tilak Bridge flooded. At Sadar Bazar, the waist-high water on the streets entered the shops and damaged goods. Fuming Kamla Nagar shop owners questioned the civic authorities about their claims of drain cleaning and wondered why DJB was allowed to leave roads unrepaired after work on the sewers. "The recent sewer replacement in the market area was shoddily done and the excavated roads weren't fully or properly restored," alleged Nitin Gupta, president, Kamla Nagar Traders' Association.

Paramjit Singh Pamma, chairman, Federation of Sadar Bazar Traders' Associations, claimed that shops on Qutab Road, Teliwara, Crockery Market, Rui Mandi, Gandhi Market and Pan Mandi were in a very bad condition after the heavy showers. "It was difficult to even walk here because the accumulated water was 4ft high," he said. "What added to the woes was the long power cut in the area. This meant we couldn't use the motor pumps to flush out water from the shops. The electricity officials claimed that the rainwater had entered almost every shop and they had disconnected the power to prevent short circuits and electric shocks."

According to sources in the Public Works Department, calls were received from several locations across the city about severe waterlogging, among them from Peeragarhi, Punjabi Bagh, Wazirpur and the underpass at Zakhira. They claimed to have addressed these complaints immediately.

Commenting on the condition of the flooded lanes at Civil Lines in north Delhi, former CM and leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Atishi said on X, "Civil Lines, where LG sahab and CM's houses are located, the roads are flooded. 10 minutes of rain and this is the condition of Delhi. This is the wonder of BJP's 4-engine govt. Where is the PWD minister and what is the CM doing?"

16 LOCATIONS FLOODED IN LUTYENS' DELHI

Dikhush Meena, senior administrator, MCD, conducted an inspection of primary drains and flooding-prone locations in south Delhi's Hauz Khas area. In Zakir Nagar, southeast Delhi, the area councillor, Congress' Naziya Danish, shared photos of narrow lanes flooded with sewer water and garbage. She got down on roads with MCD staff to unclog drains and sewers after local residents complained of the unhygienic condition in the area with water and garbage entering ground floors of residential buildings.

A similar situation unfolded in Lajpat Nagar's C Block, where water began accumulating by 8am. The entry points to the locality remained clogged until around 1pm, when tankers finally arrived to drain away the water. "The tankers have just arrived, as you can see. The water reached knee level, making it very difficult for us to move around," said Ramesh, who runs a tea stall near Jagdamba Mandir.

Defence Colony fared slightly better than the neighbouring areas like Lajpat Nagar, though the lane along D Block — already dotted with potholes — was in dire shape after the rains.

In east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar, the deluged lanes were compounded by sewage mixing with the mess. Residents reported knee-deep water within minutes of rainfall, especially in Gali No. 8, where water overflowed from the inner lane to the main road leading to the metro station.

CP shopkeepers go around in circles as water gushes in

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New Delhi: As heavy rains lashed the capital on Tuesday morning, shops in Connaught Place —both Inner and Outer Circles — bore the brunt of the downpour, with several shopkeepers scrambling to drain floodwaters and salvage their goods well into the afternoon.

Many shopkeepers called it a "routine crisis" during the season, with water seeping into their shop floors, storage units and cabins, damaging merchandise and infrastructure.

At Moti Art House in the Outer Circle, staff could be seen hauling out damaged artwork and prints. "I reached here at 9am to open the shop, anticipating flooding, but didn't think the water would affect the rear of the cabin," said owner Harvinder Singh. "I'm getting calls from my clients now asking if their prints are safe. This will hit the business for sure."

On the same stretch, New Bawa Store faced a similar fate. Owner Karan Pal and his team were still draining out water till 2pm. Pointing to a raised platform inside the shop, he said, "We have built a plinth to keep water at bay and keep our prints safe. Still, some of them got wet and became damaged."

Even eateries weren't spared. At Kake Da Hotel, operations had resumed by the time **TOI** arrived, but the ground floor remained covered in muck. "It wasn't rainwater that clogged our shop. The sewer started overflowing and muck entered the shop around 9am," said Navraj. At Pandey's Paan, a frustrated Amar was seen dragging out a fridge that had been filled with drain water. "We couldn't open the shop shutters due to the accumulated water despite reaching here at 9.30am. By the time we managed to open it, the fridge was already full of water," said Amar. Nearby, Sanjay Pal of Raju Cold Drinks Centre was drying soaked mobile covers. According to him, the floodwater reached the far end of the shop, leaving many items beyond repair.

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The iconic business hub in the heart of the city came to a standstill

The Inner Circle, too, wasn't spared. Cafes and stores such as Xero Degrees and Metro City Pharma at G Block reported water entering the shops. Shop workers had to manually push the water out of the cabins.

Ironically, this situation unfolded just months after the New Delhi Municipal Council claimed to have identified and desilted 27 spots vulnerable to flooding, including Connaught Place, during its monsoon preparedness drive in March. An NDMC official said, "The bell mouth and the drainage system in the area was functioning efficiently. However, the volume of rain exceeded the designed capacity of the drains, resulting in water accumulating and overflowing."

Days after man was killed in snatching bid, three arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Days after a man was murdered at a bus stop in southeast Delhi's Badarpur area, police have arrested three men in connection with the case. The accused allegedly attempted to snatch the victim's mobile phone, and when he resisted, they stabbed him twice before fleeing.

Police received a call around 5.51 am on July 26 reporting an unconscious man at a bus stop in Badarpur. He was declared dead on arrival at the hospital, with a stab wound on the left side of his chest. The victim was later identified as Makbul Akram, a resident of Mithapur Extension. His phone was missing, said police.

Following the incident, deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Hemant Tiwari formed a team led by additional DCP Aishwarya Sharma to investigate the case.

Investigators reviewed footage from over 1,000 CCTV cameras across Delhi and Haryana, eventually identifying a suspicious scooter. In the footage, a pillion rider in light-coloured clothes was seen approaching the victim, followed by a scuffle before the suspects fled.

Further analysis showed the scooter had approached from the Jaitpur side, riding against traffic with a non-functional headlight. It was later seen heading toward the Ismailpur border in Faridabad, using narrow lanes and side roads—likely to evade detection.

One of the suspects, Mohsin alias Noor, who worked at a hotel in Basantpur, Haryana, was tracked down and arrested there. His interrogation led police to his accomplices, Deepak and Himanshu, who were later arrested from Molarband Village in southeast Delhi.

During questioning, all three confessed to the crime. Mohsin, employed at the hotel, had befriended Deepak and Himanshu. On the day of the incident, they set out on Mohsin's scooter—he drove, Deepak and Himanshu rode pillion. Spotting Akram engrossed in his phone at the Badarpur Bus Terminal, they took a U-turn and stopped nearby. Deepak and Himanshu approached the victim and allegedly tried to snatch his phone. When Akram resisted, Himanshu allegedly stabbed him twice and the trio fled with the phone.

Snatching Case: Doc (81) Suffers Serious Injuries

2 Bike-Borne Men Yank Chain

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New Delhi: An 81-year-old doctor was grievously injured during a snatching incident in Safdarjung Enclave on Friday. The woman suffered a femur fracture and had to undergo surgery after falling while trying to prevent two men on a motorcycle from snatching her gold chain.

According to the complainant, a resident of southwest Delhi, she had gone to a nearby bank to open an account. Around 3.30 pm, after completing her work, she returned to find a large box near her car parked outside a school. She called a local florist for help in moving the box. While they were trying to shift it, two men on a speeding motorcycle approached and allegedly snatched her chain.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the doctor said, "I don't even know what happened. They came speeding in and pulled my chain. I didn't feel scared because it happened so fast. Before I could understand anything, it was over."

As the bikers allegedly yanked the chain from behind, she instinctively held her neck to protect it. The force of the snatching caused her to fall. She did not see the attackers' faces as they were wearing helmets. The assailants fled toward Africa Avenue Road. "I remember people gathering around me when I fell," she recalled. Soon, police arrived and rushed her to the AIIMS Trauma Centre in an ambulance.

Doctors informed her that she had fractured the femur in her right leg. She was later shifted to another hospital for surgery and is currently recovering. "I lost my chain—and my health has also suffered," she said.

An FIR has been registered under Sections 309 (robbery) and 3(5) (common intention) of the BNS at Safdarjung Enclave police station.

A senior police officer confirmed that no arrests have been made so far. "Multiple teams have been formed to investigate the case. CCTV footage is being reviewed to track the suspects' route," the officer added.

DMRC bores tunnel between Tughlaqabad and rly colony

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation on Tuesday achieved a major milestone with the completion of the underground tunnel between Tughlaqabad and Tughlaqabad Railway Colony on the Tughlaqabad-Aerocity corridor, part of Phase IV expansion.

The 23.622-km Tughlaqabad to Aerocity corridor is the new Golden Line that will have 15 stations.

A tunnel boring machine (TBM) broke through at Tughlaqabad Railway Colony station after ploughing through a 0.792-km tunnel. The breakthrough was achieved using a 91-metre-long boring machine.

Two parallel circular tunnels are being dug as part of the Aerocity-Tughlaqabad corridor in Phase IV.

The civil contractor that implemented this project is M/s Afcons Infrastructure Ltd.

The tunnel was laid at an average depth of 18 metres. About 559 rings were installed in the tunnel, with an inner diameter of 5.8 metres.

"The tunnel was built using proven technology — Earth Pressure Balancing Method — with a concrete lining made of precast tunnel rings. The rings were cast at a mechanised casting yard in Mundka," said Anuj Dayal, the principal executive director of corporate communications at DMRC. TNN



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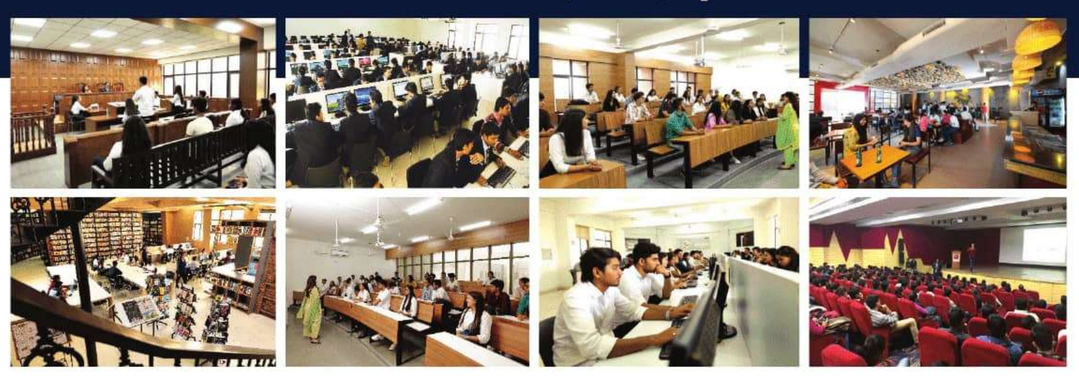
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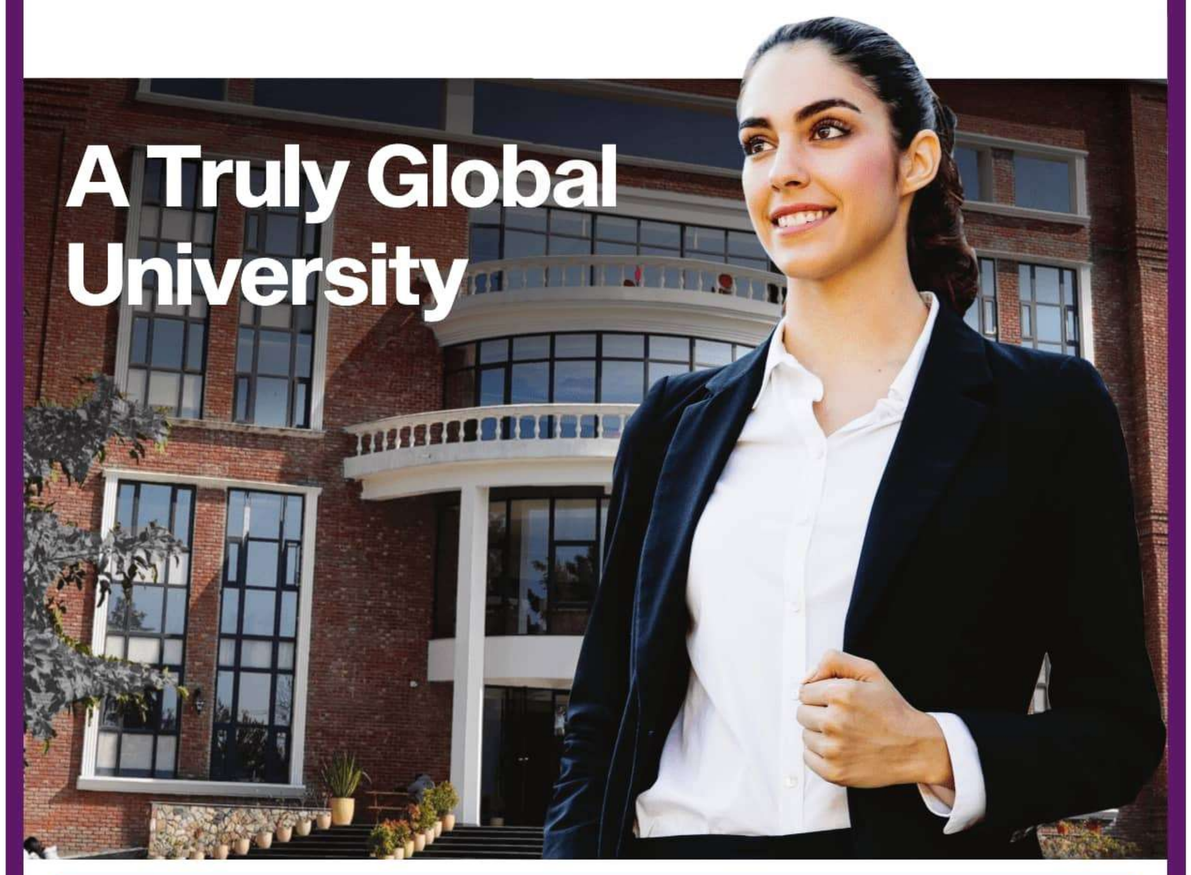
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Woman, Son Die As Rain Brings Down Boundary Wall Of House

AVOIDABLE TRAGEDY? No Safety Measure At Project Site, Lack Of Structural Integrity

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New Delhi: A 42-year-old woman and her 17-year-old son were killed while two labourers were injured after a portion of a boundary wall collapsed following heavy rain in north Delhi's Sehgal Colony on Tuesday morning. All four were working at a construction site about 100 metres from the LG Secretariat.

The deceased were identified as Meera and her son Ganpat, both residents of Dharmapura, Chhatarpur, in Madhya Pradesh. Among the injured are Meera's elder son Dashrath (19), who is critical, and her brother-in-law Nanhe (35), who sustained a leg injury and is stated to be stable.

According to police, a PCR call about the wall collapse was received at 9.40am. "Four labourers were found trapped under debris; all were rescued and taken to hospital, where two were declared dead," said a senior police officer.

The victims, who were working at the site at House No. 1, Sehgal Colony around 9-9.30am, had also erected a small temporary shack for shelter. They were engaged in daily work when the eastern boundary wall of an adjacent plot on Court Road suddenly gave way and collapsed.

Initial investigation revealed that no reinforcement or safety measures had been put in place at the adjacent site, where a housing project was underway. The collapse sent a cascade of debris crashing into the labourers' shack at Plot No. 1. It also damaged House No. 7B, Sehgal Colony, located directly across the lane. Several elderly residents of the house had a narrow escape, as chunks of the wall smashed through portions of their home.

"The wall was part of the side boundary of the apartment project at Plot No. 7, Court Road. Its collapse caused widespread damage across adjacent properties," the officer said.

Local residents blamed an ongoing housing project, widespread tree cutting, and a lack of structural integrity for the collapse. According to them, the incident was a disaster waiting to happen.

Deepak Khanna, the 78-year-old resident of House No. 7B, told **TOI**, "With so much rain and no proper support structure, it was only a matter of time before something like this happened. The wall of our house, built in 1964, thankfully held up and did not collapse along with it."

Standing amid the rubble, another resident pointed to the broken debris and scattered loose soil, saying, "At this rate, even the tin shed covering the construction site might fall. Anyone could get hurt."

Referring to the housing project, he alleged, "With the drilling and the number of old trees they have cut for this purpose -- about 30 -- the land has become completely unstable."

A case has been registered under sections 290 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down, repairing or constructing buildings), 125 (act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 106 (death due to negligence) of BNS at Civil Lines police station.

WHEN: July 29, 9-9.30am

WHERE: Sehgal Colony, Civil Lines, North Delhi



TOI Photos

The construction site of House No. 1

The collapsed boundary wall inside the opposite house

WHAT HAPPENED

- Around 8am, Meera (40), her sons — Ganpat (17) and Dashrath (19) — and brother-in-law Nanhe (35) began work at construction site — House No. 1
- The family was living in a small shack on-site; Nanhe had just stepped out when the incident occurred
- Around 9.30am, a 15-foot-high boundary wall on the side suddenly collapsed during heavy rain, burying the shack under debris
- Meera and Ganpat died on the spot; Dashrath was critically injured and Nanhe sustained a leg injury
- The wall collapse also damaged the opposite house, its elderly residents had a narrow escape

POLICE INVESTIGATION

- Housing project at Plot No. 7, Court Road, lacked safety measures; its eastern wall collapsed, with debris hitting nearby homes and an under-construction building at Plot No. 1, Sehgal Colony—causing deaths and injuries
- Case filed under sections 290, 125, and 106 of BNS for negligence, endangering life, and causing death

PAST INCIDENTS

July | Seven of a family died and several others were injured after a four-storey building collapsed in northeast Delhi's Seelampur

- A labourer died after the roof of a factory collapsed in north east Delhi's New Usmanpur
- A 45-year-old man died when a three-storey building collapsed in north Delhi's Sadar Bazar

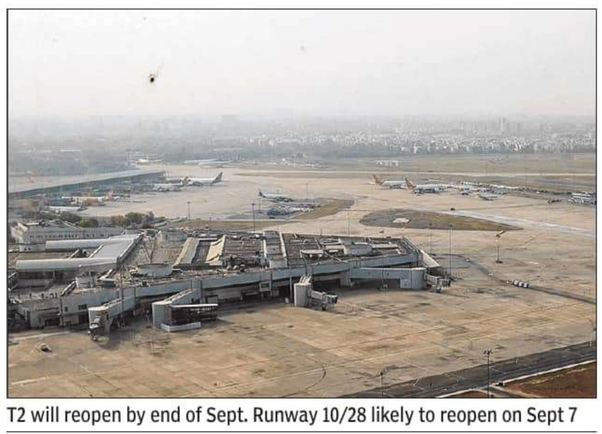
May | Three people died and one was injured after the collapse of an under-construction building in Paharganj

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T2 to support transfer between int'l and domestic terminals

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T2 will reopen by end of Sept. Runway 10/28 likely to reopen on Sept 7

New Delhi: Due to its proximity to IGI Airport's only international terminal, T3, Terminal 2 will reopen in about two months to primarily support domestic-to-international and vice-versa passenger flow of Air India group and IndiGo.

While T2 was shut for repairs on April 15, IGIA's main runway was closed for upgrading the instrument landing system (ILS) on June 15. "That runway was supposed to reopen around Sept 15, but the same could happen a week earlier. T2 is expected to reopen by Sept-end. Both will reopen in time for the festive rush," said people in the know.

Once that happens, IGIA will become the first Indian airport to operate with a capacity of handling over 10 crore passengers annually (CPA), thanks to three operational terminals—T3 (4.5 CPA), T1 (4 CPA) and T2 (1.5 CPA), four runways and supporting airside infrastructure. IGIA handled 7.8 crore passengers in 2024. So apart from having spare capacity, it will see the same go up to almost 14 CPA when T2 is demolished to make way for a bigger T4.

Delhi International Airport Ltd initially toyed with the idea of mothballing T2 as it wanted to see the impact of NCR's second commercial airport on the footfalls of IGIA. The reason: between T1 and T3 alone, it had a capacity of 8.5 CPA. Noida International Airport is expected to open around Oct with a phase one capacity of 1.2 CPA.

"IGIA T2 will not be kept mothballed as it is very close to the only international terminal T3. IndiGo and AI group have major expansion plans with hundreds of planes on order. So T2 will be used to support their domestic-to-international and international-to-domestic traffic primarily of these two airlines," said sources. The absence of an air train in between T1 and T3/2 and the painful by-road commute between these 7km-apart terminals have made transit a pain at the country's biggest airport. The opening of T2 will provide some much-needed respite on that front.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) also gets its second airport around the same time in Navi Mumbai, but the situation there is different. The megacity's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport has already peaked out and the new hub opens with a capacity of 2 CPA. So from Day 1, MMR's demand for air travel will be more than the capacity of the two airports combined.

Given the spare capacity in National Capital Region with two commercial airports, Noida International Airport will extend the lifespan of T2 built in 1986. "Depending on the impact Noida has on IGIA footfall, it is likely T2 will remain operational for another three to five years. Subsequently, it will be demolished for constructing a bigger T4 in its place," said a source. Building a big, new terminal takes about three and a half years.

Katara case: SC orders convict's release after 20 years in prison

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Lifer with fixed term can come out of jail after completing term, no remission needed, says SC

New Delhi: In an important decision, Supreme Court on Tuesday held that a convict, sentenced to life imprisonment with a fixed term, will not require remission of sentence to come out of jail like a normal life imprisonment case and he will become a free bird after completing the jail term.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and K V Viswanathan directed forthwith release of Sukhdev Pehalwan in the Nitish Katara case as he had already completed 20 years' imprisonment in March. It rejected the plea of Delhi govt, which said the convict could come out of jail only when his plea for remission of sentence was allowed by the govt.

Dismissing the submission of the govt, the bench said every convict would die in jail if this remained the attitude of the executive. "When it comes to liberty, we have to be vigilant," the bench said, allowing the plea of Pehalwan.

Additional solicitor general Archana Pathak Dave, appearing for Delhi govt, and senior advocate Aparajita Singh, appearing for the Katara family, submitted that there could not be an automatic release after 20 years as life imprisonment means jail till the remainder of natural life. They alleged that the convict's conduct in jail had been suspicious as he tried to influence a high court judge. The bench, however, said the govt could file a fresh case if it wanted but he could not be kept in jail in the Nitish Katara murder case as he had completed 20 year jail term.

"There is no question of remission after completion of sentence. When the life sentence is quantified, then the convict has to be released after completion of the term... How can the Sentence Review Board sit over an order of the judicial authority," the bench said.

The court was hearing a plea filed by Pehalwan, who was sentenced to life imprisonment with a caveat that it shall be 20 years of actual imprisonment without consideration of remission. He was convicted in 2002 the Nitish Katara murder case.

On Oct 3, 2016, the Supreme Court had awarded a 25-year jail term without any benefit of remission to Vikas Yadav and his cousin Vishal for their role in the sensational kidnapping and killing of Nitish Katara. Co-convict Sukhdev Yadav was also handed down a 20-year jail term in the case.

Prior to this, Delhi High Court, while upholding the life imprisonment awarded to Vikas and Vishal Yadav by the trial court, had specified a 30-year sentence, without any remission, to both of them. The court had awarded a 25-year jail term to third convict Sukhdev Yadav.

Living dangerously: Fear and panic grip colony

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New Delhi: "I've never seen anything like it. We heard someone groaning from under the debris, faint but clear. And when we started pulling the bricks away, we saw the bodies," said Gautam Sehgal, one of the first residents to reach the site after a boundary wall collapsed in Sehgal Colony, crushing two labourers to death and injuring two others.

According to several locals **TOI** spoke to, the tragedy was more than just a collapse — it was the fallout of years of tree felling, reckless digging, and erasure of heritage.

Gautam, grandson of freedom fighter Rustamji Sehgal after whom the colony is named, was alerted by the domestic staff. "When I reached, the wall had folded into itself. People were shouting. The guards were already trying to break through the rubble. Police arrived very quickly and helped, but those first few minutes... they were horrifying," he recalled.

Manju Khanna (78) had just walked into her puja room when she felt the earth tremble. "It was sudden, like thunder without sound. The floor felt uneven, and water started seeping in. I kept thinking — what if no one hears me?" she said, visibly shaken. "If I had stepped in or out a minute earlier... I don't even want to imagine."



Gautam Sehgal

Residents, guards, domestic workers and relatives ran towards the debris before authorities cordoned off the area. "We didn't know where to start. But then someone heard a sound, a low cry and we just started digging," said a resident who was among the first to help. "The woman's body was half-buried. We couldn't move fast enough. Then we found the boy. He was already gone."

Police teams arrived within minutes. "They coordinated quickly, one side was cleared for access, and they helped pull out the injured," said Gautam. "But by then, the damage had already been done."

For many, it wasn't just the physical damage, it was the shock of seeing a place tied so deeply to personal and collective memory torn apart. "This place is more than home," said Deepak Khanna, a long-time resident. "We've seen generations grow up here. I remember playing under the trees they cut down. That green patch behind the wall -- now a construction zone -- was our forest."

Residents alleged the wall gave way due to years of neglect, aggravated by drilling, JCB activity and unregulated tree felling. "They cut down trees that held this soil together. You remove the roots, the land shifts," said Gautam. "Two people are dead. And for what? A new building?"

Residents called for an immediate audit of all structures in the area and a halt to ongoing construction. They also pointed to a dangerously tilting blue tin shed and heaps of rubble still lying around. They urged authorities to clear the debris, inspect the construction work and investigate the alleged tree felling that may have destabilised the area.

'Hauslon ki Udaan' initiative to promote youth creative talent

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced the launch of 'Hauslon ki Udaan' (flight of aspirations), an ambitious initiative aimed at discovering, nurturing and promoting the creative talent of the city's youth at the national and international levels.

The scheme was approved by Delhi Cabinet during a meeting attended by all ministers, the chief secretary and senior officials. A budget of Rs 5 crore was allocated for its implementation in the current financial year.



CM Gupta

CM said that the blueprint of the initiative was carefully designed to ensure the participation of youth across the city, enabling them to gain recognition and enhance the reputation of the national capital. She added that the scheme was announced during her budget speech in Delhi Assembly and will now be rolled out with the cabinet's approval. The department of art, culture and languages will serve as the nodal department for its implementation.

The initiative, said arts and culture minister Kapil Mishra, is designed to provide young people with a platform to refine and showcase their artistic abilities, giving them a distinctive identity while bringing recognition to the national capital. "Delhi is rich in creative abilities, such as music, dance, poetry, visual and digital art, but many young people lack the opportunity to present their skills due to limited access to platforms. 'Hauslon ki Udaan' (flight of aspirations) will focus on identifying and nurturing talent among youth living in slums, informal settlements and unauthorised colonies," he added.

Under the initiative, talent hunt programmes will be held in all assembly constituencies, followed by zonal and district-level competitions, culminating in a grand state-level finale. The scheme will focus on six art forms -- singing, dance, poetry, sculpture, visual art, digital art and theatre.

Mishra said the programme aims to connect nearly five million young people across Delhi. The talent hunt will be organised over a six-month period, with winners receiving cash prizes. Delhi govt will also engage renowned artistes from across the country as mentors to guide and prepare the selected participants, enabling them to achieve recognition on international platforms.

"The competitions will be held over a span of six months, with the first event kicking off in Sept. Winners at the state level will be awarded the CM cup, along with prize money. We will rope in artistes from different fields to mentor the winners of the competition," said an official.

"Such competitions are held by private organisations, but this is probably the first time in the country that the state govt is holding such a competition," he claimed.

Made-up identities: How Bangladeshi immigrants used disguises, fake documents to evade detection

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New Delhi: Over 2,100 Bangladeshi nationals living in the capital were deported in 2024-25, mostly this year, with the highest number, 370, deported from Outer Delhi district. It was followed closely by North West Delhi, from where 226 Bangladeshi nationals were sent back, according to data released by Delhi Police on Tuesday.

Police discovered that Bangladeshi immigrants were using various tactics to evade detection in India, including disguising themselves as transgender individuals and living on the streets, with some even undergoing gender-affirming surgery to alter their physical appearance. The cops cited the examples of Mohammad Raisul Islam, 27, and Mohammad Ebrahim Howlader, 26, two transgender individuals. They were apprehended on July 23 from beneath the Bhalswa Dairy flyover in North West Delhi. Both individuals admitted to their original nationality as Bangladeshi.

The two claimed to have undergone gender-affirming surgery to alter their physical appearance to resemble women. "They used heavy makeup, wore sarees or salwar suits, used artificial hair (wigs) and adorned themselves with feminine accessories," an officer revealed. "Some others modified their voice and body language to closely mimic female mannerisms in an attempt to conceal their true identity. These two individuals were involved in begging during the daytime."

On June 28, five other Bangladeshi nationals engaged in begging were found presenting themselves as transgender women in North West Delhi. Police said during questioning, they admitted to adopting these disguises and even undergoing minor surgeries and hormonal treatments to alter their sex and appearance in an attempt to evade detection. The inquiry revealed that these calculated efforts appeared to be aimed at blending into densely populated areas and leveraging social sensitivities towards women and transgender persons, thereby complicating routine identification and verification by enforcement agencies.

Many of the illegal immigrants were found working in brick kilns in remote areas using fake Aadhaar cards, often procured with the help of traffickers, to find jobs. Some immigrants were also found to have purchased properties in West Bengal using fake IDs to establish local residency.

On June 4, 18 Bangladeshi nationals were nabbed in North West Delhi's Bharat Nagar. These families began by working as labourers in brick-making factories in Haryana before shifting to slum clusters in the city.

To manage the illegal immigrants, temporary detention centres have been set up in community halls, while two permanent facilities operate in Lampur (Outer Delhi) and Sarai Rohilla (North West Delhi). These centres provide basic amenities such as food, water, and shelter, and can accommodate 50 to 60 individuals. Some of the temporary centres are located in Roop Nagar (North Delhi), Samaypur Badli (Outer Delhi) and Vijay Vihar (Northwest Delhi). Additional centres are situated in Bhadola village (North West Delhi) and Seelampur (Shahdara).

A police officer said the creation of temporary detention centres depended on the number of illegal immigrants detained at any given time. The authorities identify suitable locations that can be quickly converted into shelters to hold illegal immigrants.

Police said multiple teams work on tracing and verifying the migrants. "One team detains the individuals, while another visits the states they claim as their residence to verify if they actually live there," an officer revealed. "After verification, if they are found to be illegal immigrants, they are handed over to the Foreigners' Regional Registration Office, which places them in detention centres." On deportation, they are sent by train to certain place from where they are escorted across the border by security forces. Sometimes, they are also sent via flights.

According to police, local traffickers from Bangladesh, with the help of Indian contacts, send immigrants to India. The migrants often travel by train to Delhi, where local contacts assist them in obtaining Aadhaar and PAN cards—often by using their original Bangladeshi IDs. Others help them find employment as labourers, ragpickers and low-wage workers.

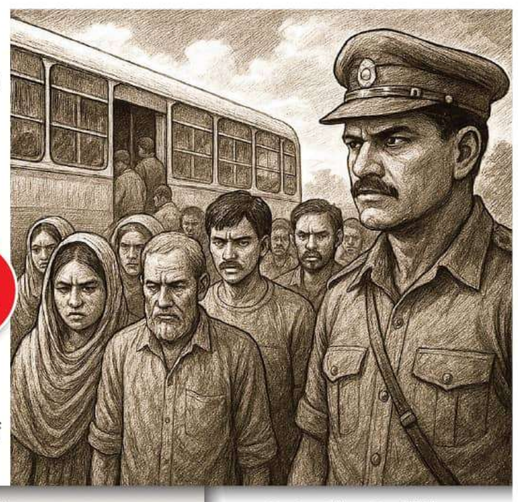
2,176 BANGLADESHI NATIONALS DEPORTED FROM DELHI, OUTER DISTRICT TOPS LIST

Top Districts By Deportation*

District	Deported
Outer	370
North West	226
South East	200
South	196
South West	180
Outer North	178
North	178
Central	133
West	120
East	120
Dwarka	79
Shahdara	78
Rohini	61
North East	57

Total: 2,176

*2024-25 data; 2025 saw most of the deportations



Modus Operandi

- Immigrants often disguise themselves as transgender individuals to avoid detection
- Some have undergone gender-affirming surgeries to alter appearance
- Many work in brick kilns in remote areas under low wages, often with fake Aadhaar cards
- Fake Aadhaar cards are typically arranged by traffickers and local agents
- Some purchased property in West Bengal using forged documents to establish residency

Detention Facilities

- Temporary centres set up in community halls across districts
- Permanent centre located at Lampur, Sarai Rohilla
- All facilities provide basic amenities like food, water and shelter
- Each centre can hold 50-60 illegal immigrants

₹5cr allotted for cleanliness drive: Rekha

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta discussed the month-long city-wide cleanliness campaign with ministers and senior civic officials at Civic Centre on Tuesday. The campaign will start from Aug 1.

Gupta said, "For the first time, agencies like MCD, PWD, Delhi Police and others are working together in full coordination...The first two days of the drive will focus on schools, hospitals and offices. Each Saturday and Sunday, efforts will be targeted at unauthorised colonies and JJ clusters. Special clean-up drives are planned at Yamuna ghats on Aug 14, 21 and 28, while the Ring Road will be cleaned on Aug 29 and 31."

She said that Rs 5 crore was allocated to the civic body for this campaign. To encourage community participation, she also announced incentives, including Rs 25 lakh for the best-performing resident welfare association, and Rs 15 lakh and Rs 10 lakh for the second and third positions, respectively.

Urban development minister Ashish Sood stressed that cleanliness must not be limited to VIP zones. "The real soul of Delhi resides in JJ clusters and unauthorised colonies. For decades, these areas were deprived of cleanliness and dignity – as if it were a privilege of the rich. This drive will change that narrative," he claimed.

Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh said that this campaign was not just a cleanliness drive but was also a collective effort to establish Delhi as a beautiful, healthy and dignified capital.

SCHOOLED BY THE STORM

Learning The Hard Way, These Students Wade Through Murky Water

Govts may change, but the plight of schoolchildren in Mayur Vihar Phase-III and near Vasundhara Enclave remains the same every monsoon. The rainy season turns the roads into hazardous, flooded paths. Children are seen removing their shoes and wading barefoot, often forced to use a garbage-strewn road divider as a makeshift walkway. "This happens every year. We're used to it now," says Chandni Kumari, a Class VIII student at a govt school.

Suresh Mishra, parent of a private school student, adds, "There are three private schools, one Delhi govt school, one MCD school, and even the important UP-Delhi border here—yet no one takes responsibility. Why must our children suffer like this year after year?"



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Hindon hit by cancellations as time limits restrict ops

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Ghaziabad: Having gone from a prolonged lull to a sudden surge in air traffic, the operational limitations of the Hindon civil terminal are beginning to show.

Air India Express on Tuesday notified passengers that its 11.40am Hindon-Mumbai flights on July 30 and 31 were cancelled, leading them with a short notice to make alternative plans. Since there is little scope to do so from Hindon because options are limited, and in routes operated by a single carrier none, flyers who could not postpone had to book a more expensive flight, this time from IGIA. On Monday, an IndiGo flight to Varanasi from Hindon was cancelled.

With more flights, the window to accommodate delays has narrowed, affecting on-time performance and increasing cancellations, officials explained. Since Hindon terminal uses the runway and other facilities of the air force base, it has to comply with the dawn-dusk window. DK Gautam, regional executive director (operations) at Airports Authority of India, said, "We are aware of the problem, and between the civil aviation ministry, the defence ministry, and IAF, talks are on at the highest level to streamline operations at Hindon."

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Govt asks depts to submit details of arbitration cases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi govt has directed Public Works Department (PWD), water department, and irrigation and flood control department to submit detailed records of all arbitration cases involving claims above Rs 1 crore from the last 20 years. The initiative was taken to enforce fiscal discipline and legal accountability, said a senior official.

The audit aims to assess the extent of financial losses arising from legal disputes and bring transparency to how public funds were spent or lost in the past two decades, said the official. The departments have been instructed to provide year- and award-wise data covering the total number of arbitration cases exceeding Rs 1 crore, cases decided against govt, along with brief descriptions, the amount paid or losses incurred, as well as the number of appeals filed before making payments.

The move, initiated on the direction of PWD minister Parvesh Verma, comes amid concerns over repeated legal setbacks in infrastructure and civil works, many of which resulted in heavy payouts to private contractors, the official said. Moreover, govt has also issued a binding directive that no payments shall be made in arbitration cases where the award is against it, unless all legal remedies have been exhausted and formal clearance is obtained from the law department.

"A major reform also comes from PWD, where the arbitration clause has now been officially removed from all new contracts. Contractors will henceforth have to directly approach the courts in the event of disputes, making the process more rigorous and reducing the scope for opportunistic claims," he said.

Govt approves night shifts for women at commercial places

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Currently, the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act 1954 restricts women from working between 9pm and 7am in summers, and between 8pm and 8am in winters

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday approved the proposal to allow women to work night shifts (24x7) at shops and commercial establishments.

"This is a significant step towards making Delhi a 24x7 business hub," Gupta said, adding that the decision would not only boost women's participation in the workforce but also improve the ease of doing business in the capital.

According to officials, the chief minister had earlier discussed the proposal with lieutenant governor VK Saxena and has now sent it for his formal approval.

The move involves amending provisions of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954—specifically sections 14, 15, and 16—which currently restrict women from working between 9 pm and 7 am in summers, and between 8 pm and 8 am in winters.

Gupta said states such as Haryana, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu already permit night shifts for women, and it is time for Delhi to follow suit.

Govt, in a statement, said that strict safeguards, including mandatory transport arrangements during night hours, CCTV surveillance, adequate deployment of security guards, and compliance with workplace safety norms, must be in place to ensure the safety of women employees working night shifts. As part of the regulatory framework, written consent from women employees will be mandatory before giving them night shift duties.

"Employers will be required to ensure CCTV coverage at workplaces, arrange secure transport, and appoint security personnel. Companies must also constitute internal committees under the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act and provide essential facilities such as restrooms, toilets, and lockers for women workers," the statement read.

It added that wages will have to be paid through bank transfers or ECS, and all statutory benefits must be provided.

Lok Adalats to address banking, gas supply row

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena gave his approval on Tuesday to include banking, non-banking financial companies and gas supply services as public utilities for the "swift resolution" of disputes through permanent Lok Adalats.

According to an official, a proposal to this effect was sent by Delhi govt's law department, citing an increasing volume of disputes pertaining to banking and other financial institutions and the supply of gas services in the city. The move, said officials, was expected to provide "faster, more equitable and efficient" redressal for a large segment of the population dealing with service-related grievances.

Three permanent Lok Adalats are currently functional in Delhi for the resolution of electricity-related disputes involving the private Discoms. TNN

Woman pushed from 6th floor, engineer detained

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 27-year-old woman was allegedly murdered in northwest Delhi's Narela on Tuesday.

Police suspect the woman was assaulted and then thrown from the sixth floor of a residential building. They believe her male friend, an engineer by profession, may be involved in the incident. He has been detained.

The cops received a PCR call reporting a woman lying in a pool of blood on the ground floor of an apartment building. The woman, identified as a resident of Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, was found dead with visible injuries. A mobile phone was recovered from her jeans pocket and rang with an incoming call during the investigation, a source said.

The caller identified himself as a friend of the suspect and informed police that a quarrel took place between the woman and the suspect before the incident. Further investigation revealed that the woman had come to Delhi to meet the suspect, who lives in an apartment in Narela.

We suspect there was an argument between the two about their relationship. Preliminary evidence suggests the man may have beaten her and then pushed her off the sixth floor, a police officer stated.

Examination of the body also indicated signs of a physical struggle.

A medical examination has been ordered, and a forensic team is assisting with evidence collection.

₹1.3-crore unlicensed medicines seized

New Delhi: In a major crackdown on illegal drug trade, the drugs control department of Delhi govt seized unlicensed medicines worth over 1.3 crore from a residential property in Paschim Vihar on Tuesday. The raid was prompted by a tip-off received by the department's intelligence cell about unauthorised storage and distribution of pharmaceuticals at the location.

Health minister Pankaj Kumar Singh called the raid a significant step in the fight against unethical drug sales. TNN

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Interim bail to 2020 Delhi riots accused: A Delhi court has granted 15 days interim bail to Tasleem Ahmad, an accused in a case alleging a conspiracy behind the 2020 communal riots in the city, taking note of his daughter's illness and the issue of deposition of his son's school fees. The court has imposed the condition that the accused will not make any social media post or contact the media. PTI

Wheels come off fake auto parts racket

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Making a dent in a major counterfeit automobile parts racket operating from Karol Bagh, Delhi Police's crime branch seized duplicate auto parts and equipment worth over Rs 50 lakh and arrested 11 individuals. The racket involved the manufacture and sale of cheap, inferior products disguised as original equipment manufacturer parts to unsuspecting customers, police said.

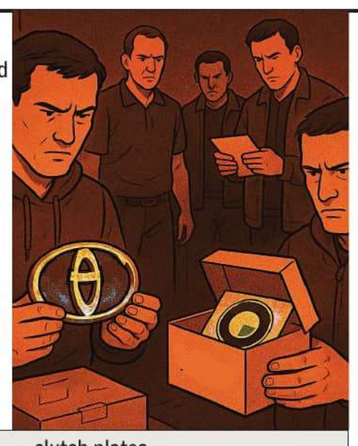
Based on a tip-off, a police team conducted simultaneous raids on four premises in Karol Bagh and recovered a large quantity of counterfeit auto parts, including brake pads, filters, spark plugs and clutch plates. Forged packaging, stickers, holograms and printing machines were also seized. Around 200 bottles of counterfeit branded engine oils were also found in their possession.

The gang's modus operandi involved procuring low-quality counterfeit auto parts from local and regional manufacturers at a fraction of the cost of genuine parts. "They would then rebrand the fake products to resemble those of reputed automobile companies using forged labels, holograms, logos and packaging materials. The counterfeit products were sold to local auto part dealers, wholesalers and repair shops in and around Delhi at slightly discounted prices, maximising profit margins," said Aditya Gautam, DCP (crime).

The accused individuals operated this racket for several years, with some of them having previous cases registered against them for intellectual property rights violation and forgery. Dheeraj Singh, the kingpin of the operation, was found to be a commerce graduate with experience in supply chain and inventory control. He engaged in this trade for the last four years and built a network of suppliers and distributors. Besides Dheeraj, the other arrested men were Amit Singh, Dipankar Nagpal, Harsh Kumar, Rinku, Ravinder, Raghvender Singh, Sachin Singh, Vinod Ahuja, Ashish Malhotra and Alok Pruthi.

Modus Operandi

- Gang procured cheap, substandard parts from local manufacturers
- Rebranded them to mimic top automobile companies using fake logos, holograms and packaging
- Supplied to dealers and repair shops across Delhi at discounted prices
- Used fake invoices and cash deals to evade detection
- Marketed parts online, falsely claiming them as genuine OEM products



Police Operation & Seizure

- Raids conducted at four Karol Bagh locations.
- Duplicate auto parts worth ₹50 lakh seized — including brake pads, filters, spark plugs, clutch plates
- Recovered forged packaging materials and printing machines
- ₹19 lakh in cash confiscated
- FIR registered under Copyright Act sections 63/65

Key Accused

Dheeraj Singh | Mastermind | commerce graduate; handled logistics

Amit Singh | Managed accounts | school dropout; key accomplice

Dipankar Nagpal | Supplied fake labels and holograms | owns packaging business

Harsh Kumar | Former motor parts employee | disguised fake spark plugs as genuine

Others | Experienced in auto parts trade, packaging, and forgery; some with prior criminal records

Two-month waiting period for general surgery at AIIMS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The number of patients waiting to be operated on at the hospital are 690 for cardio-thoracic-vascular surgery, 1,324 for neuro-surgery, 305 for surgical oncology and 28 for cochlear implant surgery

New Delhi: All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi has a two-month waiting period for general surgery while in gynaecology the same is up to three months for malignancies, the govt told Parliament on Tuesday.

In gastro-intestinal surgeries, while critical cases are prioritised, the maximum waiting period can be in the range of three-six months, Union minister of state in the health ministry Prataprao Jadhav said in a written reply to a Parliament question. "In cardio-thoracic-vascular surgery and neurosurgery, waiting periods for planned procedures can be up to two years due to heavy patient load."

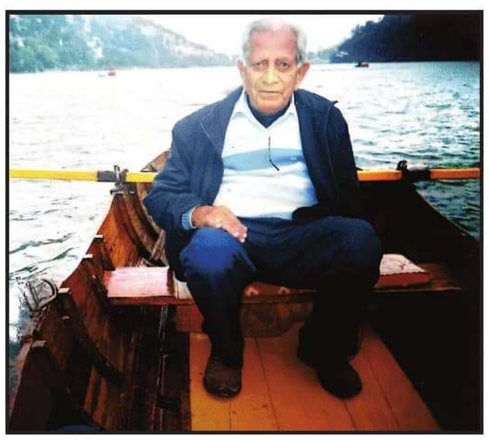
On the other hand, Jadhav said, patients undergoing critical treatment in the departments of ophthalmology, ENT, paediatrics, burns & plastic, urology and dental at AIIMS Delhi face no waiting period for surgery.

At present, the number of patients waiting to be operated on at the premier hospital are 690 for cardio-thoracic-vascular surgery, 1,324 for neuro-surgery, 305 for surgical oncology and 28 for cochlear implant surgery, the govt said.

In its reply to the Parliament question, the govt pointed out that no patients with heart diseases have been given dates for surgery extending beyond one year and similar is the case for patients with end-stage kidney disease who have a renal donor. "In cases of liver transplant, surgeries are dependent upon availability of donors," it added.

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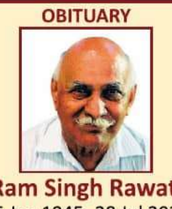
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HC upholds conviction of Patkar in 2000 case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday upheld the conviction and punishment awarded to activist Medha Patkar in a defamation case filed by Delhi LG VK Saxena in 2000.

Justice Shalinder Kaur said the trial court order, against which Patkar approached the high court, did not require any interference as the challenge was "more in the nature of hair-splitting and hinged on technicalities."

HC pointed out that in the appeal, Patkar did not even refer to the text and context of the defamatory press note that had triggered the defamation suit as it alleged Saxena was "mortgaging" the people of Gujarat and their resources to foreign interests, prompting the trial court to declare it a direct attack on his integrity and public service.

"The record suggests that the essential ingredients of Section 499 of the IPC are clearly made out. The imputations made were specific, published in the public domain, and caused harm to the reputation of the respondent," HC noted in its order, saying it found no illegality in the conclusions reached by the trial court.

Saxena, through advocates Gajender Kumar, Kiran Jai and Chandra Shekhar, backed the trial court's decision, arguing that Patkar failed to demonstrate any defects in the procedure followed or any error in law. They contended there was no illegality or material irregularity in the findings of the trial court and added that the order of conviction was passed after due consideration of evidence and the applicable law. Saxena filed the case 23 years ago when he was heading an NGO in Gujarat.

HC also upheld the order on the sentence, where Patkar was released on "probation of good conduct," and said it did not require any interference but modified the condition of probation imposed by the trial court, requiring Patkar to appear before the trial court once every three months. HC allowed her to either appear physically or through video conferencing or be represented through a lawyer during the appearances.

By way of a separate order, Justice Kaur also dismissed Patkar's plea seeking to introduce and examine an additional witness to prove her defamation case lodged against Saxena. The Narmada Bachao Andolan functionary, represented by senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, challenged the April 2 sessions court order upholding her conviction handed out by a magisterial court in the case.

Factory licensing procedures simplified for industrial areas

New Delhi: A few days after MCD approved the proposal in its house meeting to simplify factory licence procedures by eliminating the requirement for applying separately with the civic body and synchronising the fee with annual property tax, the factory licence department issued an order in this regard on Monday.

Applauding the move, the chief minister's office on Tuesday wrote on X, calling it a historic change in the MCD factory licence system. "Now factories operating in industrial areas recognised by GNCTD/DSIIDC will not need to obtain a separate factory licence from MCD. Delhi govt has taken this important decision towards strengthening 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business'. If the factory has MSME Udyam Registration or an Allotment Letter/Lease Deed from GNCTD/DSIIDC, the same document will now be valid as an MCD licence under Section 416/417, DMC Act. Now there will be no need to obtain a separate licence.... This decision will strengthen the industrial sector of Delhi towards self-reliance and facility-based governance," it stated on X.

The LG office said on X: "The decision to further enable businesses — especially small and medium enterprises — is indeed commendable."

On June 28, the principal secretary to the LG, Ashish Kundra, wrote to the chief secretary to examine how the licensing system in MCD and NDMC areas can be simplified. The Centre had asked the LG to roll out reforms for liberalising Delhi's business environment. TNN

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has announced an optical mark recognition (OMR) entrance test for admission to Classes VI-VII in its newly launched CM Shri schools.

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The application window will open online from July 30 to Aug 15, and admit cards can be downloaded starting Aug 23. The OMR-based entrance test is scheduled for Aug 30, from 11am to 1.30pm. The results will be declared on Sept 10, and the admission process will be wrapped up by Sept 15.

Only students currently studying in Classes VI to VII in recognised Delhi-based schools during the 2025–26 academic session are eligible to apply. The objective-type paper, to be conducted in both Hindi and English, will consist of sections on Hindi, English, general awareness, mental ability and numerical aptitude. The exam will last 150 minutes, with additional time provided to children with special needs (CWSN).

To make the process accessible, the Directorate of Education will establish test centres in schools across the city, ensuring that no child is excluded due to logistical challenges. In a move to promote inclusivity, at least 50% seats will be reserved for students currently enrolled in Delhi govt or govt-aided schools, including those run by MCD, NDMC, KVs and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. Students from SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) segments and CWSN will get a 5% relaxation in marks. The schools are likely to be opened in Sept.

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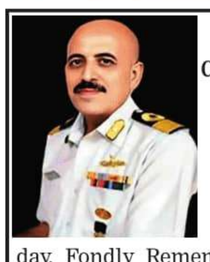
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'Pvt hosps in Haryana to stop Ayushman scheme from Aug 7'

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Gurgaon: Indian Medical Association's Haryana unit on Tuesday issued a notice announcing that 650 private hospitals across the state will stop treating patients under the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme from Aug 7 if reimbursements amounting to Rs 500 crore aren't cleared by then.

Officials of IMA (Haryana), which had issued a similar warning in Jan earlier this year, said the state's administration of the scheme was in a state of "chronic breakdown".

Most private hospitals have only gotten 10-15% of their billed amounts in reimbursements since March, forcing them to dip into their own reserves or turn patients away, they said.

"The situation is worse than before. Hospitals cannot continue offering free treatment under the scheme without timely reimbursements. We're now at a point where running the system is financially impossible," said Dr Mahavir Jain, president of IMA (Haryana).

According to Haryana govt data, there are 1,300 hospitals, including 650 private ones and 60 in Gurgaon, empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

Around 1.8 crore people in the state are registered under the health insurance scheme, which was launched by the central govt in 2018 to provide free medical facilities and treatments up to Rs 5 lakh a year. Ayushman Bharat, which covers anything between routine tests to surgeries, can be availed by families with annual income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh, the elderly, and others.

Hospitals empanelled under the scheme provide free-of-charge treatment to registered patients and later raise reimbursement requests from the govt on an online portal. These reimbursements are reviewed and cleared by a state agency, after which payments are disbursed.

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Good oral hygiene can lower risk of several cancers



Brushing teeth daily and annual dental visits can reduce risks of head and neck cancers (HNC), AIIMS scientists have found. The study, published in The Lancet Regional Health, also linked periodontal disease to cancers of the digestive tract, prostate, breast, pancreas, uterus, and lungs. Health Dialogues reports the researchers saying that oral health was also crucial for cancer therapy in HNC, as radiotherapy reduces good bacteria in the oral cavity.

Exercise ups mental health, but only if you're enjoying it



A leisure run, a yoga class, or biking for fun could boost mental health in a way that household chores, forced physical activity or gymming with a bad instructor may not do, according to a University of Georgia study. The why, where and how determine mental health as much as the actual exercise, which does have benefits in and of itself. "A soccer player running and kicking a game-winning ball feels fantastic. But the feeling's opposite if he misses the goal. So, context matters as much as amount of physical activity," said study co-author Patrick O'Conner.

Parkinson's: Dogs can sniff it out before symptoms show



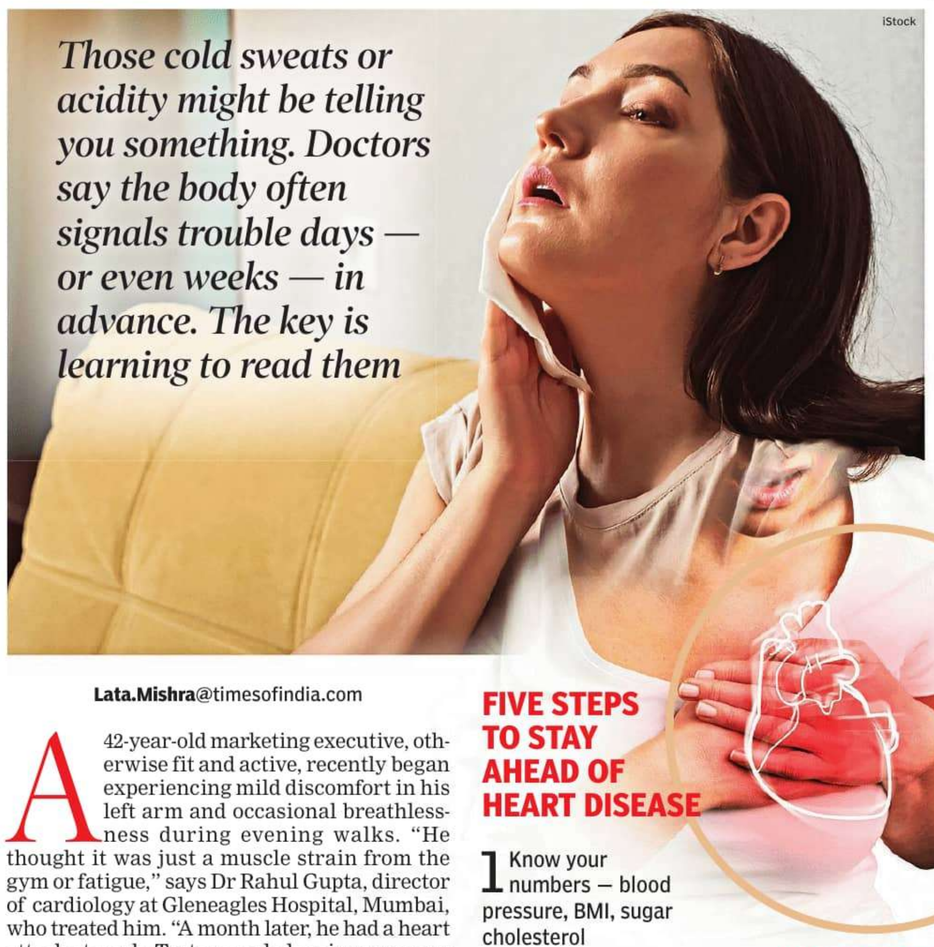
Parkinson's patients have a distinct odour that trained dogs can sniff out from skin swabs, researchers from the University of Bristol have found, reports ScienceDaily. The study, out in The Journal of Parkinson's Disease, teamed up with Medical Detection Dogs charity which trained two dogs to sniff the disease in patient samples with up to 80% sensitivity and 98% specificity. "The dogs achieved high sensitivity, specificity, and showed that there's an olfactory signature distinct to patients. They could help develop a non-invasive, cost-effective way to detect Parkinson's," said study lead Nicola Rooney.

Can magic mushrooms delay aging in humans?



Psilocin, a byproduct of psilocybin (active ingredient in magic mushrooms), upped human skin and lung cell lifespan by 50%, Atlanta's Emory University study has found. Psychedelic mushrooms are known for mental health benefits. "This study opens a new frontier for how psilocybin could influence systemic aging processes, particularly when administered later in life," said senior study author Louise Hecker.

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Those cold sweats or acidity might be telling you something. Doctors say the body often signals trouble days — or even weeks — in advance. The key is learning to read them

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A 42-year-old marketing executive, otherwise fit and active, recently began experiencing mild discomfort in his left arm and occasional breathlessness during evening walks. "He thought it was just a muscle strain from the gym or fatigue," says Dr Rahul Gupta, director of cardiology at Gleneagles Hospital, Mumbai, who treated him. "A month later, he had a heart attack at work. Tests revealed major coronary blockages that had been quietly building up."

While we all tend to believe that heart attacks strike without warning, a bolt from the blue, a growing body of medical evidence suggests the heart often sends out subtle signals days, even weeks, in advance. The problem? Most people miss — or worse, ignore — the warnings. And it's not always the classic chest-clutching type of pain. For instance, if you find yourself suddenly sweating during a routine daily activity or get nausea while taking the stairs, it might be worth getting it checked out.

According to Dr Gupta, a heart attack is rarely a sudden event. "Studies reveal that nearly 50% of those who suffer a heart attack experience prodromal symptoms (early warning signs) several days ahead. These are often vague and intermittent, making them easy to ignore or misattribute to non-cardiac causes like acidity, stress or fatigue."

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

With India accounting for more than half of the world's heart disease burden, early detection and suitable preventive measures have become more crucial. According to the Indian Heart Association, 50% of all heart attacks in Indian men occur under the age of 50, and 25% under 40. A 2022 study published in The Lancet Regional Health-Southeast Asia found that sudden cardiac deaths in India now account for over 10% of all mortality, with a steep rise among people aged 25 to 50.

Risk factors like a sedentary lifestyle, poor diet, smoking, alcohol use, and undiagnosed diabetes or hypertension are well known. But even those without these triggers are increasingly at risk, say experts. Dr Haresh Mehta of Fortis S L Raheja Hospital in Mumbai says heeding the body's warnings can be the difference between life and death. "There are signals such as unusual tiredness, nagging heaviness in the chest, breathlessness that wasn't there before, uneasy sleep, discomfort after meals, feeling heavy in the neck, shoulder." These signs are often brushed off as stress, acidity, or simply age. "But they frequently point to compromised blood flow to the heart," says Dr Mehta.

FIVE STEPS TO STAY AHEAD OF HEART DISEASE

1. Know your numbers — blood pressure, BMI, sugar cholesterol
2. Listen to your body — don't ignore persistent fatigue, breathlessness, or discomfort
3. Live heart-smart — exercise, eat clean, sleep well
4. Quit smoking, limit alcohol — these are strong triggers
5. Manage stress — mindfulness, yoga, or counselling can help

WATCH OUT FOR THESE EARLY WARNING SIGNS

- Pressure/ tightness in chest (rather than pain)
- Pain in areas such as arms, jaw, neck or back
- Cold sweats
- Heartburn or indigestion
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea or vomiting
- Unusual fatigue

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> **Dr Rahul Gupta,** CARDIOLOGIST

EXERTION LINK

Have you been wondering why people have a heart attack when they are working out? That's because symptoms typically occur during any kind of exertion, such as walking, jogging, or climbing stairs, says Dr Ajit Menon, director of cardiac sciences at Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital.

"Patients describe it as tightness or a burning sensation in the chest, sometimes radiating to the arms or jaw." While chest pain is a common symptom among both genders, women can have other symptoms. "Jaw pain is especially common among women and often gets mistaken for dental issues or TMJ disorders that affect jaw movement," he adds.

Dr Gupta cites the INTERHEART study involving over 50,000 participants across multiple countries, including India, which found that early symptoms like fatigue, stress, and shortness of breath are strongly linked to heart attack risk. Other studies published in the American Heart Journal and The Lancet also confirm that 60-71% of patients experience signs such as chest discomfort, dyspnea (shortness of breath), and fatigue in the days or weeks leading up to a cardiac event.

"In women, the data is even more telling," says Dr Mehta. "A study published in Circulation found that over 80% of women who suffered a heart attack reported prodromal symptoms such as fatigue and sleep disturbances in the preceding month." Dr Gupta recounts the case of a 35-year-old woman with no typical risk factors. "She had persistent upper back pain and chronic fatigue for months, which she blamed on bad posture and stress. When she finally came in, her angiography revealed 90% blockage in a major coronary artery. It was a close call," he says.

YOUNG DOESN'T MEAN SAFE

Young patients tend to dismiss these symptoms more often, says Dr Mehta. "They think they're too young for heart issues. But lifestyle risk factors like stress, smoking, poor diet, and undiagnosed conditions are now common in the younger demographic. We're increasingly screening patients in their 30s and early 40s who exhibit symptoms like breathlessness or a feeling of heaviness."

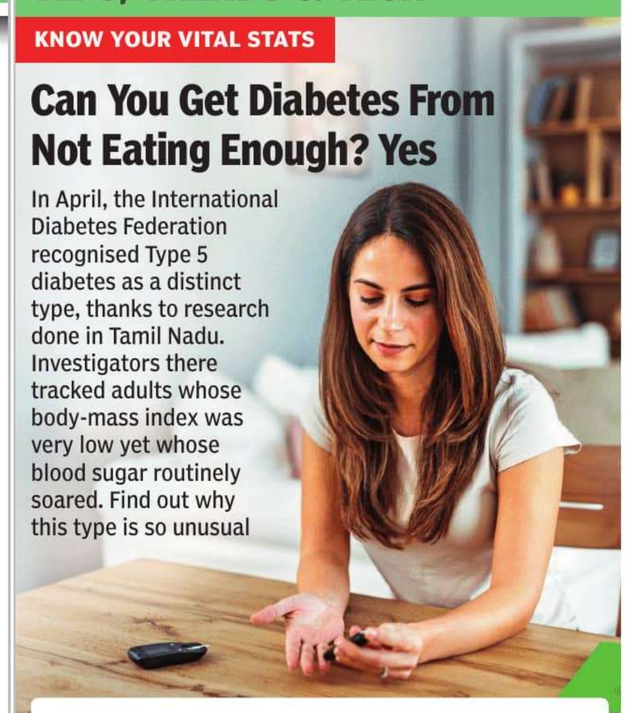
Dr Ruchit Shah, interventional cardiologist, Saifee Hospital, Mumbai, says that when the symptoms persist for weeks, doctors start with an ECG and a 2D echocardiogram. "If those are normal, we test for Troponin I (a protein in the blood) to detect microscopic heart damage. If still inconclusive, we do a stress test."

For low-risk individuals, a CT coronary angiogram is an excellent screening tool, adds Dr Shah. "For those with a family history or other risk factors, a conventional coronary angiogram gives more reliable, detailed information." Combined with greater awareness of early symptoms, these diagnostic tools could be India's strongest defence against its growing, silent cardiac epidemic.

TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

Can You Get Diabetes From Not Eating Enough? Yes



In April, the International Diabetes Federation recognised Type 5 diabetes as a distinct type, thanks to research done in Tamil Nadu. Investigators there tracked adults whose body-mass index was very low yet whose blood sugar routinely soared. Find out why this type is so unusual

WHAT IS TYPE 5 DIABETES?

Also called lean diabetes, it is linked not to lifestyle or autoimmunity, but to childhood malnutrition which leads to underdeveloped pancreas



Symptoms: Low body weight

Treatment: Still evolving but high-calorie and high-protein diets help; 50% of patients don't need insulin

Prevalence: Affects 20-25 million people globally, most of them in low-income countries. Often misdiagnosed as Type 1 or 2

WHERE IT FITS AMONG DIABETES TYPES

TYPE	CAUSE	ONSET	KEY TREATMENT
Type 1	Autoimmune	Any age	Lifelong insulin
Type 2	Lifestyle + Genetics	Adult (but rising in youth)	Medicines + lifestyle
Gestational	Pregnancy hormones	Pregnant women	Diet, insulin
Type 5	Childhood malnutrition	Early in life	Still in development

RARER FORMS OF DIABETES

(Genetic or acquired)

- **Neonatal Diabetes:** Appears in infants; may be treatable with tablets
- **MODY (Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young):** Genetic; affects insulin sensing or pancreas development
- **Cystic Fibrosis-related Diabetes:** Affects ~33% of people with CF by age 40
- **Type 3c Diabetes:** Caused by pancreatic damage (eg surgery, cancer, pancreatitis)

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WHY INDIA SHOULD PAY ATTENTION India has around 100 million people with diabetes, and many cases in under-resourced regions may actually be Type 5

Email your feedback to **toihealth.plus@timesofindia.com** with Health Plus in the subject line. Please mention your name and city

WHICH ONE IS HEALTHIER?



Black iced coffee has a strong, bitter taste owing to more caffeine and negligible calories. It's ideal for weight loss or keto diets. But too much caffeine can cause anxiety, increased heart rate, acid reflux and poor sleep. Chronic use can even cause bone density loss. Iced latte contains milk, is milder in flavour and has less caffeine, making it a healthier option, but only if you drink it without sugar

Source: **Ritika Samaddar**, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Hospital, Saket

Black iced coffee	1 serving	Iced latte
2-5	CALORIES	100-150
Nil	PROTEIN	5gm
0-1gm	CARBS	12gm
Nil	SUGAR	No added sugar
Nil	FAT	3-5gm
100-150mg	CAFFEINE	75-100mg



After 19 years of trying for a baby, this couple lost hope. But AI made it happen

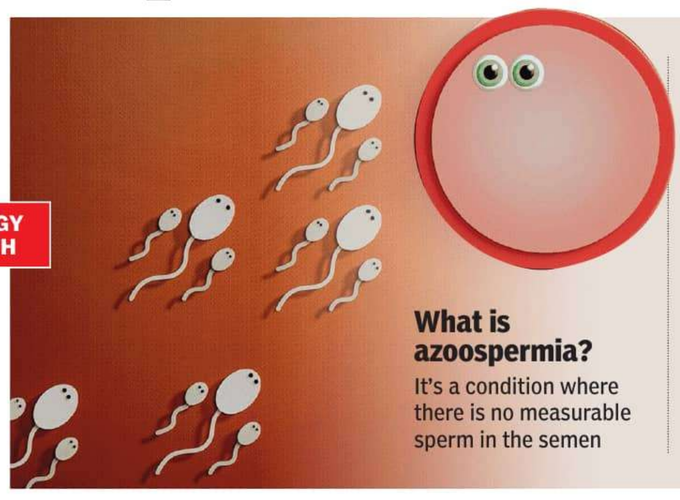
TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

Artificial intelligence is making swift strides in healthcare in a short time — and now, in a first, it has even helped a couple get pregnant. After 19 years of trying to start a family, with azoospermia (no detectable sperm in ejaculate) and 15 failed IVF cycles, the couple finally became pregnant in March this year after using what is called a Sperm Track and Recovery (STAR) system.

Just like astrophysicists use AI to find new stars, Columbia University Fertility Center researchers developed STAR to detect "really, really, really rare sperm", the kind lab technicians fail to find in azoospermia samples. "I liken it to finding a needle hidden within a thousand haystacks. But it can do that in a couple of hours — and so gently that the sperm that we recover can be used to fertilise an egg," Dr Zev Williams, STAR developer and fertility centre director told Time Magazine.

For five years, Williams and his team perfected the system using a sperm-detecting AI algorithm. The process starts with a fluidic chip flowing the semen sample through a small tube on a plastic chip. Once AI confirms sperm presence, that bit of semen is diverted to a separate tube. Whatever few sperm there are in the sample can be isolated in such a way, and either used to fertilise an egg or frozen for later use.

That's exactly what Williams and his team did for the couple. Just two hours after collecting the husband's sperm, they got to know the wife's eggs had been successfully fertilised, ready for transfer to the uterus in a few days. The wife is four months pregnant now and both the mother and fetus are doing well.



What is azoospermia?

It's a condition where there is no measurable sperm in the semen

How many kinds are there?

Post-testicular azoospermia: Reproductive tract blockage prevents sperm from travelling to mix with fluids that form semen. Affects up to 40% of people with azoospermia

Testicular azoospermia: Poor or no sperm production due to a disorder in structure or function of testicles

Pretesticular azoospermia: Testicles, reproductive tract not stimulated enough to make sperm. Can be due to chemotherapy or hormone imbalance

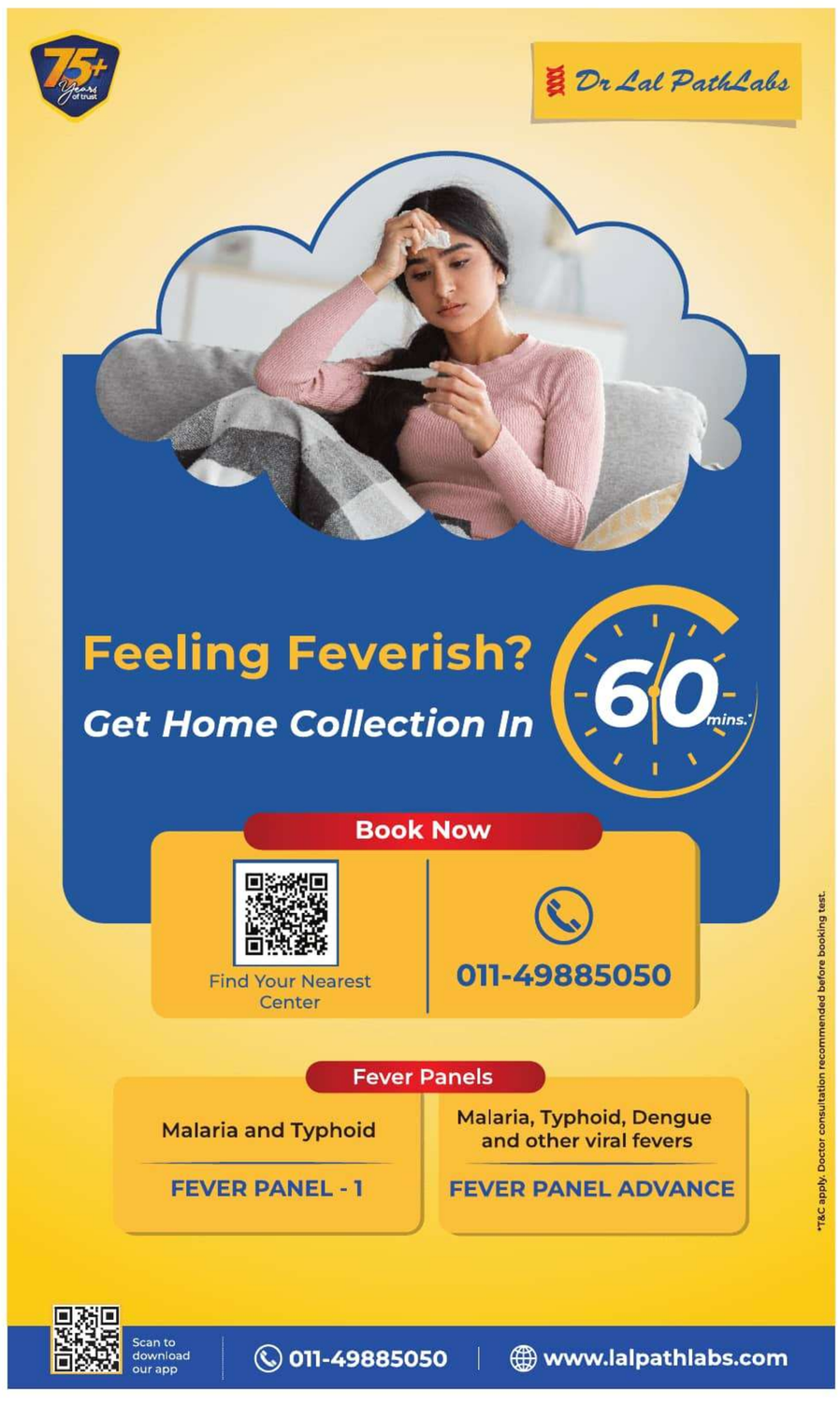
Source: Cleveland Clinic

> "To serve as a test, embryologists analysed a sample for two days but found no sperm. STAR AI found 44 in an hour"
>
> **Dr Zev Williams,** DIRECTOR, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FERTILITY CENTER

Columbia University Fertility Center says the STAR system is a groundbreaking advancement for men diagnosed with azoospermia, adding, "This system can detect and retrieve even the smallest numbers of sperm gently and without harsh chemicals or lasers, using cutting-edge AI, high-speed imaging, and robotics."

What makes STAR ahead of other AI detecting systems is that it can also successfully isolate the sperm in a semen sample where male infertility is involved. "As a test, we decided to run samples where embryologists could not find any sperm through the system. The embryologists really worked hard to find sperm, since they didn't want to be outshone by a machine. In one of the samples, they analysed for two days and found no sperm. STAR found 44 in an hour," says Williams.

Azoospermia affects around 1% of all men and accounts for 10% of all male fertility issues. The most common cause of the condition is a blockage in the male reproductive tract. Other causes include genetic conditions, hormonal imbalances, endocrine disorders, radiation therapy, environmental toxins, and drug or alcohol abuse. Williams says azoospermia is one of the many fertility issues that his AI STAR system could find a solution to. "The dream is to develop technologies so that those who are told 'you have no chance of being able to have a child' can now go on to have healthy children," he adds. AGENCIES



PWD engineer held on bribery charge

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested an executive engineer of Public Works Department on alleged bribery charges. The accused was identified as Kalu Ram Meena.

CBI conducted various searches on the premises linked to the engineer in Delhi and Jaipur, which led to the recovery of cash amounting to Rs 1.6 crore as well as property documents and bank accounts with large balances.

Meena, posted in the judiciary civil division-2 at Rouse Avenue District Court Complex, was arrested on Monday for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 from a complainant.

According to CBI, the executive engineer demanded a 3% commission on the total amount of pending bills to be cleared. After negotiations, the bribe amount was settled at Rs 30,000, which Meena allegedly accepted from the complainant. CBI registered a case against Meena and caught him red-handed.

The agency is probing the source of the cash and the extent of Meena's corrupt activities. It is also trying to determine if anyone else was involved in the bribery scheme. TNN

Bizman robbed in Mukherjee Nagar

New Delhi: Three armed robbers held a businessman captive at his home in Mukherjee Nagar on Tuesday morning and looted jewellery and cash worth lakhs. While fleeing, they were caught on a CCTV camera. Police received a call about the robbery around 11 am. The businessman claimed that the robbers entered his home and held him at gunpoint. They searched the house, took away valuables and locked him in a room before fleeing. The robbers escaped with two gold bangles, earrings and Rs 1.5 lakh, the man claimed. A case has been registered. TNN

37-yr-old woman dies by suicide in east Delhi

New Delhi: A 37-year-old woman died by suicide in east Delhi's New Ashok Nagar on Monday. The deceased has been identified as a resident of the south east Delhi's Badarpur area. Preliminary police investigation revealed that the cause of the suicide is believed to be an argument with her male friend. The family of the deceased has been informed and a post-mortem examination will be conducted. TNN

Digital window system to enhance ease of doing biz

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a major push to boost ease of doing business, Delhi govt on Tuesday launched the single-window system (SWS), a unified digital platform aimed at simplifying approvals and licences for businesses.

"Developed in line with department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) guidelines, SWS offers 30 essential services across five departments, including trade and health licences and electricity connections from major discoms," said Delhi industries minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa.

"With features like a common application form, know-your-approvals tool and real-time dashboards, the system promises transparency, speed and efficiency," the minister said.

The single-window system is designed to bring transparency, efficiency and speed to the approval and clearance processes required by entrepreneurs, investors and industries. It is being developed in alignment with the national guidelines set by DPIIT. According to Sirsa, the digital platform is a "visionary initiative" launched by Delhi govt to simplify the process of starting and operating a business in the city.

At its core, the single-window system offers a unified digital interface through which applicants can access 30 essential services provided by five key departments. These include the issuance of general trade licences, health trade licences, and the provisioning of new electricity connections from all three major DISCOMS operating in Delhi — BSES Yamuna, BSES Rajdhani and Tata Power-DDL (TPDDL). These services, which earlier required multiple visits to various departments and significant paperwork, are now available online, ensuring ease and accessibility for all citizens, said Sirsa.

The features of the single-window system include a common application form (CAF), which allows users to apply for multiple services through a single form, thereby reducing redundancy and saving time. Also, the platform provides a know-your-approvals wizard — a smart tool that helps applicants determine the exact licences and clearances required based on their business type and operations.

Additionally, the system includes a grievance redressal mechanism for resolving complaints promptly and a dashboard for real-time performance monitoring, enhancing transparency and departmental accountability.

Sirsa said the next phase of the project involves the integration of 13 more critical departments into the platform. "Once completed, this will ensure seamless interdepartmental coordination and end-to-end digital processing of applications. The integration will eliminate the need for manual intervention and reduce project delays, bottlenecks and procedural inefficiencies," he said.

The move, Sirsa said, would make Delhi a more attractive hub for entrepreneurs and investors. "By digitising and streamlining regulatory processes, the Delhi single-window system aims to reduce project gestation periods, foster a business-friendly environment, and attract greater investment and innovation into the city," he added.

This is especially important for supporting SMEs, startups and local entrepreneurs who are the backbone of Delhi's economy, Sirsa said, adding govt's goal is to make Delhi a preferred destination for business and industry.

Hashim Baba gang member arrested with illegal arms

New Delhi: Delhi Police recently arrested a member of the Hashim Baba gang and recovered two sophisticated Beretta pistols and 28 live cartridges from his possession.

The accused, identified as Kapil, alias Ghoda, was found to be a close aide of gangster Yogesh Bhati, who is currently lodged in Rohini Jail.

Police received a tip-off regarding the movement of a gangster involved in illegal arms trafficking from Etah in UP. A team was formed, and a trap was laid near Gopalpur. The accused was apprehended, and two Beretta pistols, one country-made pistol, and 28 live cartridges were recovered. A case has been registered under the Arms Act. TNN

Family dispute: Man shot dead in Punjabi Bagh

New Delhi: A 45-year-old man was shot dead at close range in west Delhi's Punjabi Bagh on Monday night while returning home from a local market. Police linked the incident to an ongoing family dispute.

According to police, the deceased, identified as Mohammad Manzoor, was returning from the Madipur weekly market when he was allegedly attacked and shot from close range around 10 pm. A family member rushed him to the hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. A case was registered.

"Initial probe revealed Manzoor had a long-standing dispute with his brothers living in Madhubani, Bihar," said a senior police officer, adding that two suspects, both sons of Manzoor's brother, have been detained. TNN

CAQM's cell in Punjab for AQI monitoring

New Delhi: In a bid to manage stubble burning throughout the year, the Commission for Air Quality Monitoring (CAQM) has set up a dedicated cell in SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab. CAQM said that the cell will work with farmers and all stakeholders for effective paddy stubble management and monitor the supply chain logistics for continuous supply of paddy straw to various end-users. It added that the cell will also coordinate and monitor air pollution from the identified thermal power plants and ensure co-firing of biomass. CAQM urged Punjab govt to provide logistical support. TNN

Department of Health & Family Welfare Samity, South 24 Parganas
TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited by the CMOH & SEC.DH & FWS, S24PGS for Construction of new Su-Sasthya Kendra works (Civil & Electrical) of Health & Wellness Centre's under different Blocks of S24pgs. Details will be available in the website- **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.spghealth.gov.in** & from 30.07.2025

Sd/-
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DH&FWS, S24Pgs

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

A1. Construction of Stalls and allied works for Wholesale Vegetable Market Phase-IV on North of Phase-III at Bethuadahari Principal Market Yard under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/20/2025-26 Dated 17-07-2025 bearing Tender Id:- 2025_WBSMB_882557_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 18-08-2025 up to 12:00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board.
ICA-T16028(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/PWD/Purulia Division invites "Online e-tender for 01(One) Nos. work related to maintenance of road due to rain damage under Purulia Division PWD". N.I.E.T. NO. 24 of 2025-2026 of the Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, P.W.D. Bid submission start date (Online) 31.07.2025. Bid submission closing date (Online) 06.08.2025 Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and documents may be downloaded from: http://wbetenders/gov.in TENDER ID NO: 2025_WBPWD_884188_1.
ICA-T16110(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 16 of 2025-26 of E.E. Barasat Hway Divn. No. II, P.W. (Roads) Dte. (Sl.No.1)

Inviting online e-tender for 01(One) No. Surfacing Work and Civil work under Barasat Highway Division No.II in the District of North 24 Pgs. Details may be obtained from the Website: wbtenders.gov.in Tender Id:-(2025_WBPWD_884080_1. Last date of bid submission: 14/08/2025. Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BARASAT HIGHWAY DIVISION-II
ICA-T16100(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 25 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 2011/SMD Dt- 23-07-2025

On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in **W.B.F. No 2911** by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division P.H.E. Dte. i.c.w. S.I of pw Gen set etc (S 24 Pgs) **[2025_PHED_882303_1-2].** Bid proposal submission end date **19.08.2025 up to 06:00 P.M.** Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T16094(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 12/2025-2026/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2025_PHED_884013_1 to 9 for Engagement of Security Guards, Cutting & clearing jungle, Construction of Pipe supporting structure, Repair of Bungalow, Restoration of road under SWD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website **http://wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is 14/08/2025 upto 3:00 P.M. Sd/- For Executive Engineer, South 24-Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E Dte.
ICA-T16096(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
MANJUSHA

E-tender is invited by West Bengal Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd.(Manjusha) vide no. WBHDCL/NIT-451/25-26, Dt. 01/08/2025, Tender ID: 2025_HDCL_883158_1 for supply of **Black School Shoe.** Last date of submission is 25/08/2025 upto 5.30 pm. Visit: - **https://wbtenders.gov.in.**
Sd/- Managing Director
ICA- T16075(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWD, Cob. Divn. invites online e-tender (e-NIT 10) Tender Id: 2025_WBPWD_883570_1. Bid submission start date: 30.07.2025, 10.30 hrs & Bid submission closing date: 13.08.2025, 18.30 hrs Downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE, PWD, COB. DIVN
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender invited by the Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, P.H.E. Dte. Vide No:-WBPHED/EE/TD/NIeT 04/2025-2026 (SL No. 01 to 02) and Tender ID-2025_PHED_883912_1 to 2025_PHED_883912_2 of works shown in the NIeT. Bid submission End date:-19/08/2025 at 14:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. All details can be obtained from the website- **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, P.H.E. Directorate.
ICA-T16052(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 24 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 2010/SMD Dt- 23-07-2025

On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in **W.B.F. No 2911** by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division P.H.E. Dte. i.c.w. O & G of 34 MGD plant (S 24 Pgs) **[2025_PHED_882302_1]**. Bid proposal submission end date **22.08.2025 up to 04:00 P.M.** Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T16056(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-N.I.T No. WBIW/EE/AID/e-NIT-06/2025-26

On behalf of the Governor, West Bengal, e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer Asansol Irrigation Division, from the reliable, bonafide & resourceful contractors for various civil works. All necessary details can be seen in Govt. website: **www.wbiwd.gov.in** or **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Publishing date : 30.07.2025. Bid submission Start date : 30.07.2025 from 12:00 Hrs. Bid submission end date: 14.07.2025 till 15:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Asansol Irrigation Division, Sreepally, Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713304.
ICA- T16025(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: 10/SE/C-III/R&B/KMDA of 2025-2026

Online Bids are invited by the **Superintending Engineer, Circle-III, R&B Sector, KMDA**, Block-D, 3rd floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from bonafide, reliable, experienced & resourceful firms / individuals contractors, for the work, **Name of Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Safety Audit for Kamarhati, Baranagar Municipal Roads. (Tender ID-2025_KMDA_883473_1), To be quoted by the bidders, Rs.24,000/-, 15 days, Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 07.08.2025 upto 14.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-480)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in
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e-Tender Notice

Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. Invites e-Tender vide N.I.T.No.13/R1/HZRMC/2025-2026 & 15/HZRMC/2025-2026 Date: 29.07.2025. Last date of submission of Bid- 06.08.2025 & 16.08.2025 up to 1 P.M respectively. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

NOTICE INVITING OFFLINE ITEM RATE TENDER
NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO: WBNKDA/33/EE-E/2025-26

Offline Item Rate Tender are invited by the Executive Engineer-E New Town Kolkata Development Authority vide memo no 6205/E-1252486/EE-E/NKDA/2025-26 dated 29/07/2025 for the work: **Supply of manpower for operating and monitoring the CCTV system in New Town under NKDA.** Having tender amount - **Agency has to quote only.** Bid submission closing date 05.08.2025 up to 2.00 P.M. For other details please visit our website at **www.nkdamar.org** & **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and the office notice board Newtown, Kolkata-700156.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (E)
New Town Kolkata Development Authority

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Kolkata North Division, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the work for "Emergent repairing and renovation work of Annex building and construction of a new guard room at North Calcutta Polytechnic, 15 Gobinda Mandal Lane, Kolkata- 700 002, under Kolkata North Division, during the year 2025-2026." Estimated Amount: 23,47,561.00 Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_884147_1. NIeT No: WBPWD/EE/KND/NIeT-12/ 2025-2026 Bid Submission upload start date: 04-08-2025 from 11.05 Hours. Bid Submission upload end date: 18-08 2025 up to 13.00 Hours. The details of NIeT and Tender document may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE KND PWD GOVT OF WB
ICA-T16111(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender for the following work - Raiganj Bypass (Old NH-34) - from Ch. 396.00 km. to 408.800 km. - Surfacing Work under Uttar Dinajpur Division, PWD in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. Estimated Amount: Rs. 7,05,86,480.00, e-NIT No. 07 of 2025-26, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_884117_1. Bid submission start date (online): 04.08.2025 from 11:00 AM, Bid submission closing date (online): 25.08.2025 upto 03:00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of eN.I.T. and tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Shibendu Bag, Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, P.W.Dte.
ICA-T16105(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division, Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah-711103. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ-13 of 2025-2026. Memo. 1954 Dt. 28.07.2025, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_883809_1. Name of Work: Day To Day Preventive Maintenance and Operation Contract by Providing Manpower for all internal and external electrical Installation works round the clock (i.e 24X7 hrs) at Fort Gloster State General Hospital, Bauria, Howrah only for 01 (One) year. Last Date of Submission: 11.08.2025. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website : www.pwd.wb.in
ICA-T16102(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE

eNIQ No. 04 of 2025-26 of EE/BHD-I/PW(R)Dte. for Providing Round the clock Security Services by deploying Security Guards for 24 (Twenty-Four) hours per day at Different Stack-yard/Offices under Barasat Highway Division-I, from bonafide bidders only having credential for similar nature of works. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 15.08.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tender id.:-2025_WBPWD_883966_1. Other details may be seen from website https://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbpwd.gov.in Sd/- EE/BHD-I/PW(R) Dte.
ICA-T16058(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: 3/EE/HGD/W&S/KMDA of 2025-2026

e-Tender is invited by the **Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, W&S Sector, KMDA, 1, R.N. Tagore Road, Kolkata-700076,** from **eligible and resourceful contractors,** for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Operation of different dia sluice valve at different points for distribution water from different ESR & UGR at Bally area for a period of 12 (Twelve) months., Rs.12,08,449/-, Rs.24,169/-, 12 months, **End date and time of online Bid submission**: 08.08.2025 upto 16:30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-471)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T16018(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

The E.E. South 24 Pgs. Divn., Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender for the works of "Urgent Repairing of Main Building having Secondary and Higher Secondary Section at New Integrated Govt. School, Kulpi in the District of South 24 Parganas." Estimated amount put to Tender: Rs. 46,24,091.00, eNIT No. 19/EE/SOUTH 24 PGS/SS/PWDTE OF 2025-2026, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_883993_1. Bid submission Start Date (online): 03.08.2025 at 2.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 18.08.2025 upto 2.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in the website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender Documents may be downloaded from www.wbtender.gov.in Sd/- EE, S24P, SS, PWD.
ICA-T16057(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
1st Corrigendum of e-Auction Notice

1st Corrigendum of e-Auction Notice No.-WBIW/CTU/RFP-22(e)/2025-26, WBIW/CTU/RFP-23(e)/2025-26 & WBIW/CTU/RFP-24(e)/2025-26 & their corresponding Auction IDs are: 2025_WB_4876, 2025_WB_4877 & 2025_WB_4878 respectively under Central Tender Unit, I & W Dte, Go W.B. Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Technical Bid is extended upto 05.08.2025 at 16:00 hrs. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Other details regarding schedule dates of e-Auction may be obtained from the Website **https://eauction.gov.in** from 29/07/2025 at 15:00 Hours. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Tender Unit, I & W Dte.
ICA- T16043(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
OF NIET No. 26 OF 2025-26 OF SE/WBSWC Tender ID – 2025_WBSWC_866278_1

"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF SYSTEM INTEGRATOR TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE WAREHOUSE MONITORING SOLUTION BASED ON COMPUTER VISION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FOR MONITORING, ANALYZING AND OPTIMIZING WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING INVENTORY AND SECURITY". LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO - 26.08.2025.

For detailed NIET, see https://etender.wb.nic.in

Sd/-Superintending Engineer, West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation
ICA- T16079(3)/2025

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

Extension of Time

Ref. original **NIT No.:** RM/DDRO/C/ETENDER/2025-26/02, **Dtd.:** 01.07.2025 of the Regional Manager, Dakshin Dinajpur Region, WBSEDCL. **Bid Submission End Date** is hereby extended up to **11.08.2025 (17:00 hrs.).**
ICA-T16041(1)/2025

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Manigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist.-Murshidabad, PIN-742 237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPP/CC-3983, Dtd: 25/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3606/25-26 Dtd.: 14/07/25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job **"Service contract for Fabrication & Erection of New Platforms, Stairs & Replacements of walkway plates at TPs of Stage-II CHP, SGTPP." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 04-08-2025 at 10.00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 27-08-2025 at 15.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, [Dy. General Manager (Contracts)]. **Contact No.:** 8336903930. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T16087(3)/2025

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office : Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN : U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: RM/24PNR/ELEC/2025-26/04, **Dt.:** 30.07.2025 of the **Regional Manager,** North 24 Parganas Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 4,21,79,640/- for 'Laying of 33 kV 3CX400 sq.mm. XLPE UG Cable (R.L. 24.520 k.m.) from Panpur GSS for 33 kV source of Gowalafatak, Gouripur & Naihati Jute Mill 33/11 kV Sub-Stations under Naihati Division, WBSEDCL.'
ICA- T16015(3)/2025

For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.wbsedcl.in**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. - Mecheda, Dist. - East Midnapore, PIN - 721 137

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-3987, Dtd: 25/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3463/25-26

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Procurement of 10FT Lathe machine for Workshop KTPS". Tender document download start date:** 29-07-2025, 11:30 Hrs, **Bid submission end date:** 20-08-2025, 15:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Das, HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Contact No.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in
For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T16091(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYSDIRECTORATE
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT NO.- WBIW/EE/DHWD/ e-NIT-11(e)/2025-26

e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for 03 (three) nos. of work. **Last date & time of Bid submission is 06.08.2025 till 17:00 Hrs. IST.** Details of Tender may be seen at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** or **https://wbiwd.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Damodar Head Works Division.
ICA- T16026(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice to procure Furniture /Utensils/ Plastic and Hospital Furniture & Equipment

NIET no. 1)174/MKT of 2025-26, 2) 175/MKT of 2025-26, 3) 176/MKT of 2025-26, 4) 177/MKT of 2025-26, 5) 178/MKT of 2025-26, 6) 179/MKT of 2025-26, 7) 180/MKT of 2025-26, 8) 181/MKT of 2025-26, 9) 182/MKT of 2025-26, are invited for supply of Furniture and Hospital Furniture & Equipment in West Bengal. For details, please visit www.wbsidcl.in / www.wbtenders.gov.in Last date for submission of bid • 174/MKT of 2025-26 dated 06.08.2025 at 05:00 P.M. • 175,176,177,180,181/MKT of 2025-26 dated 31.07.2025 at 05:00 P.M. •178,179/MKT of 2025-26 dated 07.08.2025 at 05:00 P.M. •182/MKT of 2025-26 dated 04.08.2025 at 05:00 P.M.
Sd/-Marketing Manager, The WBSIDCL
ICA- T16078(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
CIN: U40108WB2007SGC121189
(A Govt. of West Bengal Company)
Bikalpa Shakti Bhavan, Plot-J-1/10 EP, GP Block, Salt Lake Electronics Complex, Sector-V, Kolkata-700 091
Email: wbgedcl@rediffmail.com/ wbgedcl2007@gmail.com
Corrigendum of NIeT
No. WBGEDCL/NIeT-01/2025-26

WBGEDCL invites e-tender for "Design & Engineering, Manufacture/ Procurement, Testing, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 128 nos Solar High Mast at different locations of Dinhata-Cooch Behar, Malda, Jalpaiguri and Purba Burdwan including 5 (five) years comprehensive maintenance on turnkey basis." Detailed NIeT may be seen & downloaded from WBGEDCL website: **www.wbgedcl.in** Interested bidders may obtain bidding documents by registering themselves to the e-tendering portal **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and thereby downloading the bidding documents from 24.07.2025 and the offer shall be submitted online up to 4:00 P.M. on 19.08.2025. Sd/- Chief Engineer.
ICA- T16035(3)/2025

West Bengal Minorities' Development & Finance Corporation
AMBER, DD-27/E, Salt Lake, Sec - 1, Kol-64

Notice

WBMDFC intends to engage two **Education Supervisors** for Sadar Sub Division, Nadia and Arambagh Sub Division Hooghly district purely temporary on contractual basis. A walk-in-interview will be held on 12.08.25 at 11 a.m. at the office of WBMDFC, Saltlake, Kolkata. For details please visit : **www.wbmdfc.org**, Toll free No.1800 120 2130

Sd/-**Managing Director**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are being invited by SDO Kangsabati Canals Sub-Division No.-XVII, Bishnupur, Bankura for 03(Three) Nos. of Works from eligible and resourceful Contractors bearinge NIT No.- WBIW/SDO/KCSD-XVII/e-NIT-03(e)/2025-26 and Circulate Vide T.O. No.- 284 Dated 25.07.2025. For details, see Website **"http://www.wbiwd.gov.in/tender_notice.php"**
ICA- T16031(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-tender Notices

e-tender is invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Durgapur Division vide e-tender Notice No.WBFOR/DGP/WBCAMPA/Re-digging of Earthen Dam/NIT/09 (e) of 2025-26 of Durgapur Division e-tender submission will start from 30.07.2025 (05:00 P.M.) & will end on 06.08.2025 (up-to 04:30 P.M.) Details are available in Office Notice Board, **www.westbengalforest.gov.in** & **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer Durgapur Division.
ICA- T16008(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT No- WBIW/EE/PID/NIT-03(e)/25-26

e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for 20 (Twenty) nos. work under SDS (M). **Last date & time of Bid submission is 06.08.2025 till 12:00 Hrs IST.** Details of Tender may be seen at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** or **https://wbiwd.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purulia Irrigation Division.
ICA- T16029(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Executive Engineer-I Damodar Canal Division, Court Compound, Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713101
e-Tender No. – WBIW/EE-I/DCD/e-NIT-14/2025-26

e-Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible contractors for 1 (One) no. work under SDS/NP. Last date & time of Bid submission is 06.08.2025 till 16.00 Hours IST. Details of Tender Notice may be seen at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** or **https://wbiwd.gov.in**.
Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Damodar Canal Division **ICA- T16030(3)/2025**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 23 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 2009/SMD Dt- 23-07-2025

On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in **W.B.F. No 2911** by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division P.H.E. Dte. i.c.w. O & G of 52 MGD plant (S 24 Pgs) **[2025_PHED_882301_1]** Bid proposal submission end date 22.08.2025 upto 04:00 P.M. Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T16055(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

NIeT No. 19 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 1980/SMD Dt- 22-07-2025 On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No 2911 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division PHE Dte. [2025_PHED_883906_1-28] Bid proposal submission end date 25.08.2025 up to 06.00 P.M. Other details information/download/upload will be available from the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.
ICA- T16054(3)/2025

MADHYA PRADESH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
SECRETARIAT FOR SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM
21, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011, M.P. (India)
E-mail : helpdesk@mpidc.co.in, Website : www.invest.mp.gov.in
Tel. : (91) 755-2571830, 2575618, 3523555, 3523505, (CIN : U51102MP1977SGC001392)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

MPIDC/CE/Tech-RFP/2025/231-235 **Date : 29.07.2025**

Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (MPIDC Ltd.) invites online percentage rate bids for the following work from registered contractors and firms for the following works:

NIT No.	Name of Work	District	Probable Amount of Contract (in Rs. Cr.)
231	Infrastructure Upgradation Work of IA Pithampur Sector 1, dist. Dhar	Dhar	11.90
232	Infrastructure Upgradation Work of IA Pithampur Sector 2, dist. Dhar	Dhar	9.18
233	Infrastructure Upgradation Work of IA Pithampur Sector 5, dist. Dhar	Dhar	11.22
234	Infrastructure Upgradation Work of IA Pithampur SEZ Phase 2, dist. Dhar	Dhar	17.66
235	Upgradation of Water Supply Scheme under DMIC Pithampur Jal Prabandhan Yojna	Dhar	15.80

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement Portal - **https://mptenders.gov.in** - MPIDC HO shortly.
M.P. Madhyam/121313/2025 **CHIEF ENGINEER**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Manigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist.-Murshidabad, PIN-742 237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPP/CC-3979, Dtd: 25/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3590/25-26 Dtd.: 08/07/25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for **"Biennial Maintenance Contract (Mandatory Jobs & Other Jobs) under the scope of C&I-III (1x660 MW), SGTPP." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 01-08-2025 at 10:00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 01-09-2025 upto 15:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, [Dy. General Manager (Contract Cell)]. **Contact No.:** 8336903930. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T16083(3)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Manigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist.-Murshidabad, PIN-742 237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPP/CC-3981, Dtd: 25/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3588/25-26 Dtd.: 04/07/25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job **"Biennial Service Contract for refilling of different CO_2 fire extinguishers and CO_2 gas cartridges at SgTPP for 02 Years." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 04-08-2025 at 10.00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 11-08-2025 at 15.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, [Dy. General Manager (Cont.)]. **Contact No.:** 8336903930. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co

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KERALA BJP CHIEF SAYS NUNS HELD IN C'GARH DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING, DENIES CONVERSION CHARGES



'NO REBELLION, ONLY CONCERN FOR BIHAR': CHIRAG PASWAN DEFENDS CRIME REMARKS, REAFFIRMS NDA UNITY

TN playing fraud on system in Senthil Balaji case, says SC

'By Clubbing Cases You Have Now 2,000 Accused. Will Case Ever End?'

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Balaji was transport minister between 2011 and 2016 and during that period, in connivance with his brother & personal assistant, collected large amounts by promising jobs to several persons in various positions in the transport department

New Delhi: Supreme Court Tuesday slammed Tamil Nadu govt for clubbing all cash-for-job scam cases, which now has over 2,000 accused, including those who gave bribe to then minister V Senthil Balaji for jobs in state transport corporation, and said this appeared to be a tactic to make the trial never-ending.

"The state should be keen on prosecuting the former minister and his henchmen for the cash-for-job scam relating to employment for different categories of posts for a bribe. Now you have clubbed all cases together to include those accused of giving bribes, the poor parents who wanted a job for their children. This indicates that the state does not want the trial to ever come to an end against the minister. It is a fraud on the system," said a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi.

Appearing for petitioner Y Balaji, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan told the bench that the state had helped the ex-minister in every step. "Two days after he was granted bail by the SC, he was reinstated as a minister in the present govt. He stepped down only after the SC intervention. The case was quashed after the accused and a complainant entered a compromise. It was revived after the SC intervened and said if such match fixing is allowed, then the umpire will lose his wicket," he said.

He said there are as many as six chargesheet filed by the police and now the prosecution wants the cases to be clubbed. As the state is colluding with the accused ex-minister, it would be better if the SC orders a CBI probe and an independent prosecution of the cases relating to thousands of jobs being given against payment of bribes, the counsel said.

When it was opposed by senior advocates A M Singhvi and Amit Anand Tiwari, appearing for Tamil Nadu, the SC asked for details of the brokers and middlemen who worked for the then minister during the cash-for-job scam, those who acted as a conduit, the officers who acted on behalf of the then minister, and the members of the selection committee who allowed the backdoor entries primed by bribe. It posted further hearing Wednesday.

Balaji was transport minister between 2011-2016 and during that period, in connivance with his brother and personal assistant, collected large amounts by promising jobs to several persons in various positions – engineers, drivers and conductors – in the transport department.

Three FIRs were filed. In the first FIR, six chargesheets have been filed naming more than 2,000 accused and citing 550 witnesses. In the chargesheet on the second FIR, 14 accused and 24 witnesses have been named. The chargesheet on the third FIR, 24 accused and 50 witnesses have been named by prosecution.

TN student death in accident could be murder: Cops

Chennai: When 19-year-old college student Nithin Sai was killed after being knocked down by a luxury car near Thirumangalam, in Anna Nagar on Monday, police initially registered it as a road accident death. But police now suspect it was premeditated murder and the main suspect is the grandson of a DMK politician. Rivalry over a romantic relationship is the motive, police claimed, reports **Selvaraj A**.

Though police have gathered details of the car and its occupants with the help of CCTV camera footage and eyewitness accounts, they did not reveal details to the media.

Police said Sai, a third-year English literature student went to School Road near Thirumangalam police station with his friends Abhishek (20), Venkatesan, and Mohan to celebrate Mohan's birthday on Monday. Nithin's friends told police that the four of them had a rivalry with another student gang and that they suspected that they were deliberately targeted. They also released a video on social media making these allegations. The victim's family and friends held a protest at Thirumangalam police station demanding justice.

A YEAR ON, WAYANAD LIMPS FROM RUBBLE TO RECOVERY

Earth has settled, but lives are yet to find firm ground

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TEARS AND PRAYERS: The Panakkadan family offers prayers at the gravesite of their kin lost to July 30, 2024 tragedy

A sharp sob broke the silence at the mass grave-site. A woman collapsed beside the twin graves of Panakkadan Shajahan and his daughter Faiza as the cleric ended their death anniversary prayers. "Poovi has fainted... It was too much for her," said an elderly relative as others rushed to help.

Nearby lies the scattered grave of Shajahan's mother Panakkadan Jameela — buried across six different plots after her body was found in fragments. "How can one find closure when she lies scattered like that?" asked Mohammed Koya, kin to the Panakkadan family.

One year has passed since a rain-triggered landslide on July 30 turned Chooralmala and Mundakkai into ghost villages in Kerala's Wayanad. Of the 298 confirmed dead or missing, 57 families were wiped out entirely, leaving no heirs to even claim the Rs 8 lakh ex gratia.

Over 56 unidentified bodies and 213 body parts were interred at Puthumala burial ground — now a grim monument to nature's violence.

At the epicentre, 5km away, crushed homes and debris line Punnapuzha's watery path. A year ago, the river carried down sludge, boulders, bodies, entire plantations over an 8km stretch. Today, wild elephants roam the abandoned gardens.

Officials hailed the rehabilitation response as one of Kerala's largest, but gaps glare. Each affected person is eligible for Rs 2 lakh to rebuild their lives. Execution remained slow. Govt extended monthly support — Rs 6,000 in rent aid and Rs 9,000 in livelihood aid for up to two family members. A township is being built for the 402 most-affected families.

But many remain outside the list. "Govt has used a filtering-out method," said district panchayat president Shamshad Marakkar. "Meppadi panchayat submitted a list of 545. The final list was cut to 402." Despite Rs 772 crore collected in public contributions, only Rs 100 crore has been spent so far, he said.

The ex gratia list revealed oversights. In Chooralmala, Vipin lost the house he had rented out. His name was excluded, while his tenants received compensation.

A post-disaster needs assessment of 1,231 people found over 35% reported trauma-related symptoms

The psychological toll remains immense. A post-disaster needs assessment of 1,231 people found over 35% reported trauma-related symptoms. Survivor Usman Bappu Koikkal suffers panic attacks during heavy rain. "Even a motorcycle ignition makes my heart race," he said. "I take three tablets a day just to stay stable."

Shopkeepers and small business owners have been left especially vulnerable. Losses run into crores. Govt offered no direct compensation. Vyapari Vyavasayi Ekopana Samithi stepped in with Rs 2.3 crore for 55 shopkeepers.

Pookkattil Aboobacker, once among Chooralmala's wealthiest residents, now lives in a rented house near Muppainad, reliant on charity to support his 11-member family. He owned 11 rental shop units and plantation land, including a 2-acre cardamom plot. All of it now lies buried or abandoned. With dialysis thrice a week and Rs 14 lakh in unpaid loans, Aboobacker said: "Now I depend on others to survive."

The fight is not against rubble — it's against time, fatigue and fading attention. "The physical wounds have almost healed," survivor Bappu said. "But mentally, I'm still trapped in that night." The earth may have settled, but lives are yet to find firm ground.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Who's The G.O.A.T Of Goat Rearing?

India leads the world in domesticated goat population, followed by China. Others in the top 10 are mostly from Africa



4,000 tonnes of illegally mined coal missing, Meghalaya mantri says washed away by rain

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Guwahati: Nearly 4,000 tonnes of illegally mined coal have vanished without a trace from two Meghalaya villages. A state minister on Monday blamed it on the rain.

"Meghalaya receives the highest rainfall. You never know... because of rain, the coal might have swept away," revenue and disaster management minister Kyrmen Shylla said. But he offered no certainty: "I cannot blame just the rain. It could be or it could not be...." Shylla said he wasn't trying to justify the loss. "There's no conclusive evidence yet to determine whether it was due to natural causes or any illegal activity," he said.

His remarks followed Meghalaya high court's criticism of the state govt over the missing stockpile. A report submitted by the court-appointed committee headed by retired Justice BP Katakey flagged the disappearance of coal from depots in Rajaju and Diengngan villages — all of it illegally mined.

On July 24, an HC division bench said that "unknown persons, it appears, have lifted and transported the coal". The court ordered authorities to trace those responsible, both for lifting the coal and for failing to safeguard it. Meghalaya govt said it had lodged an FIR.

NGT had banned coal mining and transportation in Meghalaya in 2014, citing rampant environmental violations and the use of dangerous "rat-hole" mining methods. However, illegal mining continues to surface across the state.

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The next big shift

What once wrapped a product now wraps a purpose, quietly echoing how we live and what we prioritise



PIC: ISTOCK

- The rise of green packaging is more than a trend. It's a quiet revolution
- E-commerce and retail boom are accelerating the shift toward flexible formats
- Rising urban middle-class demand is fuelling the push for convenience and sustainability

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Look around your kitchen, your bag, your vanity shelf. Chances are, the packaging you encounter today is not what it used to be. No longer just a carrier or a container. Packaging has become a statement, of how we live, what we value, and where we are headed.

Enter the era of flexible packaging. Sleek pouches, soft films, and clever wraps that bend, fold, reseal, and disappear without a trace. These formats are designed not just for utility, but for life as we know it i.e., fast, mobile, and increasingly mindful. Their shapes are fluid, their designs often playful, and their presence, while practical, adds a layer of aesthetic ease to everyday routines. Flexible packaging isn't just a format; it's a reflection of how simplicity is becoming the new luxury.

But the story isn't just about form. It's also about responsibility. As environmental awareness seeps into everyday choices, packaging is being reimagined not just to please the eye but to protect the planet. The rise of green packaging is more than a trend. It's a quiet revolution. Today's wrap doesn't just hold a product. It holds purpose.

The brands we interact with daily, from the ones tucked into our kitchen shelves to those perched on bathroom counters, are undergoing a quiet transformation. They're no longer just refreshing their logos or tweaking their fonts. They're rethinking the very materials that wrap their products, asking tougher questions about life after disposal.

The focus has shifted from aesthetics to accountability. Labels now carry stories of recycled content, compostable finishes, water-based inks, and carbon-neutral processes. Behind every sleek pouch or elegantly folded wrap, there's an invisible ecosystem of innovation including designers, material scientists, and supply chain strategists working to ensure that what looks good also does good.

And in that shift, packaging today is making quieter, more meaningful promises. It's telling us that convenience doesn't have to come at the planet's cost.

Because in 2025, how we wrap things is beginning to say just as much as what's inside. And, do you know the best part? This isn't a sacrifice of style or convenience, it's a celebration of innovation. A future where beauty meets function, and every pouch, sleeve or seal carries a little more intention than it did yesterday.

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CITATION U/s 283, INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925
In the matter of TEST. CAS. No.69/2025
MS. NARGIS KALRA ....PETITIONER
VS
THE STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS. ....RESPONDENTS
To, **All Concerned.**
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Co. Appeal No 37 of 2011
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Respondents: Official Liquidator and Others
To,
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By Saundarya Rajesh

Young women and men in India are making a beeline to career counsellors. They all have the same conundrum — "I had a plan, but with the advent of AI and everything going on in my industry, that plan is now redundant — should I change it? But if I keep adjusting my future goals with every emerging update, what even will I end up doing?"



Hearing these queries makes one reflect that GenX's probably had it easier. In the 1990s, the Indian dream was to secure a degree from a premier institution of learning, land a job at a high-growth IT multinational (and every second company was booming), and climb the corporate ladder. It was a simple input-outcome algorithm. But for Gen Z's and Millennials, that linear formula no longer works. AI is wiping out vanilla jobs, like recruiters and data analysts and content writers and coders, and necessitating new fields like AI ethics, sustainability analytics, green tech, and workforce transition.

So, let's break this down.

Stick or Shift? Deliberate steps or Rerouting?

Take deliberate planning. In a market where 10.7 million graduates vie annually for a corporate entry, and a fraction of them rise step-by-step within the pyramid, a plan gives you focus. Setting clear, measurable objectives and sticking to plan has been the classic recipe for success.



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A study by Avtar found that young women with defined career goals and an intentional pursuit of them, stayed the course and secured promotions within five years. Second career women who stuck to their area of expertise were able to quickly re-emerge from the break.

Yet, being flexible with your plans and rerouting smartly, is equally vital. In the early 2000s, technology opened new doors. Bankers became domain experts. ITI grads became CAD-CAM designers. And tech's impact continued well into the post-Covid era as well. Staying open to serendipity, whether it's a cross-functional AI project or a new domain, can certainly unlock unexpected paths.

The verdict is that it cannot be either-or. Blending planning with openness is the path to success. But how, is the question. Here are 5 methods that successful professionals have used.

1 Intentionality is your core. In the Indian context, where societal expectations often steer career choices, intentionality is crucial. Develop an intentional career path and become resilient to market shifts.

2 Develop AI-resistant human skills. Skills like empathy, critical thinking, complex problem-solving, creativity, and leadership are uniquely human. Wrongly-termed soft skills, these are your survival toolkit. In a workplace where diversity is the norm, these strategic skills make you recession-proof.

3 Embrace continuous upskilling. For fans of emergent career planning, being a perpetual learner is your biggest asset. This is especially true for entry-level jobs, which are often the first to be impacted by automation.

4 Network authentically. Genuine connections, with a generous blend of listening unveil emergent opportunities. You develop the foresight into impending shifts that no pre-written plan could account for.

5 Be open to pivoting. Treat your early career as a series of experiments. If a role isn't aligning with your values or growth trajectory, don't be afraid to pivot. Agility is crucial in a rapidly changing environment.

Let's be clear. In today's fiercely competitive job market, a purely emergent approach can leave you adrift. However, an overly rigid plan, especially in the age of AI, is equally problematic. Combining purpose-driven planning with the courage to pivot is the double punch for career success. This hybrid approach, rooted in intention, fuelled by adaptability, is your blueprint for a resilient, fulfilling career in India's ever-evolving landscape.

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Only partial curbs on India's poultry exports in UK trade deal

New Delhi: In a relief for exporters, the UK trade deal provides for restricting poultry imports from only certain parts of India, as opposed to all exports from the country, with a new audit system for shrimps expected to speed up shipments as individual units will not be subject to repeated audits once the national control system is approved.

Besides, the nations have agreed to accept each other's standards or sanitary and phytosanitary measures if they are "technically justified". The move is expected to benefit products ranging from spices, basmati rice, and tea and coffee to seafood, poultry and eggs, and honey, sources said. The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement marks the first time that cooperation-based provisions on animal welfare and challenges posed by antimicrobial resistance in animals have been negotiated by India.

An official said in event of bird flu, India can continue poultry exports from compartments or zones recognised as disease-free. The UK must assess requests for recognition of such zones or compartments from India based on scientific evidence, allowing trade from these unaffected areas. TNN

Have shared view with India on 'ill-timed' UN Palestine meet: US

'Will Hit Efforts To End War & Free Hostages'

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India is among the 120-odd countries and agencies participating in the conference that has been boycotted by both the US and Israel

New Delhi: The United States has conveyed its reservations to India about the ongoing UN two-state conference that it sees as counterproductive to efforts to end the war in Gaza and ensure release of hostages. India is among the 120-odd countries and agencies participating in the conference that has been boycotted by both the US and Israel.

The US had urged foreign govts to not participate in the conference, as reported by Reuters last month based on a US diplomatic cable seen by the agency. Asked if there had been any contact with India too about the conference, a US embassy spokesperson told **TOI** that Washington has shared its views with India.

"The US will not participate in this unproductive and ill-timed conference on the two-state solution in New York City. The US will continue to lead real-world efforts to end the fighting and deliver a permanent peace. We have shared our views on the conference with the Govt of India," said the spokesperson.

As the conference co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia kicked off Monday, the state department slammed the meeting calling it unproductive, ill-timed and also a publicity stunt that comes in the middle of delicate diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

"Far from promoting peace, the conference will prolong the war, embolden Hamas, and reward its obstruction and undermine real-world efforts to achieve peace," said spokesperson Tammy Bruce, adding that the US will not participate in this insult but will continue to lead real-world efforts for peace.

Bruce mentioned that French President Emmanuel Macron's announcement of recognition for a Palestinian state, which preceded the conference, was welcomed by Hamas. "This reflects a pattern of counterproductive gestures that only emboldens Hamas, encourages its obstruction of a ceasefire, and greatly undercuts our diplomatic efforts to end the suffering in Gaza, free the hostages, and move the whole Middle East towards a brighter and more prosperous future," he said.

India is participating in the conference, seeking a constructive and forward-leaning engagement and hoping it would pave the way for concrete steps towards achieving a two-state solution

India had also voted in favour of a UNGA resolution last year that announced an international summit in June 2025 to discuss the two-state solution. However, it couldn't take place last month because of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

According to France, the conference aims to chart a path towards the two-state solution through "concrete measures" proposed by the eight working groups, which have conducted extensive consultations with UN member-states and civil society. The conference is drawing attention also for the announcement by Macron last week that France will recognise the Palestinian state, becoming the first G7 country to do so.

Indian ambassador to the UN, P Harish, in a statement last week in the security council called for a ceasefire and sought release of all hostages. On the Gaza issue, India has continued to walk a tightrope between its vital and growing ties with Israel and the traditional support for the Palestinian cause, including the two-state solution. While govt strongly defends Israel's right to defend itself from Hamas terror attacks, it also expects Israel to follow international law and not target civilians.

Flash flood in HP kills 3 of family, monsoon toll 170

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This is the first time in decades that Mandi has seen such death and devastation

Kullu: Three members of a family died, and dozens of houses and vehicles were damaged in a flash flood that hit Jail Road area of Himachal Pradesh's Mandi town early Tuesday. The death toll in the state this monsoon has risen to 170, with 45 of them in Mandi district alone. This is the first time in decades that Mandi town has seen such death and devastation.

With the weather department issuing an orange alert for heavy rainfall, the administration has ordered all educational institutions to stay closed on Wednesday. The Chandigarh-Manali highway is blocked, yet again, due to a landslide.

Following heavy rainfall since Monday evening, a nullah in Mandi town turned into a raging river of mud and debris around 3.30am, trapping residents in their sleep.

Floodwaters and muck entered houses and shops, and the mud piled up several feet high. Jail Road, Hospital Road, Sain Mohalla, and surrounding residential areas within a 5km radius were devastated. According to locals, when the flood roared in, Amarpreet Singh, his parents Sapna and Darshan Singh, and a relative, Balbir Singh, ran out of their home to move their autos to higher ground.

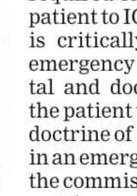
However, all four were swept away in the gushing torrent. Only Darshan survived and is now hospitalised. Mandi deputy commissioner Apoorv Devgan said the bodies of Amarpreet and Dalbir were found but Sapna was still missing. All four are family members of Krishna, a former councillor.

Parts of Mandi town are covered in mud several feet high, enough to half-bury SUVs. Cars were slammed against each other or piled up. Houses were smashed to rubble. As many as 32 people stranded in their houses were rescued.

Sidda meets MLAs without DKS, exposes factionalism

Bengaluru: Karnataka chief minister **Siddaramaiah**'s attempt to ease internal unrest in Congress by holding a series of meetings with party MLAs has instead intensified the ongoing power tussle within the governing party, particularly between him and his deputy, DK Shivakumar.

The meetings, which started Tuesday, were intended to address legislators' grievances and distribute sanction letters for special development grants of Rs 50 crore. However, it exposed clear signs of factionalism. MLAs loyal to Siddaramaiah and those backing Shivakumar clashed openly, with differences surfacing even in the CM's presence.



Although Shivakumar, also Bengaluru development minister and KPCC president, was not formally invited to the meetings, he dropped by briefly and held a discussion with the CM while he was meeting MLAs to discuss Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's proposed protest in Bengaluru on Aug 4. The protest is aimed at highlighting alleged voter fraud in Bangalore Central and Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha constituencies.

Nevertheless, Shivakumar announced plans to convene a separate meeting with legislators, focusing on issues specific to Bengaluru. "I've no issues with the CM meeting the MLAs. I will hold a separate meeting with legislators..." TNN

Mystery over ghost litigant in SC deepens as 3rd lawyer distances himself from case

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In the murky case, a litigant managed to get a favourable order from SC after he propped up a 'ghost' opponent who told the court that he had compromised with the petitioner in a land dispute

New Delhi: The mystery around a 'ghost litigant' in Supreme Court deepened further as the third lawyer whose name appeared in the order sheet for the litigant told the court Tuesday that he was not involved in any way in the case and did not know how his name cropped up. Suspecting the role of some outsider and not lawyers, the bar associations sought a police inquiry and forensic examination of documents to catch the culprit which the apex court agreed to consider.

In this murky case, a litigant managed to get a favourable order from SC after he propped up a 'ghost' opponent who told the court that he had compromised with the petitioner in a land dispute, which became the basis for the top court to quash orders passed by a Muzaffarpur trial court and Patna HC against the litigant. Five months later, the real opponent appeared and told the court that he had neither compromised with the petitioner nor engaged any lawyer to represent him before SC.

The names of four lawyers were mentioned in the order out of which three are known names in the field of litigation but no one had heard of the fourth advocate. It came to light that the lawyer who allegedly represented the fake party did not practice law any more and he and his daughter, whose name was also there, were not even aware of the case. The court, thereafter, directed the third lawyer to appear before it.

Appearing before a bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Atul S Chandurkar, advocate Ratan Lal told the court that he did not do anything and he had nothing to do with the case. As all three lawyers refused their involvement in the case and the fourth lawyer remains untraced, Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Supreme Court Advocates On-Record Association (SCAORA) told the bench that lawyers were not involved in the wrongdoing.

SCAORA president Vipin Nair said an inquiry was needed in the case and who would conduct it was very important. "The blame or charge of any wrongdoing can't be straightaway ascribed to AOR or lawyers since the pleadings indicate that the possibility of the petitioner engaging in fabrication can't be ruled out. A thorough enquiry is therefore necessary," Nair told the bench.

It was also argued police should be asked to hold an inquiry. The court, after a brief hearing, said it would consider all aspects and pass an order. SC had in Dec passed the order after the 'compromise agreement' was placed before it and the order sheet of that day mentioned the names of the four advocates.

HC: Acquittal can't make man 'clean' enough to be lambardar

Chandigarh: Even if one is later acquitted, it is always desirable to appoint a person with a "clean image", Punjab and Haryana HC has said while dismissing a petition challenging the appointment of a person as lambardar in a village in Haryana's Fatehabad district.

Kamana village has been waiting for a lambardar (a revenue officer) since the last one, Labh Singh, died in 2013. There were two contenders to fill the vacancy — Amarinder Singh and Jagpal Singh.

The Ratia SDM recommended Amarinder, the grandson of Labh Singh, while the tehsildar recommended Jagpal. The dispute reached the Fatehabad collector who, on March 26, 2013, appointed Amarinder as lambardar. Jagpal took up the matter with the financial commissioner's office, which ordered the appointment of Jagpal on Feb 15, 2023.

Amarinder challenged the order in HC, contending he was more meritorious and suitable for the post as he was younger, sufficiently educated with landholding of over 6 acres.

However, Jagpal's counsel, senior advocate Mohal Jain, submitted that he was more educated and possesses more landholding. It further submitted Amarinder did not have "clean antecedents" as he had two FIRs in criminal matters registered against him. Amarinder, however, argued the FIRs were lodged after his appointment.

The bench of Justice Harsh Bunger observed that the conduct of the lambardar had to be above board. Considering the petitioner was involved in two criminal cases, one of which was under section 307 of the IPC (attempted murder), it was doubtful villagers would repose faith in him, the court observed. TNN

Emergency medical care part of right to life: Consumer panel

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Wockhardt Hospitals, Nashik, was directed to pay Rs 34 lakh in compensation to the father of a young man who died after it failed to admit him to the ICU in a timely manner in 2010

Mumbai: Observing that right to emergency medical care is a part of right to life under the Constitution and that hospitals and doctors are duty-bound to provide life-saving treatment immediately, regardless of consent, the state consumer commission recently directed Wockhardt Hospitals, Nashik, to pay Rs 34 lakh in compensation to the father of a young man who died after it failed to admit him to the ICU in a timely manner in 2010.

The patient, Ravindra Naidu, who had a complicated medical history, died a day after he was admitted for a nosebleed. Despite suffering a fall in the bathroom and complaining of chest pain and uneasiness, he was not shifted to the ICU. The hospital claimed the father had refused ICU admission but failed to provide documentary proof of that.

"The consent of a relative is generally not legally required for admitting the patient to ICU. If the patient is critically ill and needs emergency care, the hospital and doctors can admit the patient to ICU under the doctrine of implied consent in an emergency situation," the commission said.

The appeal before the commission, filed by the patient's father, Vijay Dashrath Naidu, challenged an earlier decision by the Nashik district forum that dismissed his complaint of medical negligence. The commission overturned that order but upheld the dismissal of the complaint against individual doctors.

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Govt staffer held in 'Dog Babu' certificate row

Patna: A Bihar govt staffer, Mintu Kumar Nirala, was arrested Tuesday for allegedly uploading the application for a residence certificate issued in the name of a dog along with a canine's photo amid suspicion that he could also be the applicant, reports **Adwitiya Deb**.

"Further investigation is underway to determine the motive behind the act and to identify others who may be involved," Patna DM Thiyagarajan SM said, adding proceedings have been initiated for Nirala's dismissal.

Quasi-ballistic Pralay missile test successful

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Pralay missile can strike against enemy targets up to 500 km away

New Delhi: India successfully tested its Pralay quasi-ballistic missile, which is designed for major conventional or non-nuclear strikes against enemy targets up to 500 km away, twice from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast on Monday and Tuesday.

The completion of this phase-1 flights of solid-propellant Pralay, which has state-of-the-art guidance and navigation to ensure high precision, paves the way for induction of the missile system into the armed forces in the "near future", defence ministry officials said.

Pralay, the surface-to-surface tactical missile capable of carrying different types of warheads, will be among the mix of conventional cruise and ballistic missiles that will be part of the proposed Integrated Rocket Force (IRF), which is currently being planned by the country's defence establishment. IRF will be separate from the tri-service Strategic Forces Command created in 2003 to handle the country's nuclear arsenal, as reported by **TOI** earlier.

"The Pralay missile equipped with modern technologies will give further technological boost to the armed forces against threats," defence minister Rajnath Singh said, congratulating those involved in the flight tests on Monday-Tuesday. The tests were carried out as a part of user evaluation trials to validate the missile's maximum and minimum range capability, officials said.

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Indus Waters Treaty inked by Nehru bars India from desilting dams: Modi

'Gates Of One Of Them Welded Up, Fact Hidden From Nation'

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After the April 22 Pahalgam massacre, India suspended the Indus Water Treaty and began the desilting exercise, apart from drawing up plans to channel the water to Rajasthan and Gujarat through a network of canals

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday hit out at the decision to sign the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, disclosing that the water-sharing pact signed by first PM Jawaharlal Nehru had a clause which required India not to carry out desilting of dams, with the gates of one of them welded to prevent any accidental opening up.

"The country will be shocked to learn that these facts have been hidden and suppressed. Whenever a dam is built, there is a mechanism for cleaning it, for desilting, as silt and other debris reduce its capacity. Nehru agreed to a condition from Pakistan that the silt and debris accumulating in these dams could not be cleaned. Our dams, our water, but Pakistan's decision. There's even a dam where the desilting gate has been welded shut to prevent accidental opening. Pakistan had Nehru write that India would not clean the silt from its dams without Pakistan's consent. This agreement was against the country, and Nehru later admitted the mistake," Modi said in Lok Sabha Tuesday.

He said that Nehru acknowledged the mistake to Nirajan Das Gulati, who was involved with the agreement. "Nehru told him that he hoped the treaty would open the way for solving other problems, but they were still where they started. Nehru was only able to see the immediate effects, but the truth is that this agreement set the country back significantly, harming our farmers and agriculture. Nehru's diplomacy didn't consider existence of farmers," Modi said.

After the Pahalgam massacre, India had suspended the Indus Water Treaty and has begun desilting exercise, apart from drawing up plans to channel the water to Rajasthan and Gujarat through a network of canals. The welded gate is, however, preventing agencies from undertaking complete desilting of the dam.

Hitting out at Congress for signing the agreement and mortgaging national interest, the PM said: "These rivers have been a part of India's cultural heritage for thousands of years, contributing significantly to making India fertile and prosperous... The Indus Water Treaty was a direct betrayal of India's identity and pride... He agreed to give 80% of the water from these rivers, originating from India, to Pakistan, leaving this vast country with only 20%. Can someone explain the rationale, what was the national interest, where was diplomacy?"

He said that the water, which rightfully belonged to India, was given to Pakistan and created a water crisis and conflict among the states. "If this treaty had not been signed, several major projects could have been built over the western rivers. Farmers in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi would have ample water, and there would be no drinking water issues. India could have generated electricity for industrial progress. Not only that, Nehru also gave millions of rupees to Pakistan for canal construction," he said.

Cong aligning narrative with Pak agenda: Modi

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'Told Vance India would hit back fiercely'

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New Delhi: PM Modi Tuesday accused Congress and its leaders of aligning their narrative with Pakistan's agenda, as he said that the opposition party had allowed itself to be "remote-controlled" by the hostile neighbour and cautioned them about the deployment of misinformation by AI and other means as a weapon in modern-day warfare.

"India got support from the entire world but it is unfortunate that Congress did not support the valour of our soldiers. Congress functionaries targeted me for political gains but their frivolous statements ended up discouraging our brave soldiers," he said.



In his response to the LS discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, Modi focused on Congress, especially "one family", recalling, what he called, the "blunders" committed by Jawaharlal Nehru — the return of Haji Pir, the strategically located pass in POK after the Indian Army seized it in 1965, and the failure of Indira Gandhi govt to leverage the capture of 92,000 Pakistani soldiers for "at a minimum", the return of Kartarpur Sahib, birthplace of Guru Nanak. He also accused Congress of undermining India's armed forces.

In his response to the opposition, the PM said Pakistan was forced to sue for peace through the director general of military operations after the IAF had destroyed its strategically crucial airbases.

Narendra Modi referred to his conversation with US Veep J D Vance on May 9 — the only direct contact he had with Trump administration during Operation Sindoor — and said he had bluntly told Vance that India would respond fiercely if Pakistan tried to carry out an attack.

"Vance told me that Pakistan was set to launch an offensive. I told him that they would have to pay a heavy price if it carried out one and that India would respond to each bullet with a shell," PM said to assert that US mediation, contrary to Trump's insistence, was not a factor in India agreeing to hold fire.

"Operation Sindoor has not been called off yet and Pakistan remains on notice," Modi said, adding that the neighbour's nuclear bluff has been called and India would not succumb to nuclear blackmail.

No sign of govt re-strategising for Pak-China front, says Cong

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No one was disputing the damage to terror hubs and airbases in Pakistan during Indian strikes, Chidambaram said

New Delhi: The opposition in Rajya Sabha Tuesday demanded that home minister Amit Shah take responsibility for security lapses that led to Pahalgam massacre, while PM Modi come clean on why India agreed to the ceasefire on May 10, when Pakistan was on its knees, and US President Donald Trump's role in it.

Leader of opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said J&K LG Manoj Sinha had admitted that the Pahalgam terror attack was "undoubtedly" an intelligence and security failure. "The home minister should take responsibility, not the LG. Accountability must be fixed," he said, while also demanding a security review committee to examine lapses like what was done after the 1999 Kargil conflict.

Former home minister P Chidambaram, in turn, said while no one was disputing the damage to terror hubs and airbases in Pakistan during Indian strikes, the govt has shown no signs of "re-strategising" for the "well-fused" Pakistan-China front now.

Indian military, including chief of defence staff, showed "exemplary leadership" and candidness by admitting losses, tactical mistakes and re-strategising after the initial strikes on May 7. "But the govt has not yet admitted intelligence and security lapses. The political leadership has been thoroughly disappointing. They should admit their mistakes. Where is the plan to fight a fused China-Pakistan front?" Chidambaram said.

He also questioned why India had abstained and not voted against the $1 billion assistance to Pakistan by IMF during Operation Sindoor, as well as similar aid by the Asian Development Bank and World Bank. Earlier, the govt had claimed India abstained from IMF vote since system doesn't allow a formal 'no' vote.

Stressing the overall diplomatic failure, with no country "naming and shaming Pakistan", Chidambaram also asked why no all-party delegations were sent to Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and others in the immediate neighbourhood.

Both Kharge and Chidambaram also slammed the PM for not publicly rebutting Trump's repeated claims — almost 30 times by now — that he helped broker ceasefire between India and Pakistan by leveraging trade deals. "The ceasefire was not announced by our PM or defence minister, it first came from the US president," Kharge said.

Trump claimed that five fighter jets were shot down but Modi, who earlier even went all the way to the US to hold a political rally with the slogan "*Phir Ek Baar Trump Sarkar*", is yet to publicly contradict anything. "The PM should openly condemn this by saying India does not accept third-party mediation. If no Indian fighter jet has been downed, PM Modi should tell the country," Kharge said.

Noting that BJP-led govt has set up "factories of lies", Kharge said Shah had claimed that Modi govt had crippled terrorist ecosystem while visiting J&K on April 7-8. "If it was crippled, how was Pahalgam attack carried out? You keep saying so many things that are so far from the truth. Just three days before the Pahalgam attack, PM Modi cancelled his scheduled visit to J&K," Kharge said.

"It is an issue I have raised before as well and I have got no answers. Did the Centre suspect an attack was about to be carried out? If so, why were the tourists and pilgrims not stopped from going?" he said.

No decision yet on updating Nat'l Population Register: Govt

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New Delhi: Home ministry Tuesday told Lok Sabha that the govt has not taken any decision on updating the National Population Register (NPR).

As per the original Census 2021 plan, NPR updation was to be conducted alongside the first or house-listing phase of the census. Replying to a question, junior home minister Nityanand Rai said, "No decision has been taken to update NPR. The intent to conduct Census has been notified. The period of conducting house-listing and housing census will be notified in due course."

TOI was the first to report on June 17 that the govt was not keen on NPR updation simultaneously with Census 2027. While intent to conduct census and the reference date of March 1, 2027, has been notified, there is no official word or notification yet on updating NPR.

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Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi with Congress MPs Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and KC Venugopal outside Parliament

Shringla: India among few to use UN Charter for self-defence

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New Delhi: India is one of the few nations that have used Article 51 of the UN Charter, which outlines the right of a nation to act in self-defence, former foreign secretary and nominated Rajya Sabha MP **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** said on Tuesday, highlighting that India had struck in the "heart" of Pakistan — Muridke & Bahawalpur — during Operation Sindoor.



Participating in discussion on military operation, Shringla said India carried out a precise, highly calibrated and intelligence-driven strike on terror hubs, adding that it was targeted at entities that have been unleashing terrorism against India.

"As per international law, we had the right to go after terrorists. Article 51 of UN Charter states that a country has right to self-defence and today that is being increasingly interpreted, as those non-state actors that indulge in terror activities in another sovereign state can also come under this act of self-defence and India has exercised self defence," he said.

Shringla said few countries have dared to do so, citing the example of US using Article 51 of UN Charter in its attacks against Taliban, ISIS. India used the same to eliminate terror bases working against it, in the heart of Pakistan. He said that among the over 100 killed in the operation, there were some on UN Security Council's list of most wanted terrorists.

Shah uses PC's remarks to slam Cong: 'Why shield Pak?'

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New Delhi: Home minister Tuesday Amit Shah accused Congress of shielding Pakistan as he referred to remarks made by senior functionary P Chidambaram questioning Operation Sindoor.

"Why are you giving a clean chit to Pakistan?" Shah asked, addressing the Congress, during a debate on the terror strike and Operation Sindoor in Lok Sabha.

In an interview, Chidambaram had said, "Have they (NIA) identified the terrorists or where they came from? For all we know, they could be homegrown terrorists. Why do you assume they came from Pakistan? There is no evidence of that."

Shah countered, "If Chidambaram says these were not Pakistanis, then it means that the former home minister of the country is giving a clean chit to Pakistan in front of the world. With such a statement, the Congress functionary is questioning the rationale behind the attack on Pakistan."

Shah said the world acknowledged Pakistan's role in the attack but Chidambaram was creating doubts. "Had he asked me, I would have given him proof," he said, alleging Congress's conspiracy to shield Pakistan. Detailing the success of security forces in eliminating the Pahalgam attackers, Shah sparred with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, saying, "Don't be perturbed by the religion of the terrorists."



All roots of terrorism lead back to Pakistan, Shah said, and 'Pakistan itself is the result of Congress's blunder. Had the party not accepted idea of Partition, Pakistan would never have come into existence'

Shah blamed Congress for Pakistan's creation and said, "All roots of terrorism lead back to Pakistan. And Pakistan itself is the result of the Congress party's blunder. Had they not accepted the idea of partition, Pakistan would never have come into existence." He criticised successive Congress govts for failing to reclaim PoK.

Responding to Congress neta Gaurav Gogoi's query on halting military action against Pakistan, Shah said, "In 1948, our forces were at a decisive stage in Kashmir. Sardar Patel kept saying no, but (Jawaharlal) Nehru announced a unilateral ceasefire. If PoK exists today, it is due to this unilateral ceasefire announced by Nehru. Nehru is responsible for this."

Shah added, "Gaurav ji, you have gone to Pakistan multiple times... but how many times have you gone to the borders?" He claimed Nehru ceded India's strategic advantage by offering 80% of Indus waters to Pakistan in 1960 and missed reclaiming PoK in 1971 after the Bangladesh liberation war.

"We had 93,000 prisoners of war — that was 42% of Pakistani army — and 15,000 sq km of territory in our possession. Yet in Shimla, an agreement was signed, and they forgot to even ask for PoK. Not just that, even the captured land was returned," he said.

Shah also held Nehru responsible for India not securing a permanent seat at the UN Security Council. "It was Nehru's decision that cost us the UN Security Council seat," he said, quoting from books written by the first PM.

The home minister said today China was in the Security Council, and India was not. "PM Modi is working hard to get India into the Security Council, but the root of the problem lies in Nehru ji's letter. This legacy has passed down generation after generation," he said. He said the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation signed an MoU with China, and now no one was ready to reveal its contents.

Shah reiterated that Hurriyat Conference was an "outfit of terrorist organisations" and made it clear that the Modi govt will never engage with it for any dialogue.

28% of posts in NIA vacant: MHA in LS

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had 541 vacancies, which is 28% of its total 1,901 posts, as of June 30, 2025, junior home minister Nityanand Rai told the Lok Sabha in reply to a question on Tuesday. The data shows that 77 positions of inspector, 93 posts of sub-inspector and 54 positions of assistant sub inspector were lying vacant in NIA. Also, there are vacancies for 12 posts of SP, 11 posts of ASP and 20 posts of DSP. TNN

Nadda apologises after remarks against Kharge trigger uproar

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In RS, Nadda withdrew his remark accusing Kharge (R) of 'losing his mental balance', but urged the chair to also expunge Kharge's comments on PM Modi

New Delhi: The debate on Operation Sindoor and Pahalgam terror attack in Rajya Sabha witnessed a heated exchange between opposition and treasury benches after Leader of the House J P Nadda made some "objectionable" remarks against leader of the opposition Mallikarjun Kharge. Nadda later withdrew his remarks after an opposition uproar and also apologised for it.

After Kharge's over an hour long speech, Nadda rose to object to some remarks made by the LoP against PM Narendra Modi. Nadda accused Kharge of "losing his mental balance" and using objectionable words but withdrew his statement soon after amid protests from the opposition. "I take back my words," Nadda said and asked the chair that his remarks may be replaced with "*bhavavesh mein beh kar*" (flow of emotions).

Nadda demanded that Kharge's remarks on PM be expunged from the records. However, Kharge as well as opposition benches demanded an apology from Nadda

"PM Modi is the most popular leader in the world and not just BJP takes pride in it, the nation does," Nadda said, adding that Kharge has not taken care of the PM's stature and used objectionable words that were not befitting the status of the LoP.

"I have already taken back my words, but if they have hurt his (Kharge's) feelings, I apologise for the same. However, Kharge did cross his limits and made certain remarks against the Prime Minister in passion and out of emotion, which need to be expunged," Nadda said.

Jubilation in BJP as Op Mahadev dampens oppn ammo

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In Lok Sabha on Tuesday, Shah detailed the steps taken by agencies to verify that the three Pakistanis killed in Dachigam sanctuary outside Srinagar on Monday were indeed the killers of Pahalgam terror attack

New Delhi: "All these days we were being asked what happened to the Pahalgam attackers. And now that they have been eliminated by our security forces, they are laughing and asking why now? As if we chose a Monday during the month of Sawan to accomplish the task," PM Narendra Modi said.

The remark came amid jubilation in BJP over the success of Operation Mahadev which blunted the offensive the opposition had planned to corner the govt over the April massacre of tourists by jihadi terrorists who marked the victims out on basis of their faith.

The build-up to the debate had seen the opposition targeting the govt for failing to nab the Pakistani terrorists, and looked set to sharpen the line on Parliament's floor.

On Tuesday, a sense of satisfaction was writ large on the face of Amit Shah as he detailed the steps taken by the agencies to verify that the three Pakistanis killed in Dachigam sanctuary outside Srinagar were indeed the killers of Pahalgam.

He also disclosed that his instruction to security forces in the immediate wake of the mass killings was to ensure that the terror troika did not cross over into PoK.

Opposition on Tuesday did question the govt over "intelligence failure" and absence of security arrangements for the tourists, but the taunts paled before the full-scale offensive that had seemed on the cards and would have been unleashed if Lashkar jihadis had escaped or remained elusive.

"The opposition would have been far more aggressive," an NDA source said.

As the treasury benches greeted Shah's announcement with chants of "Har Har Mahadev", they were also helped by P Chidambaram's remark in an interview that the Pahalgam attackers could very well be homegrown terrorists. "Why are you giving a clean chit to Pakistan?" asked Shah who also said the Congress neta's interview was tantamount to questioning the very rationale of Operation Sindoor.

Chidambaram was not the only opposition neta to have figured prominently in the Lok Sabha debate while not being present in the House. His colleague in the UPA cabinet Salman Khurshid also featured in a big way, with Shah recalling his statement that Sonia Gandhi had broken down after seeing the photograph of Indian Mujahideen terrorists who were killed in an encounter with Delhi Police at Batla House.

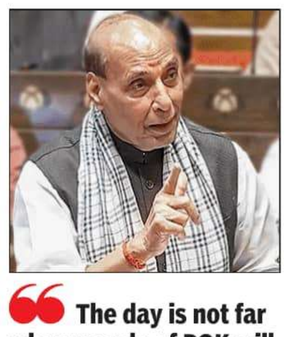
"It would have made sense if she had shed tears for Mohan Chand Sharma," the home minister said in a reference to the celebrated police officer who was killed in the encounter with IM bombers. "I have Salman Khurshid's interview saved on my mobile," Shah said to rebut those from Congress who questioned the veracity of his statement.

Speaking later, Priyanka Gandhi responded to Shah by saying the home minister should also have spoken about Sonia Gandhi's tears after the assassination of her father.

But the Prime Minister brought the issue to the fore once again by referring to the statement of Khurshid and by linking the spate of terror attacks under UPA to Congress's politics of "appeasement".

Rajnath: Indian forces ready to face any hostile nation boldly

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"The day is not far when people of POK will willingly 'return home' & become a part of India
RAJNATH SINGH

New Delhi: Describing the UN Security Council's recent decision to appoint Pakistan as the vice chair of its counter-terrorism committee as "a cruel joke", defence minister Rajnath Singh Tuesday said the world must put strategic, diplomatic and economic pressure on Islamabad which continues to provide safe haven to terror organisations.

Initiating the debate on Operation Sindoor in RS, Singh also said the "day is not far" when the people of Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir will willingly "return home" and become a part of India.

Though he did not name China, which actively helped Pakistan during the May 7-10 cross-border hostilities with even "live" satellite inputs on Indian military deployments, Singh said, "We know which country was doing what during Operation Sindoor."

"Not only Pakistan, but every country that looks at India with ill-intent should understand that today, our armed forces have the strength & capability to deal with any situation...Through Op Sindoor, we have also sent a message to the powers that were encouraging Pakistan," he added.

While repeating most of what he said in Lok Sabha on Monday, including that Operation Sindoor had been only paused for now after achieving politico-military objectives, Singh made special mention of UNSC's decision to make Pakistan vice chair of the counter-terror panel, calling it "very unfortunate" and a "mockery" of the global fight against terrorism.

"This panel was formed after 9/11. And we all know who carried out 9/11 attacks. It is also no secret Pakistan harboured the mastermind (Osama bin Laden) of that attack. This is like asking a cat to guard the milk. This decision is not only shocking but also reflects the seriousness of an organisation like UN on the issue of terrorism," he said.

Pakistan is a country where declared terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar roam freely and spew venom, and Army officers offer prayers at funerals of terrorists. "Now, the same Pakistan is expected to lead the global community against terrorism. Is this anything less than a cruel joke?" Singh added.

SC sends notices to 3 lawyers for vilifying T'gana high court judge

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday issued contempt of court notices to three lawyers for making scurrilous and scandalous remarks against Telangana HC's Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya in a petition in SC seeking transfer of the case from her court to another judge after she quashed SC/ST Act charges against CM Revanth Reddy.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and K Vinod Chandran took exception to the pleadings in the transfer petition and said, "At a time when we are protecting lawyers from getting summons, we cannot allow our judges to be put in the dock. It is clear that the lawyers have made scurrilous and scandalous allegations against a sitting judge of Telangana HC."

The bench said, "Not only the litigants would face contempt of court proceedings for making such allegations, but the lawyers who prepare petitions containing such allegations would also be liable for contempt of court." The bench issued notice to the lawyer-petitioner, the advocate who drafted the petition and the advocate-on-record under whose signature the petition was filed.

"Show cause why contempt of court proceedings be not initiated against you (the three advocates). The petitioner-advocate and the other two advocates would remain present in court to face the contempt proceedings on Aug 11," the bench ordered.

However, the bench said if genuine apologies tendered, these would be considered on the next date of hearing.

'Encounter' cop made ACP on retirement eve

Mumbai: "Encounter specialist" police inspector Daya Nayak was promoted to the rank of ACP along with three other officers just a day before his retirement. A native of Udupi, Nayak began his career as a tea stall errand boy before joining the force in 1996.

His career saw turbulence when ACB arrested him in a DA case, but was acquitted after the agency failed to produce evidence. He was reinstated in the police force last year after a suspension spanning six years.

Nayak was credited with eliminating over 80 gangsters from underworld as part of "encounter squad" of Mumbai. TNN

Thar yields Harappan site, shifting Indus Valley map

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Red pottery, clay and shell bangles, terracotta objects and stone tools were found at the site

Jaisalmer: Red shards glinting in desert sand. A kiln with a central column, long buried. Chert blades and terracotta cakes from a civilisation 4,500 years old. History has stirred beneath the dunes of Thar's scorching crust.

A Harappan site has surfaced at Ratadiya Ri Dheri in Jaisalmer district, marking the first known Indus Valley settlement in Rajasthan's arid region. Located 60km from Ramgarh tehsil and just 17km northwest of Pakistan's Sadewala — where Harappan traces were earlier found — this find bridges a vital archaeological gap between northern Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Until now, Pilibanga in northern Rajasthan was the state's most prominent Harappan site — discovered by Italian Indologist Luigi Pio Tessitori in the early 20th century & excavated in 1960s. Ratadiya Ri Dheri pushes the frontier southward into the heart of India's desert.

History lecturer Dilip Kumar Saini and local enthusiast Parth Jagani discovered the site recently. Their discovery has since been validated by experts from University of Rajasthan and Rajasthan Vidyapeeth in Udaipur.

Saini reported an abundance of red pottery — bowls, pots, perforated jar fragments — alongside clay and shell bangles, terracotta objects, and stone tools. Wedge-shaped bricks used in circular kilns and walls, a kiln design found at Kanmer in Gujarat and Mohenjo-daro in Pakistan, suggest a complex settlement.

Archaeologists date the settlement to the mature urban phase of the Indus Valley civilisation — 2600 to 1900 BCE. "It is a small rural Harappan settlement," said Jeevan Singh Kharkwal, professor at Rajasthan Vidyapeeth. "Identified through terracotta cakes, Harappan pottery, stone tools, and Rohri chert blade fragments. It is an extension of the Sindh Harappan network."

Dr Tamegh Panwar from University of Rajasthan's history and Indian culture department called the find "very significant," saying: "The site reflects a vibrant hinterland trade mechanism." Artefacts such as blades made of chert — a sedimentary rock sourced from Rohri in Pakistan — point to long-distance exchange and resource integration, typical of Indus Valley urban centres.

A research paper detailing the findings, co-authored by Saini and others, has been submitted to Indian Science Journal for peer-reviewed publication.

India-US trade deal: American officials to visit New Delhi in Aug

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In recent weeks, the US has announced trade deals with several partners — from Japan and Indonesia to the European Union — but has failed to arrive at a common ground with India, which has steadfastly refused to lower levies on farm and dairy products, while holding firm on not allowing genetically modified agricultural products to enter India.

India and the US are engaged in talks for the first tranche of a bilateral trade agreement by Fall (Sept-Oct), with an American team of officials scheduled to visit New Delhi starting Aug 25.

US trade representative Jamieson Greer had said on Monday that the US needed more time for talks with India to gauge the country's willingness to open its market more to American exports.

2 cousins, 5, buried alive under pile of sand in MP

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The accident came to light when the kids' toys were found near the dump at an NHAI plant, prompting a search for them

Indore: Two five-year-old cousins were buried alive when a dumper accidentally unloaded a heap of sand over them at an NHAI plant in Shahpur town of Madhya Pradesh's Burhanpur district.

The tragic accident came to light Monday when the kids' toys were found near the dump, prompting a search for them. The boys were identified as Kartik, son of Ritesh Garwal, and Mayank, son of Peter Garwal. Ritesh and Peter, brothers and residents of Jhabua district, had come to work at the site.

Burhanpur superintendent of police (SP) Devendra Patidar said, "The accident took place at National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) plant around 3pm and the bodies were recovered around 6.30pm."

Shahpur SHO Akhilesh Mishra said no one had realised the children were missing. Around 3.30pm, when the family members noticed the boys missing, they started a search for them. The bodies were eventually found buried under the sand.

Mishra said, "Several trucks unloaded material at the site. It is still under investigation which specific truck was involved."

Peter said, "This happened due to the company's negligence. The driver should be held accountable and the company compensate for the deaths."

The bodies were handed over to family members after postmortem examination at the district hospital.

Asked to prove citizenship by Pune police, mob: Kargil veteran's family

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'We were warned that if we failed to prove our citizenship, we would be declared Bangladeshi or Rohingya,' a family member alleged

Pune: A Kargil war veteran's family in Pune has alleged they were forced to prove their Indian citizenship after a group of 30 to 40 men accompanied by police stormed their home late Saturday night.

The family of Hakimuddin Shaikh, a retired soldier who fought in the 1999 Kargil war, alleged Tuesday the men arrived at their home in eastern Pune's Chandan Nagar & demanded documents. By midnight, male family members were taken to the police station.

"We were told to wait until 3am and warned that if we failed to prove our citizenship, we would be declared Bangladeshi or Rohingya," a family member alleged.

DCP Somay Munde said police acted on information about suspected illegal immigrants. "Our team asked for documents. Once it was clear they were Indian, we let them go. The police team was not accompanied by any third party. We have video footage."

Hakimuddin, 58, served 16 years in the Army's 269 Engineer Regiment from 1984 to 2000. "I fought for this country in Kargil," he said. "My entire family belongs to this nation. Why are we being asked to prove it?"

The family, originally from Pratapgarh in UP, has lived in Pune since 1960. Though Hakimuddin returned to his hometown in 2013, his brothers, nephews, and their families remain in Pune.

Hakimuddin's brother Irshad Shaikh said: "A group of unknown men, shouting slogans and kicking doors, were demanding papers. A plainclothes officer tried to calm them. A police van waited down the road."

The family includes two other Army veterans — Shaikh Naeemuddin and Shaikh Mohammad Salim, who served in the 1965 and 1971 wars. "Is this how soldiers' families are treated?" Irshad asked. "What does being Indian mean if we have to prove it every time someone knocks at the door?"

The group allegedly refused to accept even valid documents. Even after showing Aadhaar cards, Hakimuddin's nephews Naushad and Nawab Shaikh said the group mocked the documents as fake. "They were acting like goons," Naushad alleged. "They kicked the door, shouted at the women, told them to wake up and show papers."

Another nephew Shamshad Shaikh alleged police summoned them again Sunday. "We waited over two hours before being told the inspector wasn't coming. Our documents are still with them."

Police commissioner Amitesh Kumar said that the case is being investigated. "If negligence is found, action will follow. Preliminary findings suggest police did not forcibly enter the house."

(With inputs from Gitesh Shelke)

Nimisha case reconciliation claim untrue: Victim's brother

Kochi: Confusion prevails over revocation of death sentence of Nimisha Priya, the Kerala nurse on death row in Yemen for 2017 murder of a Yemeni citizen, with the victim's brother contesting claims by an eminent cleric that an "agreement" has been reached.

Victim Talal Abdo Mahdi's brother, Abdul Fattah Mahdi, rejected the claims by Kerala Sunni cleric Kanthapuram A P Aboobacker Musaliyar in a Facebook post on Tuesday.

MEA also didn't confirm the reports. Kanthapuram's office Monday said Nimisha's death sentence was revoked following mediation between Yemeni religious scholars and govt officials. Nimisha's execution was earlier scheduled for July 16 but postponed, purportedly on the intervention of Kanthapuram.

In his post, Fattah asked Kanthapuram's office to clarify who communicated with Talal's family and his blood heirs. "I do not believe the preacher's office would issue such statements unless someone provided them false information that we accepted reconciliation, which is absolutely untrue," he wrote. TNN

After 48 hrs, burglars come back to return IAF officer's uniform, ID

Kanpur: A daring yet bizarre burglary in Kanpur's Mandhana locality has left authorities perplexed. Thieves broke into the home of IAF Sergeant Bharadwaj Yadav, making off with cash, his service uniform, and official ID card. However, in a surprising twist, they returned 48 hours later and put back his uniform and ID card, reports **Faiz Siddiqui**.

Police have launched a probe into the case and are examining CCTV camera footage.

ACP Ranjit Kumar's team is actively pursuing various leads to identify the suspects.

Man held for killing TN Dalit techie

A techie, 27, from SC community was allegedly hacked to death by his girlfriend's brother, who was incensed over the intercaste relationship, at Palayamkottai in Tamil Nadu's Tirunelveli on July 27. A day later, accused, Surjith, 21, surrendered and was arrested. His parents, Krishnakumari and Saravanan — both SIs attached to TN Special Police — were suspended and detained pending inquiry. Police have registered a case under BNS and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against the trio. TNN

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग,सर्कुलर रोड, राँची

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झारखण्ड अभियोजन सेवान्तर्गत सहायक लोक अभियोजक के कुल–160 पदों {नियमित 134 पद (विज्ञापन संख्या–06/2025 एवं बैकलॉग 26 पद (विज्ञापन संख्या–05/2025)} के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक–25.07.2025 को प्रकाशित प्रेस विज्ञप्ति की कंडिका–(1) के स्थान पर निम्नवत् पढ़ा जाय :–

'माननीय झारखण्ड उच्च न्यायालय, राँची द्वारा W.P.(S) No.-7217 of 2025 संजीव कुमार महतो एवं अन्य बनाम झारखण्ड राज्य एवं अन्य में दिनांक–11.07.2025 को पारित न्यायादेश के आलोक में ऑफलाईन आवेदन समर्पित करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों हेतु विज्ञापन संख्या–05/2025 एवं विज्ञापन संख्या–06/2025 में उम्र सीमा की संदर्भ तिथि 01.08.2024 के स्थान पर 01.08.2019 पढ़ा जाय। विज्ञापन संख्या–05/2025 एवं विज्ञापन संख्या–06/2025 की शेष शर्त्तें यथावत रहेंगी।'

2.उक्त प्रेस विज्ञप्ति की कंडिका (5) की चौथी पंक्ति में अंकित 'रजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या एवं OTR संख्या' को विलोपित समझा जाय।

3. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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SPOT ROUND - I FOR VACANT SEATS IN PG COURSES

Applications are invited against the following vacant seats available for admission to the Master's Degree Courses for the Session - 2025-26 for a Spot Round.

S No.	Course	CATEGORY				
		OG	EWS	SC	ST	OBC
1	Master of Architecture (Architectural Conservation)	2	1	4	2	5
2	Master of Architecture (Landscape Architecture)	1	2	0	0	5
3	Master of Architecture (Urban Design)	1	1	0	0	1
4	Master of Building Engineering & Management	4	0	1	0	0
5	Master of Design (Industrial Design)	1	2	0	1	3
6	Master of Planning (Environmental Planning)	1	2	0	1	1
7	Master of Planning (Regional Planning)	0	1	0	0	2
8	Master of Planning (Transport Planning)	2	1	0	0	1
9	Master of Planning (Urban Planning)	0	1	0	0	0
10	Master of Planning (Housing)	1	3	0	1	1

Applications are also invited for:-

(1) PG seats for Wards of **Kashmiri Migrants** / Kashmiri Pandits and Kashmiri Hindu Families (Non -Migrants) living in Kashmir Valley are reserved as per the Central Government Norms.

(2) PG seats for **Physically Challenged Persons,** on a horizontal basis these will be adjusted against the respective reservations for OG, SC, ST and OBC Categories as per the Central Government Norms.

The last date for receipt of the applications under the all categories is **05th August, 2025.** For complete details, kindly refer to the School's website - www.spa.ac.in under the TAB - **"Admission - 2025-26".**

Sd/-
Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND
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Request for Proposal for Procurement of Consultancy Services for Design/DPR including Architectural/Structural/Electrical/Sanitary/Interior Design, Drawings through National/International Competitive Procurement Process of Hon'ble Advocate General office in Nainital district, (Through E-Procurement Portal only www.uktenders.gov.in) Detail information regarding the above work will be available online on 7.8.2025, timing 15.00 hrs.

The Executive Engineer
Provincial Division PWD Nainital

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NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for engagement as **Part Time Instructors (hereinafter referred as PTIs)** purely on hourly basis in the Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), under the aegis of Directorate of Training & Technical Education, Government of NCT of Delhi for the **Academic Session 2025-2026.** The honorarium will be payable as per the rates mentioned below:

Staff Category	Rate per Hour		Maximum monthly ceiling of honorarium
	Theory Classes	Practical Classes (adopting general guidelines)	
PTIs engaged against post of Craft Instructor or equivalent	Rs.500/-	Rs. 250/-	Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) per month
In case of senior retired staff equivalent to Group Instructor or above, from DTTE/ Industry/ Armed forces at attaining of 60 years of age.	Rs. 800/-	Rs. 400/-	

Interested candidates can download the prescribed application form and other terms & conditions from the website of DTTE i.e. **www.tte.delhigovt.nic.in. NCIC under CITS is essential for all the NTC/NAC/STC qualified Candidates for applying. However, for the trades in which CITS is not available, applications of such candidates will be considered subject to the fulfilling of other criteria of selection. Candidates having Degree/Diploma in the relevant trade/field must follow relevant DTTE notification dated 15th November 2016 available on DTTE website/link given as https://tte.delhi.gov.in/sites/default/files/TTE/generic_multiple_files/craft_instructor.pdf.**

The final engagement of PTIs will be based as per the functional requirement in the individual trades at that time.

Applicants are advised to read carefully the guidelines as given with the application form before filling up the application form. Candidates shall submit duly filled application form offline to the **cluster concerned ITI only** within 15 days from the date of advertisement **along with one set of self-attested copies of all the certificates of Qualification, Caste, PwD and Experience etc.** A candidate can apply for as many trades as he/she wants to but in one cluster only.

If a candidate applies in more than one cluster or **at DTTE HQ or elsewhere by any means (online/offline) other than the mentioned cluster ITI** or applications received after 15 days of the date of publishing of advertisement will not be entertained and shall be liable for cancellation.

The candidates are advised to keep in contact with the concerned cluster ITI for the schedule of interview.

It is also to mention that the Part Time Instructors enlisted in court cases, OA-2302/2019, OA- 1339/2020 and OA-3288/2023 are also mandatorily required to submit their requisite application as a token of their willingness and availability to continue as part time instructor.

For any query, candidates may contact the **Principal/Head of the concerned cluster ITI**.

Sd/-
Dy. Director (E-II)
Directorate of Training and Technical Education

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0162/25-26

CRIS Centre for Railway Information Systems
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Tender No. 01255099A

Subject: Proposal for Co-Location of CRIS Cloud at Secunderabad/Hyderabad
Date of Closing: 19.08.2025 (Tuesday) (15:30 hrs).
Tender Documents may be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. For future modification/extensions please see **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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E-Tender Notice No. SG-664-15-Sig-2025-26

E-tender is invited on behalf of the president of india for the under mentioned work. **(1) Name of the work:** (i) Provision of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) in Chainpur (CNPR) Yard under Dhanbad Division. (ii) Provision of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) in Chopan (CPU) Yard under Dhanbad Division. (iii) Provision of 03 IBP between DMBR-DNEA, HZBN-BES and Kujju- AGRD. **(2) Appox. Cost of the work:** ₹8,87,14,836.23 (Approx) **(3) Earnest Money:** ₹5,93,600.00 **(4) Date & time for closing of tender:** 14.08.2025 at 12:30 Hrs. **(5)** Any E-Tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/FAX or self, Manual proposals although the letter is on firms letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. **http//www.ireps.gov.in Note:**-Tenderers are requested to visit the website **http//www.ireps.gov.in** atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc. in response to this E-tender.

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Open E-Tender Notice

No. COS/ CRJ/ PUB/e-Tender/ 19/0162,Date:23/07/2025. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in** → login → **E-Tender** Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. **Office Address: Office of the PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.:70255014. Brief Description of Item:** Vehicle Control Unit VCU Based on TCN Open Standard for 3-Phase Locomotives, Drg /Specn. No. CLW/C-D&D/ ES/ 3/ TCN_VCU/0547 Alt-A, May 2016 **| Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery |.Quantity: 40.00 Set.Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):** ₹1958800.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) : 20/08/2025 at 11:00 AM.**

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Future of food lies in research

From lab innovations to sustainable technology, Dr Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director, NIFTEM-K, discusses how the institute is rethinking food science education and its impact on industry

What kind of academic curriculum can best expose students to emerging innovations in the food sector?
Food science is an amalgamation of chemistry, microbiology, biochemistry, processing and engineering, pertinent to food. At the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship, and Management (NIFTEM), Kundli, we have revised the admission system at the bachelor's level by admitting students based on their performance in NEET and CUET, in addition to JEE. Moreover, the academic curriculum at the institute aligns with the requirements of the food industry, particularly in response to the growing need for developing novel food products. During the initial semesters at both the bachelor and master's degree programmes, students are exposed to courses on speciality foods, clinical nutrition, sustainability, Net Zero, valorisation and digital technologies relevant to food sector. This is followed up with advanced courses in these areas in the subsequent semesters.

With curriculum changes, do you foresee students shifting focus from jobs to research in the food sector?
I am positive that concrete changes in curriculum and approach will drive more students towards research. The institute is making concrete changes in this direction. Our students will be able to opt for a PhD directly after a bachelor's degree from next year. This option will be available for those who successfully complete some additional credits and are engaged in serious project work. They can continue to research on the same topic as their bachelor's during their PhD. Some of the food and pharma companies with good infra for R&D, such as Nestle, ITC, Panacea Biotech, have shown interest in mentoring and hand holding such young minds.

What innovations will shape the future of the food sector?
Important innovations like 3D and 4D printing of foods for developing foods not only with desired shape and texture but also functionality and precise nutrition; nutraceuticals and probiotics with established health benefits;

On-farm primary processing using renewable energy and advanced digital technologies; and use of AI, IoT and sensors for storage and transportation of food products, especially perishable commodities, are some of the innovations required for making food processing sustainable

development of rapid kits for food safety and authenticity; cell-cultured meat, plant-based products and alternate protein products, vegan and gluten-free products and also natural additives reducing import burden are likely to drive the Indian food sector in the coming days.

How is the food sector supportive of sustainability?
Sustainable food processing has become the need of the hour. Mitigating the adverse effects of climate change has become another priority. On-farm primary processing using renewable energy and advanced digital technologies; and use of AI, IoT and sensors for storage and transportation of food products, especially perishable commodities, are some of the innovations required for making food processing sustainable.



Dr Harinder Singh Oberoi Director, NIFTEM-K

Processed foods face a lot of negative publicity. How is the industry tackling myths around food processing?
There are hardly any unprocessed products consumed. Processing, in fact, improves the product stability and attributes in many ways. NIFTEM-K has been supportive of MoFPI in developing a document which elaborates different aspects of food processing. It is important to create awareness among masses about various benefits of food processing and ensure that negative myths about food processing in general are busted, well supported with scientific evidence.

SPOTLIGHT

बिहार सरकार

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Memo No- मु0अ0–(नि0 एवं गु0) –25–04 / 2025

Request for Proposal (RFP) titled "Selection Of Solution Provider For Assessment And Restrengthening of Existing Management Information System (MIS) followed by Its Operation And Maintenance for Rural Works Department, Bihar" **(NIT Reference No- RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01)** के संदर्भ में, यह सूचित किया जाता है कि **RFP titled** को **"Selection of Solution Provider for Design, Development, Implementation including Operation & Maintenance of Advanced New Management Information System (MIS) for Rural Works Department, Bihar"** पढ़ा जाय एवं इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाय। निविदा संदर्भ संख्या– **RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01** यथावत रहेगी। यह सभी इच्छुक निविदाकारों की जानकारी के लिए है।

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सूचना एवं जन–सम्पर्क विभाग, बिहार, पटना के द्वारा बिहार सोशल मीडिया एवं अन्य ऑनलाईन मीडिया नियमावली–2024 के अंतर्गत अधिसूचना संख्या–09, 10 एवं 11, सू0ज0स0वि0, बिहार, पटना दिनांक–30.04.2025 तथा अधिसूचना संख्या–457, 458 एवं 459 दिनांक–23.07.2025 के द्वारा विभिन्न सोशल मीडिया एवं अन्य ऑनलाइन मीडिया को सूचीबद्ध किया गया था।

बिहार सोशल मीडिया एवं अन्य ऑनलाईन मीडिया नियमावली–2024 अन्तर्गत सूचीबद्धता के लिए इच्छुक सोशल मीडिया एवं अन्य ऑनलाईन मीडिया से पुनः दिनांक–01/08/25 के अपराह्न12:00 PM बजे तक की अवधि में वांछित कागजातों के साथ विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते है। आवेदन https://eadvtprd.bihar.gov.in/ smempanel/smdefault.aspx पर online किया जाना है। जिन आवेदकों का online आवेदन नियत तिथि एवं समय तक अप्राप्त होगा उनके आवेदनों पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

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Govt. of Bihar

Rural Works Department

CORRIGENDUM NO- RFP/MIS/2025-26/01

With reference to invitation for Request for Proposal (RFP) NIT Reference No- **RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01** originally titled "**Selection Of Solution Provider For Assessment And Restrengthening of Existing Management Information System (MIS) followed by Its Operation And Maintenance for Rural Works Department, Bihar**", is hereby informed to all interested bidders that the RFP title shall now be read as "**Selection of Solution Provider for Design, Development, Implementation including Operation & Maintenance of Advanced New Management Information System (MIS) for Rural Works Department, Bihar"** and modified to this extent. NIT Reference No- RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01 will remains unchanged. This is for kind information for all the intersted bidders.

All other terms and conditions other than above mentioned subject shall remain same. For any queries, kindly contact: Office of Engineer-In-Chief, 5th floor, Vishwesaraiya Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.

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Rural Works Department

PR. No. 010028 (RWD) 2025-26

This information is available on website **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** also

गर्भावस्था की पहली तिमाही में माँ की एच.आई.वी. और सिफलिस की जाँच जरूर करायें।

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600008.
Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from Licensed **IFA-WIFS Tablets** Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of IFA-WIFS Tablets to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptances	e-019/M(P)/ IFA-WIFS/TNMSC/2025, Dated. 30.07.2025	30.07.2025 at 3.00 PM to 19.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM	08.08.2025 at 10.00 AM to 19.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM	19.08.2025 at 3.30 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/**. The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

DIPR/3937/Tender/2025

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA

NIRMAN SOUDHA, KESHARI NAGAR, UNIT- V, BHUBANESWAR - 751 001

2nd corrigendum to RFP Identification No. CE - BRIDGES - 04/2025-26

Following changes are made to the Invitation for qualification / proposal for the work "Following changes are made to the Invitation for qualification / proposal for the work "Construction of H. L. Bridge across River Brahmani at Alpuaghat on Alpua Damorapatna Jagannathpurghat Road in the District of Kendrapara under NABARD Assistance RIDF-XXVII" through EPC mode of Contract" vide **RFP Identification No. CE - BRIDGES - 04/2025-26.**

➢The Last date of submission of RFP Application is extended upto 5.00 PM of dt.29.07.2025.

➢The application received online shall be opened at 3.00 PM on dt.30.07.2025.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Bridges
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

OIPR-34117/11/0125/25-26

Govt. of Bihar

JEEViKA
Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society
State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Bihar

3rd Floor, Vidyut Bhawan - II, Bailey Road, Patna- 800 021; Ph. +91-612-250 4980; Fax +91-612-250 4960, Website www.brlps.in

Inviting Proposal for Selection of Agency to Provide, Design, Develop & Deployment with Manpower and Operation & Maintenance of Jeevika Command & Control Centre (JCCC) with Centralised Grievance Redressal Management System (CGRMS) along with required software

(Two Envelope E-procurement)

BRLPS invites proposals for selection of a firm/company (the "Agency") to Provide, Design, Develop & Deployment with Manpower and Operation & Maintenance of Jeevika Command & Control Centre (JCCC) with Centralized Grievance Redressal Management System (CGRMS) along with required software. Interested bidders may download Request for Proposal (RFP) document from https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. The RFP can also be seen at www.brlps.in/procurement for reference purpose. Other information is as follows:

Date for start of downloading the Request for Proposal document	30/07/2025 through e-Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Pre-Bid Meeting	11/08/2025 at 03:00 PM on wards at BRLPS Office, Patna, Bihar.
Last Date/Time for uploading the Proposal (Pre-qualification, Technical and Financial)	22/08/2025at03:00PM, on the e-Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
Date/Time for Opening the Pre-qualification &Technical Proposal	22/08/2025 at 03:30 PM on the e-Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
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 RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar. Tollfree No: 1800 572 6572 or may contact on Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

Chief Executive Officer
cum Mission Director

PR. No. 009754 (B&C) 25-26

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Govt. of Bihar

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.

(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)

Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023,
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN No -U31900BR1978SGC001317
Email: sanjivani@bihar.gov.in

e-Tender Notice

Ref. No. 4785/2025

e-Tenders are invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for **"Selection of System Integrator for Bihar-One (Unified Service Delivery Platform Integrated with Bihar Common Social Registry, Govt. of Bihar)".** The details of the tender will be available on the website: **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.**

Last date of Bid submission is 26/08/2025.

This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

PR. No. 009755 (B&C) 25-26

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। **Managing Director**

Rural Works Department

Press Release

Govt. of Bihar

Memo No- मु0अ0–(नि0 एवं गु0) –25–04 / 2025

With reference to invitation for Request for Proposal (RFP) NIT Reference No- **RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01** originally titled "**Selection Of Solution Provider For Assessment And Restrengthening of Existing Management Information System (MIS) followed by Its Operation And Maintenance for Rural Works Department, Bihar**", is hereby informed to all interested bidders that the RFP title shall now be read as "**Selection of Solution Provider for Design, Development, Implementation including Operation & Maintenance of Advanced New Management Information System (MIS) for Rural Works Department, Bihar"** and modified to this extent. NIT Reference No- RWD/HQ/MIS/2025-26/01 will remains unchanged. This is for kind information for all the intersted bidders.

For any queries, kindly contact: Office of Engineer-In-Chief, 5th floor, Vishwesaraiya Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna.

Email Id- Engineerinchief2rwd@gmail.com **and** rwdnodalmis@gmail.com

PR N0- 009336 (RWD) 2025-26

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

Engineer-In-Chief
Rural Works Department
Bihar Patna

PR- 010029 (RWD) 2025-26

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Website: www.ouat.ac.in
E-Mail: registrarouat@gmail.com
PH: 0674-2397424, Fax: 0674-2397424

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ODISHA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE &TECHNOLOGY

Bhubaneswar-751003, Odisha

No. E-II-II-02/2022/ 13979 /UAT, Dated. 28th July, 2025

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates in the prescribed format for recruitment of personnels in the P.G department of Poultry Science, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, OUAT, Bhubaneswar as follows.

Professor-01, Asst. Professor-04, Total - 05(Five)

The detailed advertisement with information sheet containing number of vacancies, reservation of posts in different category, prescribed application form, application fee & mode of payment, qualification, experience, selection procedure, scale of pay, age and other required conditions in respect of the vacancies as well as general information and instructions to the candidate can be downloaded from University website: **ouat.ac.in**

Last date of receipt of application: 30.08.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.

BY ORDER OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,
Sd/- **REGISTRAR**

OIPR-01036/11/0078/25-26

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Government of Odisha, e- Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Email Id- sedklpwd@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B) 05/2025-26

Letter No. 1633 /Dt. 28.07.2025

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for road & building works as detailed below:

1. Name of the work : Road & Building works
2. No of works : 03 (Three) Nos
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.1.20 Crore to 6.82 Crore (as given in column No. 03 of table)**
4. Cost of tender paper : Rs.10,000.00
5. Class of contractor : 'B' Class, 'A' Class & 'Special' Class **(as given in column No. 07 of table)**
6. Period of Completion of work : 05 (Five) to 07 (Seven) calendar months **(as given in column No. 08 of table)**
7. Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt.02.08.2025 to 5.00 P.M.of Dt.16.08.2025
8. Date of opening of bid : Dt.18.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Dhenkanal (B&B) Circle, Dhenkanal

OIPR-34132/11/0035/25-26

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown **Age:** About 35 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Yellow Coloured Shirt and Blue Coloured Lower was found dead on 17.07.2025 from Metro Station, Jharoda, Burari, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved at the Mortuary of Subzi Mandi Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No.147A Dated 17.07.2025 u/s 194 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023** has been lodged at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23810076, 23810073
Mob.: 8750870131, 8920241620

DP/9905/N/2025

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



Madhavi

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Madhavi, D/o Sh. Mangal Sarkar, R/o** H.No. 3, Gali No.5, E-Block Phase-5, Aya Nagar, New Delhi has been missing from house since 18.07.2025. In this regard a **FIR No. 219/2025** Dated **21.07.2025 U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023** has been registered at PS, K.M. Pur, New Delhi.

The description of missing girl is as under :

Name: Madhavi, **Father's Name :** Sh. Mangal Sarkar, **Age :** 16 yrs, **Height** : 4"5', **Complexion** : Shallow, **Face :** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing**: Black Color T-Shirt and Sky Blue Color Pant and Black Sleeper in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
e-mail : ciccbi@cbi.nic.in
Fax : 011-230111334
Ph. : 011-23014046, 30115229, 23015218, Extn. 210

SHO
P.S., Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-24624825, 8750870828

DP/9736/SD/2025

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND BASIN MANAGER

MAHANADI BASIN, AT-BURLA, DISTRICT-SAMBALPUR, PIN-768017
E-mail Id – cebmumbburla@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No-CE & BM-MB- 09/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO- CE & BM-MB-09/2025-2026 (Online)

1	Name of the work	:	Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Adgaon Canal Section, Bargarh Irrigation Division, Bargarh).
2	No of works	:	One (01) number
3	Class of contractor	:	"A Class" and "Special Class"
4	Bid Identification No	:	CE&BM-MB- 09/2025-2026 (Online)
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs. 19.78 Crores
6	Period of completion	:	24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
7	Date and time of availability of Bid Documents in the portal	:	Dated- 01.08.2025 at 11.30 AM to Dated- 21.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM.
8	Last date/ time for receipt of Bids in the portal	:	Dated- 21.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM.
9	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	Dated- 22.08.2025 at 11.30 AM, O/o Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla
10	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager Mahanadi Basin, Burla, Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha, 768017 Email Id: **cebmumbburla@gmail.com**

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Mahanadi Basin, Burla

OIPR-32508/11/0016/25-26

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. ST-PROJ-2-KGP-EI-PKU-EO Date 28.07.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Project-II/Kharagpur invites e-Tender for the following works : **Name of Work :** Replacement of old Panel Interlocking with new Distributed Electronic Interlocking at Panskura East Outer Cabin in Kharagpur Division. **Approximate cost of works :** ₹ 7,65,81,378.51. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 5,32,900/-. **Date & time of closing of e-tender :** 28.08.2025, 15.00 hrs. **Website on which tender has been published: www.ireps.gov.in (PR-455)**

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



Vijay @Bidu

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name **Vijay @Bidu**, R/o Gaya, Bihar and family is unknown, whose age is about 45 years was found dead at Azad Bhawan Road, IP Lane, Delhi on 22.07.2025. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **DD No. 41A Dated 20.07.2025 at PS IP Estate, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Name: Vijay @Bidu, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 45 Years, **Height:** 5'6" ft, **Complexion:** Dark, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black Color Shirt and Blue Jeans and Grey Slippers, **Identification:** Tattoo on Right Arm. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ IP Estate, Delhi.

SHO
PS, IP Estate, Delhi
Ph. No. 8750870426, 7835902398

DP/10015/CD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Arti Subedi

General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Arti Subedi** D/o Dilu Ram R/o **H-4/7B, Mahavir Enclave, Dwarka, Delhi, Age:** 24 Yrs., **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion**: Fair, **Face**: Round, **Built**: Medium, **Identification Mark:** Burn mark on left hand, wearing White colour Shirt, Grey colour Pant and Black Sandal, has been missing/kidnapped from Nehru Place VFS Global Building in the area of P.S. Kalkaji, Delhi since **25.07.2025.**

In this regard a **DD No. 107A dated 26.07.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Kalkaji, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about her please inform to the undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Kalkaji, Delhi
Ph.: 9868720772, 8750870930

DP/10003/SE/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **Unknown S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, was found Dead on 28.07.2025, from Between Divider under Shastri Nagar Metro Station, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 49A, Dated 28.07.2025,** has been lodged at **Police Station Sarai Rohilla, North Distt., Delhi.** Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** Approx 30-35 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Pink Printed Shirt & Black Pant. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Sabzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi for identification.

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

SHO
Police Station Sarai Rohilla,
North Distt., Delhi
Ph.: 011-23691106/3611, 9717270739

DP/10054/N/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Khushi

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely: Khushi D/o** Bharti Devi **R/o** Premchand Ka makan Dallupura Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 14 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round **Built:** Medium **Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt and Brown Colour Lower Pink Colour Slippers in feet has been missing since 15.07.2025 from Premchand Ka makan Dallupura Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

In this regard **FIR No. 338/25 Dated 24.07.2025** has been registered at **PS: New Ashok Nagar, Delhi,** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Girl Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
P.S.: New Ashok Nagar, Delhi
Mobile: 8750870631

DP/10000/ED/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Kartik

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Kartik** S/o Vijay R/o 2/58, 2 Block, Trilokpuri, Delhi has been missing since 24.07.2025 at 03:00pm from the area of his house. In this regard **FIR No. 348/2025 Dated 25.07.2025 U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 has been Lodged at PS Kalyanpuri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace the missing boy, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the missing boy is as under:

Name: Kartik, **Gender:** Boy, **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5"4" ft, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Small and Black, **Wearing:** Red Color T-Shirt and Blue Color Half Pant, **Identification:** Mentally not fit. If anyone has any information regarding this missing boy, kindly inform SHO/ Kalyanpuri, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
PS, Kalyanpuri, Delhi
Ph. No. 011-2277228, 9990093246

DP/9983/ED/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a Female namely **Nisha, W/o: Ramesh Chand, R/o: Jhuggi No. 264, AU Block Pitampura, Delhi has been missing since 24.07.2025 at 02:00 PM from her home. In this regard DD No. 32A, Dated: 25.07.2025, has been registered at P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi.** The description of missing Female is as under:

Name: Nisha, Age: 38 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Wearing: Yellow Colour Suit, Black Colour Pajami and Black Colour Slipper in Feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing Female please inform P.S. **Maurya Enclave, Delhi.**

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station Maurya Enclave, Delhi
Ph: 011-27322353, 8750870225

DP/9927/NW/2025

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sonu, S/o Dharampal R/o Village Uncha, Tehsil Kairana, District Shamli, Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR. No.178/2013 u/s 417/471 IPC, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sonu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sonu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sonu** of **FIR. No.178/2013 u/s 417/471 IPC, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **11.09.2025.**

By Order,
Sh. Rohit Kumar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-04, North
Court No.14, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/9921/RD/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** About 54 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing**: Gray Coloured T-Shirt and Blue Coloured Lower, was found dead on 15.07.2025 at 9 PM in front of Latoo Park, Arvindo Marg, Under INA Flyover, Sarojini Nagar & was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital. The Dead Body has been preserved in Safdarjung Hospital Mortuary. In this regard a **DD No.106A Dated 15.07.2025** has been lodged at P.S. Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-26882346, 24671281
Mob.: 7065036230

DP/9873/SW/2025

SBI

Human Resources Department, Corporate Centre, 16th floor,
State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai -400 021

ONLINE TENDER FOR SHORTLISTING OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR HR TRANSFORMATION AT SBI

State Bank of India (SBI) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Shortlisting of Consultancy Services for HR Transformation in the Bank, from reputed and experienced HR Consultants. For eligibility criteria and other details, please log on to Bank's website https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news. Last date for receipt of online EOI is 25.08.2025 by 3:00 PM. Corrigendum/addendum, if any in the matter will be published only on bank's above website.

Mumbai 30.07.2025 **General Manager (RP & PM)**

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश

टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल

ई-निविदा सूचना

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR EMPANELMENT OF GUEST FACULTY

A walk-in-interview for empanelment of Guest Faculties in different disciplines will be held on 11.08.2025 and 12.08.2025 at Shri Vishwakarma Skill University Campus, Dudhola, Palwal. The subject/discipline are as: Agriculture, Computer Science Engg., Mechanical Engg., Electronics Engg., Electrical Engg., Management/Office Management, Hotel Management/Airlines Management, Chemistry, Physics, Graphic Design, Communication Skills/English/ Technical Writing, Mathematics, Environmental Science, Yoga and Health, Psychology, Japanese Language, German Language, Geo Informatics System, History, Human Anatomy, Kashmiri Shaivism-I, Medical Laboratory Technician, Music, Sanskrit Language, Sociology, Philosophy, Political Science.

Note : Eligibility: As per UGC/ AICTE/ Respective Regulatory body norms as applicable. For Interview schedule/ instructions visit University Website : www.svsu.ac. in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In Pursuant to Section 32(3) of the Electricity Act 2003, the State Government owned Uttar Pradesh State Load Despatch Centre (UPSLDC) submitted its Tariff Petition for ARR & LDC Charges for FY 2025-26 (2231/2025) before the Hon'ble U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission, Lucknow. The Hon'ble Commission admitted the aforementioned petition by its order dated 25 July 2025.

In compliance with the Hon'ble Commission order dated 25 July 2025, all stakeholders and general public are hereby informed about the following salient features of the petition (2231/2025) for ARR & LDC Charges of FY 2025-26 as under:-

A. Summary of Petition (2231/2025)

Aggregate Revenue Requirement of FY 2025-26 (Rs. Lakhs.)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Claimed in ARR of FY 2025-26
1	Employee Expense	2717.65
2	R&M expenses	921.28
3	A&G expenses	601.76
4	Depreciation	59.79
5	Interest on Loan	4.83
6	Interest on Working Capital	74.34
7	Add: Return on Equity/RoE	45.40
8	**Total Cost**	**4425.04**
9	**Less: Non-Tariff Income**	**54.54**
10	Less: Open Access Charges	1755.34
11	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	2615.17

Net Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2025-26 (Rs. Lakhs):

Sl. No.	Particulars	Unit	FY 2025-26
1.	ARR considered for FY 2025-26	Rs. Lakhs	2615.17
2.	Add : Revenue Gap of FY 2023-24 along with Holding cost	Rs. Lakhs	2848.66
3.	Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2025-26 (1+2)	Rs. Lakhs	5463.83

Proposed LDC Charges for FY 2025-26 (Rs. Lakhs):

Sl. No.	Particulars	Unit	FY 2025-26
1	Recovery from Users other than Intra-State Transmission Licensee.	Rs. Lakhs	5463.83
2	Contracted Capacity of Discoms	MW	35897
3	Contracted Capacity of Generating Units	MW	22797
4	**Total Contracted Capacity**	**MW**	**58694**
5	**LDC Charges**	**Rs./MW/ Month**	**775.76**

The above mentioned petitions, response of the deficiency notes and related data are available at UPSLDC's website (www.upsldc.org)

Further, the stakeholders and general public are also advised to regularly check the website of UPSLDC for the updates on subsequent submissions made in respect of the both 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 sent to Secretary, U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow and Two Copies to Director (Technical) U.P. State Load Despatch Centre, Vibhuti Khand – II, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow – 226010 within 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice.

Save energy in the interest of Nation. **Managing Director**
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E-Tender is invited for manufacturing, testing, supply and delivery of Partial Discharge Measurement Kit and associated required accessories as per technical specification. Bid submission starting date (online): **18.08.2025, 10:00 A.M.** and bid submission closing date (online): **01.09.2025, 03:00 P.M.** Visit the following websites - **www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in** for details. ICA- T16022(2)/2025

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(Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala)
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email: admin.kmscl@kerala.gov.in, website:www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in

No.KMSCL/Admn/9567/2025 **Dated: 26.07.2025**

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No. 01/SPAV/Acad./PG-SPOTROUND/2025-26 Date:30-07-2025

NOTIFICATION FOR SPOT ROUND- (through Direct Admissions) including sponsored category seats for Post Graduate Programmes for the Academic Year 2025-26

SPA Vijayawada announces Direct Admissions to Master's Degree in Architecture, Planning, Building Engineering & Management and Design in **"SPOT ROUND - (through Direct Admissions) including sponsored category seats for Post Graduate Programmes for the Academic Year 2025-26"**. For further details, fees, admission and application process, please visit our website **www.spav.ac.in** **Sd/- Registrar**

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NOTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LAST DATE TO SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS VI JNVST 2026

Online registration for Admission to Class-VI (session 2026-27) in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas through selection test is in progress. The last date of submission of online applications is extended up to 13rd August, 2025. Eligible candidates may apply free of cost by visiting the link **https://cbseitms.rcil.gov.in/nvs.**

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INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION

The Mumbai Housing and Area Development Board (MHADB) a unit of MHADA, hereby invites online Bids Via the E-Auction mode from eligible individuals / entities for leasing commercial plots of Land on long term lease basis along with permissible FSI rights.

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- The E-Auction process is online. Applications for the E-Auction can be made by visiting/logging into the websites **www.mhada.gov.in** and **eauction.mhada.gov.in** from **31/07/2025.**
- Corrigendum / Addendum if any will published on the website only.

Sr. No.	Subject
01	E-Auction for Leasing out Plot of land with FSI on the commercial plot at BDD Naigaon C.S. no. 714 Naigaon Division Mumbai - 400014.
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The MHADA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all auction offers in part or whole without assigning any reason thereof.

Date :- 29/07/2025
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 37134

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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Email ID: pasteurinstituteshil@gmail.com Tel No.: 0364-2591510/94851 06663

No. DHSME&R/USTM/MBBS/26/2025-26/5802 Dtd. Shillong, the 29th July, 2025

INFORMATION

This is for the general information that the date for Online Admission, Registration for 1st MBBS course at P.A Sangma Medical College & Hospital, Baridua, 9th Mile, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya has been extended up to **31st July 2025 12:00 Noon** and payment facility has been extended up to **3:00 P.M. of 31st July 2025** as per Ref. U-11011/07/2025-MEC dated 26th July 2025 from Government of India Directorate General of Health Services Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi - 110108.

And the 1st Round of Counseling will be from 1st August 2025 to 7th August 2025.

MIPR No.: 1218
Dated: 29-07-2025

Sd/- **Director of Health Services**
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ADMISSION NOTICE (2025-2026)

Online applications are invited from the candidates for admission to **B.Ed., B.Ed Special Education, D.P.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.P.E.S. and BASLP** courses for the academic session **2025-2026** running in all affiliated Education Colleges latest by **19-08-2025 (upto 05:00 p.m.).** The Prospectus containing all the details **(List of Colleges, Intake, Eligibility, Admission Schedule, Fee etc.)** will be available on the University Website i.e. www.crsu.ac.in.

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Advt. No. 09 of 2025

A walk-in-interview will be held on 05.08.2025 from **09:00 (A.M)** onwards at ESI-PGIMSR & ESIC Medical College, Joka, regarding engagement for the **post of Principal Cum Professor and Vice Principal Cum Professor, for ESIC Nursing College Joka, Kolkata** on Contractual Basis.

The details of advertisement No. 09 of 2025 dated. 25.07.2025 is available in console Sl. No. 10951/2025 published on 25.07.2025 at our website **www.esic.gov.in**

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Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No. :	20(A,B)/25-26/WE
Name of work with its location:	**(A)** Construction of RPF barrack of 30 bed and garage with dry Canteen, conference hall, compactor room and renovation of old structure main office building into Sr. DSCI RPF office campus at P.K. road in the section of SSE/W/PG under ADEN/E-I. **(B)** Development & maintenance of green patch at Northern Railway Divisional Hospital in the S/o SSE/Hort./DKZ under ADEN/Hort./NDLS.
Approx. Cost of work :	**(A)** Rs. 3,08,95,125.16, **(B)** Rs. 59,99,918.00
EMD amount :	**(A)** Rs. 3,04,500.00, **(B)** Rs. 1,20,000.00
Completion period of work :	**(A)** 08 Months, **(B)** 30 Months
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender :	Closing date of tender on 22.08.2025 at 15:00 hrs.
Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :	Above tender available on website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

No.: 128-W/269/O.E.T./NIT No. 20(A,B)/25-26/WE/ Dated: 29.07.2025 2317/2025

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TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location: Signalling work in connection with Augmentation and Upgradation of Datalogger installed over Delhi Division.	
App. Cost of the work (₹)	**Rs. 7,44,37,223.52/-**
Bid Security (₹)	**Rs. 5,22,200.00/-**
Address of the office : Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.	
Date & Time for uploading the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading **28.07.2025** / closing date & time-**19.08.2025** up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at the S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1455 Dated: 28.07.2025 2311/2025

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The Director/Admin, Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic - tenders for under noted work:

Name of work	Repair and improvement to MICU Patient Toilets, Patients Cabins and wards etc in the s/o SSE/W/NRCH under ADEN/NRCH.		
Approximate cost of work	₹ 15999956.43	**Earnest money to be deposited**	₹ 230000/-
Completion period	08 Months.	**Date of opening**	22.08.2025

The **e-tender** is to be submit through railway website '**www.ireps.gov.in**'. The tenders can be submit on website up to **15:00** hrs. on **22.08.2025** and shall be opened there after.

No. 128-W-269-O.E.T.-07-25-26-NRCH Dated: 29.07.2025

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NOTICE INVITING ONLINE ITEM RATE TENDER
WBNKDA/34/EE-E/2025-26

Online Item Rate Tender are invited by the Executive Engineer-E New Town Kolkata Development Authority vide memo no 6206/EE-E/NKDA/2025-26 dated 29/07/2025 for the work **Provision of High Mast Light at different important junctions in IIA & CBD are of AA-II under NKDA, Newtown, Kolkata.** Having tender amount - **Agency has to quote only.** Bid submission closing date 12.08.2025 up to 10.55 A.M. For other details please visit our website at **www.nkdamar.org** & **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and the office notice board Newtown, Kolkata-700156.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (E)
New Town Kolkata Development Authority

FOOD AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Govt. of Bihar

NOTICE FOR CORRIGENDUM

Tender Reference No.: 1456/Food/Weighbridge/2025-26
Date of Publication: 10.07.2025
Name of RFP: Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Electronic Weighing Machines at Fair Price Shops and Bihar State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited Godowns in the State of Bihar

In continuation of the above-referred tender, it is hereby informed to all concerned that the last date for submission of bids has been revised as under:

- **Revised Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids:** 19.08.2025 up to 03:00 P.M.
- **Date & Time for Opening of Basic Eligibility Bid:** 19.08.2025 at 04:00 P.M.

The detailed corrigendum reflecting all other changes in the RFP is available on the e-Procurement portal: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in

All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Issuing Authority:
Special Secretary
Food & Consumer Protection Department
Government of Bihar

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI NO. SBI/GITC/Core Banking-Tech Operation/2025/2026/51 DATED: 30.07.2025

State Bank of India has floated an EOI for engagement of a Technical Consultant for Core Banking Solution (CBS) Platform Migration. For details, please refer "Procurement news" section on the Bank's web site **https://bank.sbi** and **https://etender.sbi/** (Event ID-35287). EOI document will be available on the mentioned website from 30.07.2025. Last date and time for submission of proposal is 20.08.2025, 16:00 Hrs.

Place: Navi Mumbai
Date: 30.07.2025

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager
(Core Banking Tech Revamp)

ICMR Bioethics Unit

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH,
MIN. OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF INDIA
ICMR Complex, 2nd Floor, Poojanahalli Road,
Kannamangala Post, Bengaluru-562110

Advt. No.01/2025-26/Project Position/IBU

VACANCY NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for Position of Consultant (Scientist/Technical - Non-Medical) to be filled up purely on temporary contract basis at ICMR Bioethics Unit. For details, please visit our websites at **www.icmr.gov.in** and **www.ethics.ncdirindia.org.** Please note that, corrigendum/addendum/ further information; if any, in respect of this advertisement will be published on our websites only

Sd/-
Director General - ICMR

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Ref. No.1/SPAV/Academic/UG Admission/2025-26 Date.30/07/2025

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS
NOTIFICATION FOR ADMISSIONS 2025-26
For KASHMIRI MIGRANTS AND WARDS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL

SPA Vijayawada announces Special Admissions (undergraduate) to fill seats in Planning & Architecture, under categories of Kashmiri Migrants and wards/dependents of Defence Personnel. For further information on Admission Dates, Fees, Application and Admission process, please visit **www.spav.ac.in** **Sd/- Registrar**

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Advertisement No. CDN/03/2025

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Under Secretary, CDN Section

होटल प्रबंध खान-पान तकनीकी एवं पोषण आहार संस्थान

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Admission Notice-2025-B.Sc. in H&HA Degree for Final Round

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JAMIE LEE CURTIS SAYS SHE'S BEEN 'SELF-RETIRING FOR 30 YRS' AFTER SEEING HOLLYWOOD REJECT HER FAMOUS PARENTS AT A CERTAIN AGE

Indian charged with disrupting Glasgow-bound flight with chants

Naomi Canton

London: A 41-year-old man, believed to be an Indian national, has been charged with assault and endangering the safety of an aircraft after an easyJet flight was forced to make an emergency landing in Glasgow on Sunday after he threatened to bomb the plane while shouting "Allahu Akbar".

Abhay Devdas Nayak, who lives in Luton, appeared in court on Monday for hearing, where he was presented with the first draft of charges against him in solemn proceedings. Nayak was arrested after the flight made an emergency landing at Glasgow airport on Sunday.

In the middle of the flight from Luton to Glasgow, a man came out of the toilet and started shouting: "I am going to bomb the plane! Death to America! Death to Trump". He repeatedly chanted "Allahu Akbar".

He also pushed female cabin crew. A male passenger then tackled him and pinned him to the floor. Two other men also helped restrain him. They searched the man's pockets whil the airline crew searched his bag. The men found his wallet and "he appeared to be an Indian national carrying a refugee status card", a witness said. When asked why he was threatening to bomb the plane, he said: "Because I want to send a message to Trump." The incident happened while US President Trump was on a trip to Scotland.

UK will recognise Palestinian state unless Israel stops war

Final Call In Sept: PM Starmer; After France, UK Will Be 2nd In G7 To Do So

London: The UK will recognise a Palestinian state in Sept unless Israel agrees to a ceasefire in Gaza, allows the UN to bring in aid and takes other steps toward long-term peace, PM Keir Starmer said on Tuesday.



Starmer, who is under mounting domestic pressure over the issue as scenes of hunger in Gaza horrify many Britons, convened a rare summertime cabinet meeting to discuss the situation in Gaza. It came after he discussed the situation in Gaza with President Trump during a meeting in Scotland on Monday. The president told reporters he didn't mind Starmer "taking a position" on statehood.

Starmer said after the meeting that Britain will recognize a state of Palestine before the United Nations General Assembly, "unless the Israeli govt takes substantive steps to end the appalling situation in Gaza, agree to a ceasefire and commit to a long-term, sustainable peace, reviving the prospect of a two-state solution. And this includes allowing the UN to restart the supply of aid, and making clear there will be no annexations in the West Bank." He also repeated UK demands that Hamas release all the hostages it holds, agree to a ceasefire, disarm and "accept that they will play no part in the govt of Gaza." Starmer said in a televised statement that his govt will assess in Sept "how far the parties have met these steps" before making a final decision on recognition.

Pressure to formally recognize Palestinian statehood has mounted since French President Macron announced that his country will become the first major Western power to recognize a Palestinian state in Sept. More than 250 of the 650 lawmakers in the House of Commons have signed a letter urging the govt to recognise a Palestinian state. Macron's announcement last week made France the first G7 country and the largest European nation to take that step. AP



Reuters

Palestinians climb onto trucks carrying aid supplies in Beit Lahia, Gaza

Gaza war toll tops 60,000: Health ministry

More than 60,000 Palestinians have been killed during the war, Gaza's health ministry said Tuesday. The ministry, part of the Hamas-run govt, said the toll has climbed to 60,034, with 145,870 others wounded since the war started. The victims include 18,592 children and 9,782 women. Airstrikes on tents housing displaced people in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp late Monday killed 30 people, including 12 children and 14 women. medics said. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. AP

Worst-case scenario of famine unfolding in Gaza Strip, warns UN-backed body

Tel Aviv: The "worst-case scenario of famine is currently playing out in the Gaza Strip," the leading international authority on food crises said in a new alert Tuesday, predicting "widespread death" without immediate action.

The alert, still short of a formal famine declaration, follows an outcry over images of emaciated children and reports of dozens of hunger-related deaths after nearly 22 months of war. International pressure led Israel over the weekend to announce measures, including daily humanitarian pauses in fighting in parts of Gaza and airdrops. UN and Palestinians say little has changed, and desperate crowds continue to overwhelm and unload delivery trucks before they can reach their destinations.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification said Gaza has teetered on the brink of famine for two years, but recent developments have "dramatically worsened" the situation, including "increasingly stringent blockades" by Israel. "This is not a warning. It is a reality unfolding before our eyes," UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres said. AP

Meghnad Desai, an economist and a House of Lords peer, dies at 85

London: Lord Meghnad Desai, renowned British Indian economist and House of Lords peer, died Tuesday at the age of 85.

He is believed to have passed away in a hospital in Gurugram following a health issue, sources close to the family in London indicated.

PM Narendra Modi led tributes to the Gujarat-born parliamentarian and thinker, who played a prominent role in deepening India-UK relations. "Anguished by the passing away of Shri Meghnad Desai Ji, a distinguished thinker, writer and economist," Modi wrote on social media. "He always remained connected to India and Indian culture. He also played a role in deepening India-UK ties. Will fondly recall our discussions, where he shared his valuable insights. Condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti."



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Fellow peer in the House of Lords, Rami Ranger, described him as a "pillar of the community who worked tirelessly and made significant contributions to many worthy causes, including the Gandhi Memorial Statue at Parliament, which I collaborated on with him".

"He will be greatly missed. We pray for a place in heaven for the departed soul and his family's strength to cope with this loss," said Lord Ranger. PTI

US, China tariff truce holds for now, but Trump to have final say

Top officials from the US and China agreed on Tuesday to continue discussions about extending a fragile trade truce that is set to expire in mid-Aug, but did not immediately reach an agreement to avert a potentially destabilising trade war between the world's largest economies.

The announcement came after two days of intensive talks in Stockholm, the third formal round of negotiations since President Trump raised tariffs on Chinese goods to triple-digit levels this year, drawing sharp retaliation from Beijing and bringing much of the trade between the countries to a halt.

Treasury secretary Scott Bessent, who led the US discussions along with Jamieson Greer, the US Trade Representative, called the talks "constructive" but said the final decision about whether to extend the pause would be made by Trump. Nothing is agreed until we speak with President Trump," Bessent said Tuesday. If Trump approves a tariff pause with China, Bessent said it would likely be for another 90 days.

Trump, speaking to reporters on Air Force One on Tuesday, said that he would discuss the situation with his top advisers on Wednesday and "either approve it or not." He appeared to indicate at one point that the talks between the US and China had hit some unspecified road blocks. "I said, 'Oh, here we go again,'" Trump said, before adding, "today it worked out."

Stocks wobbled somewhat on news from the talks in Stockholm, as investors worried about renewed trade tensions between Washington and Beijing.

Previous rounds of negotiations secured a temporary cessation of hostilities.

The two sides met for more than five hours on Monday in the offices of the Swedish PM, in central Stockholm. They reconvened on for another roughly five hours — breaking to have a salad for lunch — on Tuesday. He Lifeng, the vice premier for economic policy, led the talks on behalf of China.

China's top trade negotiator, Li Chenggang, also described the talks as constructive, but told reporters in Stockholm after the talks that both sides recognized the importance of maintaining a stable trade relationship. NYT



Reuters

Trump said he thinks he will have a meeting with Xi before year end

19 years on, Kiran Desai has a 2nd shot at Booker

Nineteen years after winning the Man Booker, Kiran Desai, 53, has returned to the award longlist with a novel about two Indians navigating life in the US. The Indian American author, who became the prize's youngest-ever winner in 2006 with her second novel 'The Inheritance of Loss', is now among 13 writers vying for the literary trophy.



Her mother Anita Desai – with whom she shares an inheritance, not of loss but of fine storytelling – has been shortlisted for the Booker thrice but never won. After her win, Kiran acknowledged the debt: "I wrote this book so much in my mother's company that it feels almost like her book.' While the two craft very different literary landscapes, they do have many things in common, including the habit of escaping to Mexican villages to write. The 88-year-old Anita's last novella 'Rosarita', which released last year, was also set in Mexico.

Kiran's longlisted 'The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny' which will be out in Sept, has taken almost two decades to take shape. By her own admission, she writes slowly, piecing her novels together like a jigsaw puzzle. Going by the promos, the storyline seems almost filmi: a love story about two young people who first see each other on a train. But, as always, she remains conscious of her role in the wider world, exploring themes like migration, modernity, and the complicated bonds that link one generation to the next.

"Intimate in its details, epic in its reach," is how Manasi Subramaniam, editor-in-chief at Penguin Random House India, describes it. "While it is about the weight of familial love, the violence of class and the ache of displacement, it is sharp, funny, tragic and endlessly surprising," says Subramaniam. TNN

Apple is shutting a store in China, first closure in country

Apple will close a store in northeastern China in Aug, the first time it has shuttered one of its retail locations since it opened its first outlet in the country in 2008.

The company said on Monday that it would close its store in Dalian City's Parkland Mall on Aug 9. On social media, locals have described the mall as struggling, noting that other brands like Michael Kors and Armani had closed their stores there. "Given the departure of several retailers at the Parkland Mall, we have made the decision to close our store," said Brian Bumbery, an Apple spokesman.

The closure is the latest sign of how China's economy continues to be challenged by tepid consumer spending. The govt has poured large sums into programs designed to spur purchases of smartphones, washing machines and electric vehicles. The programs have gotten people to spend more but economists say the impact on consumption could be short-lived. NYT

HEAVY RAIN LASHES BEIJING, 38 DEAD



AFP

Heavy rain caused flooding and landslides that washed away cars, forced evacuations and knocked out power around the Chinese capital, killing at least 38 people by Tuesday and rescue and relief work continued. The flood risk for parts of Beijing, Hebei province and neighbouring Tianjin city remained high until Tuesday evening. State media broadcast footage of muddy waters rising into homes in rural areas and rescuers carrying an injured person on a stretcher and searching on a damaged road.

The storm knocked out power in more than 130 villages in Beijing, destroyed communication lines and damaged more than 30 sections of road. More than 6 inches of rain fell on average in Beijing by midnight, with two towns in Miyun recording 21 inches of precipitation, the city said. Heavy flooding washed away cars and downed power poles in Miyun, an outlying district that borders Hebei's Luanping county. More than 80,000 people have been relocated in Beijing, an offcial said. AP

Gunman kills 4 at NYC bldg; mayor says was targeting NFL offices but took wrong elevator

B'desh-Origin NYPD Officer Among Dead

New York: A gunman who killed four people at a Manhattan office building before killing himself claimed in a note to have a brain disease linked to contact sports and was trying to target National Football League headquarters but took the wrong elevator, officials said Tuesday.

Investigators believe Shane Tamura, of Las Vegas, was trying to get to NFL offices in the building after shooting several people in the lobby but entered the wrong elevator banks, mayor Eric Adams said. Four people were killed, including an off-duty New York City police officer, Didarul Islam. Police said Tamura had a history of mental illness, and a note found on his body suggested he had a grievance against NFL over a claim that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

The degenerative brain disease has been linked to concussions and other repeated head trauma common in contact sports like football, but it can only be diagnosed after death.

Tamura's note said his brain should be studied after he died, two people said. The note also referenced the NFL. Tamura played high school football in California nearly two decades ago, but he never played in NFL. "He seemed to have blamed NFL," the mayor said. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said he was grateful to law enforcement officers who responded and the officer who gave his life to protect others. Goodell said a league employee was seriously injured in the attack.

The shooting happened along Park Avenue, one the nation's most recognised streets, and just blocks from Grand Central Terminal and Rockefeller Center. AP



Bloomberg

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Rustom Bhagwagar, a Delta pilot, arrested from cockpit minutes after flight lands

Faces Child Sex Abuse Charges

A Delta Air Lines pilot was arrested on child sex abuse charges and removed from a plane's cockpit immediately after landing in San Francisco on Saturday night, authorities said.

The pilot, Rustom Bhagwagar, 34, was arrested just after 9.30pm on five counts of oral copulation with a child under 10 years of age, the department of homeland security said Monday night. Detectives with the Contra Costa sheriff's office had been investigating Bhagwagar since April, the department said.

The homeland security department had said earlier Monday that the pilot was facing charges involving child sex abuse materials. It was not immediately clear why the charging details had changed; the department did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday night.

Delta Flight 2809, a Boeing 757-300, arrived at San Francisco International Airport at 9.35pm Saturday after departing from Minneapolis.

A passenger on the plane told the San Francisco Chronicle that several people with "badges, guns and different agency vests/markings" made their way up the aisle and into the cockpit, where they put one of the pilots in handcuffs and escorted that pilot off the plane. The passenger estimated that at least 10 law enforcement officers were involved in the arrest.

Aviation blog View From the Wing published a short video showing several people with visible badges walking out of the plane's cockpit. In an emailed statement, Delta said it was "appalled by reports of the charges related to the arrest" and added that the pilot had been suspended pending an investigation. Bhagwagar was being held at a detention facility in Martinez, California, in lieu of $5 million bail. NYT

Indian killed in a small-plane crash in Canada

Ottawa: An Indian national has died in a small plane crash near Deer Lake in eastern Canada, the Consulate General of India in Toronto said Tuesday.

The plane crashed shortly after take-off near Deer Lake regional airport Saturday evening, according to CBC news. "With deep sorrow, we mourn the tragic passing of Gautam Santhosh, an Indian national, who lost his life in an accident involving a commercial survey aircraft near Deer Lake," the consulate said. Police there were two persons on board — the pilot, 54, and his lone passenger, 27. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation. PTI

Rains, catastrophic floods have killed 293 in Pakistan since June

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: At least 293 people have died and over 600 have been injured across Pakistan since late June as glacial lake outbursts, cloudbursts, and relentless monsoon rains triggered catastrophic floods across the country, from the Himalayas to the southern plains. The National Disaster Management Authority has warned of another severe spell starting July 29, raising fears of fresh flash floods and landslides, especially in northern regions like Swat, Gilgit-Baltistan, and POK.

Torrential rains have wreaked havoc across the country, sweeping away entire families, burying homes, and cutting off remote valleys. A sudden cloudburst near Babusar Top and Naran stranded scores of tourists, prompting military-led rescue operations. Washed-away bridges and blocked highways have hampered relief efforts.

The NDMA, provincial agencies, and army teams are on the ground, but operations remain slow, especially in remote northern areas. Experts blame successive govts for ignoring climate adaptation and disaster preparedness, despite warnings. "The pattern is repeating — glacial melts, erratic monsoons, unprepared institutions," said an analyst in Islamabad.

DAILY PLANET



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A migrant tries to board a smuggler's inflatable dinghy to cross the English Channel off Gravelines, northern France, on Tuesday

Kyrgyzstan bans online porn in crackdown on internet freedoms

Kyrgyzstan has banned access to online pornography and imposed state control over internet traffic under new laws signed by President Sadyr Japarov, his office said on Tuesday. Japarov's office said the ban is to "protect moral and ethical values" in mostly Muslim Kyrgyzstan, a Central Asian country of 7 million people which gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The legislation requires internet providers to block websites based on decisions by the ministry of culture. Violators will face fines. Once Central Asia's most democratic country, Kyrgyzstan has seen increasing pressure on opposition groups and independent media since Japarov, a nationalist, swept to power on a wave of protests in 2020. He has made the protection of what he calls traditional Kyrgyz values a centrepiece of his agenda. Japarov also signed a decree imposing a state monopoly on international internet traffic. Under the decree, state-owned telecoms company ElCat will become Kyrgyzstan's sole provider of international internet traffic for a year-long trial period, starting Aug 15.

A zoo in Germany kills 12 baboons they could not house, sparking protests

A zoo in the German city of Nuremberg said it killed 12 baboons on Tuesday despite protests. The Tiergarten Nürnberg Zoo has said it examined offers to take in some of the animals but was unable to make any of them work. The plans drew criticism from animal rights groups. The zoo said on Monday it would have to start preparing to kill baboons. On Tuesday, the zoo said it had killed 12 baboons, Animal rights groups said they planned to file a criminal complaint.

Copenhagen dubbed 'Las Vegas of Europe' as foreigners flock to Denmark to marry

Copenhagen (Denmark): Facing complex bureaucracy at home in Poland, Magdalena Kujawinska and her Colombian fiance Heinner Valenzuela travelled to Copenhagen to become husband and wife. "We realised that it's not that easy to get married in Poland," the 30-year-old Kujawinska said as the couple waited for their 10-minute ceremony at the Danish capital's 19th-century City Hall.

"You need a certificate that you are not married," she said. "We tried to get it from Colombia, but it's only valid for three months, and it couldn't get to Poland from Colombia in three months." The couple had been engaged for more than three years when Kujawinska heard about Denmark's relatively relaxed marriage laws from a colleague. Working with an online wedding planner, the couple prepared the necessary documents. "And in four days, we had the decision that the marriage could be done here."

Couples who don't live in Denmark, both mixed — and same-sex, are increasingly getting married in the Scandinavian country — prompting some to dub Copenhagen the "Las Vegas of Europe". The head of the marriage office at Copenhagen City Hall, Anita Okkels Birk Thomsen, said about 8,000 wedding ceremonies were performed last year. Of those, some 5,400 were for couples in which neither partner was a Danish resident. "That's almost double what we saw five years ago... They come from all over the world."



AP

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But the city sees a downside to that: demand for ceremonies at City Hall now far exceeds the number of slots available.

Mia Nyegaard, Copenhagen official in charge of culture and leisure, said the "significant rise" in number of foreign couples getting married in the capital "poses challenges for Copenhagen-based couples wishing to get married". Nyegaard said about 40% wedding slots will be reserved for locals starting Oct end. Lawmakers will also look at what else can be done to relieve overall pressure on wedding capacity in the city.

Denmark's marriage laws are liberal in many ways. In 1989, it became world's first to allow registration of same-sex civil unions. The legalisation of same-sex marriage followed in 2012. For unions of all kinds, Denmark doesn't require a birth certificate or proof of single status to obtain a certificate that grants the right to get married within four months. Officials might, in cases where papers don't show clearly a divorce has been finalised, ask for a civil status certificate. Applications to its agency of family law cost 2,100 kroner ($326), and couples are issued with a certificate within five working days if they satisfy the requirements. Non-resident couples can travel to Denmark and get married with just a valid passport and, if required, a tourist visa. AP

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एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि सहायक वन संरक्षक, लौगिंग अधिकारी एवं वन क्षेत्राधिकारी संयुक्त परीक्षा–2025 (वस्तुनिष्ठ प्रकार) के लिए वस्तुनिष्ठ परीक्षा दिनांक 18 मई 2025 को आयोजित की गयी थी। जिससे संबंधित औपबंधिक उत्तर कुंजी (Provisional Answer Key) विज्ञप्ति सं0–31, दिनांक 05 जून 2025 द्वारा आयोग की वेबसाइट पर प्रसारित करते हुये अभ्यर्थियों से किसी प्रश्न अथवा उत्तर विकल्प के संबंध में आपत्तियां प्राप्त की गयी थी। अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत आपत्तियों पर विषय–विशेषज्ञों द्वारा विचार किया गया तथा विषय–विशेषज्ञों के परामर्श के क्रम में मा0 आयोग द्वारा औपबंधिक उत्तर कुंजी दिनांक 06 जून 2025 में संशोधन किया गया है। उपरोक्त संशोधित उत्तर कुंजी (Amended Answer Key) को आयोग की वेबसाइट **psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित किया गया है। अभ्यर्थी संशोधित उत्तर कुंजी के सापेक्ष यदि कोई प्रत्यावेदन प्रस्तुत करना चाहते हैं, तो इस संबंध में आयोग की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित विस्तृत विज्ञप्ति का अवलोकन अवश्य करें।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bangalore – 560079.
Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/PRGM/NVHCP/HBIG/19/2025-26 Dated: 28.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/PRGM/NVHCP/HBIG/19/2025-26, Dated: 28.07.2025 (IND-0260).
2. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/SBC/ANTI-HEMOPHILIA FACTORS/20/2025-26, Dated: 28.07.2025 (IND-0261).

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. Tender for the supply of Inj. Hepatitis-B Immunoglobulin (HBIG) under National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) for Fy 2025-26 from NHM budget.(IND-0260)

2. Re-Tender for the supply of Anti-Hemophilia Factors under State Blood Cell (SBC) Program for 2024-25 (NHM Budget) (IND-0261).

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in from 28.07.2025.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/JA/2060/2025-26

COMMISSIONERATE OF ESIS MEDICAL SERVICES

S. Nijalingappa Road, 2nd Block,
Rajajinagara, Bengaluru - 560 010

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR PURCHASE OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENTS TO ESI HOSPITALS AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (FROM THE MANUFACTURERS AND AUTHORISED DEALERS)

Tender notification and date	**ESIS/EGS/05/2025-26 Date: 25.07.2025 ESISMS/2025-26/IND0015**
Name of the Item	**TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENTS TO ESI HOSPITALS AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE**
Details regarding tender visit	**https://.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and Department website https://esisms. karnataka.gov.in**
EMD Details	**Rs. 32,30,367/-**
Pre-bid meeting	**11.08.2025, 12:30 noon at the Office of the Commissionerate, ESIS M Services, Rajajinagar, B'lore**
Last date for the receipt of Tender/submission of tender through e-procurement portal system	**29.08.2025 within 17.30 PM**
Tenders received through e-procurement portal system Technical bid opening date and time	**01.09.2025 at 11.30 AM**

DIPR/CP/2075/CCL/2025-26

Sd/- Commissioner
ESIS Medical Services

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Executive Engineer Office, Bommanahalli Project Division,
HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560102

Tender Notification No: BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-10/2025-26 Date: 25.07.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, BBMP Bengaluru-560102, invites tenders from eligible service providers, for the supply/repairs of goods detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	TENT 20X50, STAGE 20X40, SIDE WALL 10X20, TABLE, CHAIR, WELL WET FLOOR MATE, PODIUM, VIP CHAIR, CARDLESS MIKE-2,SPEKER-7 WITH JBL SETUP INCLUDING LABOUR, BREAK FAST, COFFEE, TEA, 300ml WATER BOTTLE, SERVICE & TRANSPORT, KASHMIR SHAWL, ELACHI HARA, FREEDOM FITTER BOOK Estimated Amount : **Rs. 537000/-(Excluding GST), EMD : Rs.26,250/-**
2.	Providing Fencing / Chain link Fencing to Bengaluru South Constituency park. **Estimated Amount : Rs. 200.00 Lakhs (Including GST), EMD : Rs.3,00,000/-**
3.	Improvements to play ground at BTM Layout, 4th Stage. Bommanahalli Constituency. **Estimated Amount : Rs. 305.00 Lakhs (Including GST) EMD : Rs.4,57,500/-**
4.	Improvements to swach bharath play ground in ward no 175 Bommanahalli Constituency. **Estimated Amount : Rs. 270.00 Lakhs (Including GST), EMD : Rs.4,05,000/-**
5.	Balance work for Construction of Swimming pool in Bommanahalli Zone of BBMP in Bommanahalli Constituency. **Estimated Amount : Rs. 500.00 Lakhs (Including GST) EMD : Rs.7,50,000/-**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender Documents can be Downloaded Through website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **01.08.2025 (2)** Last date submission of tender documents on or before **07.08.2025 at 16.00 hours (3)** Tender will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project division on **08.08.2025 at 16.30 Hours** onwards.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division

Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited

(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), 4, Meera Marg, Udaipur – 313001, Phone: (0294) 2427177/ 2428763-67, Fax (0294)2428768,2428739, Email:- contractsco.rsmml@rajasthan.gov.in

e-TENDER DOCUMENT FOR Date - 29/07/2025

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender no. RSMM/CO/GGM(Cont) Cont-08/2025-26 dated 28.07.2025 UBN No. MML2526WSOB00070	Supply of ROM Gypsum from Larawala Gypsum Mines at Teshil-Bajju, District-Bikaner for Consumers/Traders Contract value Rs. 199.00 lakh, EMD Rs. 3.98 lac., Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website **www.rsmm.com or www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or contact SM (Contract) on above address.

Raj.Samwad/C/25/7129 **DGM (P&A)**

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING PROCESS FOR BRANDING ON BUGGIES, TROLLIES AND TRAYS AT THE NAVI_MUMBAI AIRPORT

Interested parties are invited to participate in the competitive bidding process for branding on Trollies, Buggies and Trays at Navi-Mumbai Airport

Interested parties are requested to submit their company profile on **raheel.amjad@adani.com** with all the relevant documents and supporting's latest by 5th August 2025.

राजस्थान स्कूल शिक्षा परिषद्

भू-तल, ब्लॉक-6, डॉ.एस. राधाकृष्णन शिक्षा संकुल, जवाहर लाल नेहरू मार्ग, जयपुर,
फोन नं: 0141-2700459, E-Mail:- RAJSMSA.CIVIL@RAJASTHAN.GOV.IN

क्रमांक :- F-5(1)(294)RCSCE/Civil /SMSA/NIT 06 2025-26 /Vol-3/2025/D-3193 दिनांक :- 28/07/2025

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 06 (सिविल)/2025-26

(राजकीय विद्यालय/केजीबीवी/हॉस्टल/डाईट के निर्माण कार्यों हेतु)

राज्य एवं केन्द्र सरकार के राजकीय/अर्द्धशासकीय/स्वायत्तशासी निकायों में सक्षम श्रेणी में निर्माण कार्यो हेतु पंजीकृत संवेदकों से समग्र शिक्षा वार्षिक कार्य योजना एवं बजट वर्ष 2023–24, 2024–25, PM JANMAN (2025-26), राज्य मद, नाबार्ड आर.आई.डी.एफ. XXIX योजनान्तर्गत स्वीकृत 99 राजकीय विद्यालय/केजीबीवी/हॉस्टल/डाईट के निर्माण कार्यों हेतु राशि रू. 25966.21 लाख (प्रति कार्य की राशि रूपये 56.08 लाख से 744.73 लाख के मध्य) बाबत् कार्यवार ई–टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से ई–निविदाऐं 31/07/2025 प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 19/08/2025 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है।

UBN No. : RSE2526WLOB00446

- निविदा से सम्बधित समस्त विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट **http://rajsmsa.nic.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।
- निविदा से सम्बन्धित प्रक्रिया जिला परियोजना समन्वयक, समग्र शिक्षा कार्यालय सम्बन्धित जिला के स्तर से की जावेगी ।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/7131 **राज्य परियोजना निदेशक, समग्र शिक्षा**

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony,
Magadi Road, Bangalore – 560079.
Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/EQPT/HFW/NHM-NFDS /15th FC/RDK KITS/TND/18/2025-26 Date: 29.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/EQPT/HFW/NHM-NFDS/15th FC/RDK KITS/TND/18/2025 (IND-0262) Dated: 29/07/2025

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF RAPID DIAGNOSTIC KITS UNDER NHM-NFDS PROGRAMME BY UTILIZING 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION GRANTS IND-0262

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **29.07.2025**. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

DIPR/CP/2084/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bangalore

POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS HANDWARA

Tele: 01955262600 FAX. 01955262101 E Mail. dpohandwara@jkpolice.gov.in

Lookout Notice

As Intimated by I/C Police Post Zachaldera Vide No. 404/5A/PPZ/24 dated 23.07.2025 that complainant namely Aijaz Ahmad Dar S/O Gh. Mohammad Dar R/O Khahipora stating therein that his wife namely Mariya Begum went missing from his home on 21.07.2025 and is still missing.

Upon this complaint missing report was entered into Daily Dairy of Police Post Zachaldera vide DDR No. 10 dated 22.07.2025.

The Description of the missing person along with his photograph is given below for sharp lookout:-

Name	**Mariya Begum**
W/O	**Aijaz Ahmad Dar**
Address	**Khahipora**
Tehsil	**Zachaldera**
District	**Kupwara**
Face	**Sponge**
Colour	**Black**
Height	**4'5"**
Hair	**Black**



Kindly have a sharp lookout, if traced out or any information struck out. Please contact PCR Handwara or Police Station Handwara on the cell No's. **01955262295/ 77051404222.**

No. CRB/Lookout-24/2025/18376-96
Dated:- 25/07/2025.
DIP No:DIP/J-4025/25/29/07/2025

(Mushtaq Ahmad)-JKPS)
Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Handwara.

Directorate of Urban Administration & Development Technical Cell, Indravati Bhawan, Atal Nagar (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: http:// eproc.cgstate.gov.in

NIT No:- /TC/UAD/2025/ Raipur Dated:- / /2025

SN	System Tender No.	Name of Work/Description of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs. In Lakh)
1	**172432**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Nigarn Chirmiri	**429.22**
2	**172433**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Sakti	**429.22**
3	**172434**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Dantewada	**429.22**
4	**172435**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Mungeli	**429.22**
5	**172436**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Pendra	**429.22**
6	**172437**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Sukma	**429.22**
7	**172438**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Baikunthpur	**429.22**
8	**172439**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Sarangarh	**429.22**
9	**172440**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Palika Parishad Khairagarh	**429.22**
10	**172441**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Panchayat Ambagarh-chowki	**429.22**
11	**172442**	Construction of Nalanda Parisar at Nagar Panchayat Basna	**429.22**

The Details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal **http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in** from **23.07.2025, Time 18.00** Hours. (IST) on wards & Last date for Online Bid Submission is **14.08.2025 Up to 18:00** Hours. Physical envelope containing original FDR and affidavit shall reach to this office on or before **20.08.2025,16:30 Hours** by speed post only.

For more details of the tender and bidding process, please visit the above-mentioned portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Urban Administration & Development, Atal Nagar

G-252602420/9

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र, बीकानेर

फोन: 0151 2226451 ईमेल: rj_acebi@nic.in

क्रमांक: अति/बी/अके.बी./2025-26/4475-4505 दिनांक: 28.07.2025

संशोधन कमांक-01

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा संख्या 05/2025-26 हेतु निम्नानुसार संशोधन जारी किया जाता है: -

प्रक्रिया	ऑनलाईन बिड डालना	कार्यालय में धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा शुल्क प्रस्तुत करना	आनलाईन बिड खोलना
दिनांक एवं समय	11.08.2025 सायं 6.00 बजे तक	12.08.2025 प्रात: 11.00 बजे तक	12.08.2025 प्रात: 11.30 बजे

विस्तुत संशोधन **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

अन्य शर्तें मूल निविदा के अनुसार यथावत रहेंगी। इस निविदा का एसपीपी पोर्टल पर यूबीएन नम्बर PHE2526WSOB04533 है।

Sd/-
(राजेश पुरोहित)
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता
जन स्वा0अभि0विभाग, क्षेत्र-बीकानेर

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 45-Elect/G/PRYJ/25-26 **Dated: 28.07.2025**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divl. Electrical Engineer/Gen/N.C.Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following e-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **15:00 hrs.** on **12.08.2025** .The details of the tenders are as under:-

S. N.: 01 **Tender No.:** ELG-90-2526

Name of Work: Decorative light work for two years on various occasions for various stations and administrative buildings offices over the PRYJ division.

Cost of Work (In Rs.): 39,11,759,.52 | **Bid Security (In Rs.):** 78,200.00

Duration of completion : 24 Month, **Tender Opening Date: 12.08.2025, 15:00 Hrs**. **Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender is available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** upto **15:00 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening. **1330/25 (D)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

Office of The Additional Chief Engineer, PHED, Region-Kota

Phone No. 0744-2503651 Email: rj_aceko @ yahoo.com

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for water supply works are invited from interested bidders. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in website detail are following:-

NIT.No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date & time for online submission of tender
09/2025 -26	Work of providing drinking water to Bhawani Mandi and Sunel Town including 14 Villages of Piplad Water Supply Scheme from Rajgarh Dam, District Jhalawar including 10 years O&M after 1 year Defect Liability Period under Budget Announcement 2024-25. UBN. No.PHE2526WLOB04545	Rs. 3153.45 Lakh	From 11.07.2025, 05.00 PM to 31.07.2025 upto 06.00 PM

Sd/- (D.N. Vyas)
Additional Chief Engineer,
PHED, Region-Kota

DIPR/C/10277/2025

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: JHS-DY-CEE-C-T-04-2025/NIT **Date:** 26.07.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites in Single Packet System open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted on line up to **15.00 hours** of **18.08.2025** on website **http://ireps.gov.in.** The details of the tenders are as under :-

Tender No.: E-Tender Notice No.- JHS-DY-CEE-C-T-04-2025

Description of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 25 KV, AC, 50 HZ., OHE in Connection with Electrification of new Line being constructed for Doubling from MAURANIPUR to HARPALPUR (32.25 Km.) in North Central Railway of Jhansi Division.

Approx Cost: ₹ 16,51,24,460.16	**Bid Security:** ₹ 975600.00
Date of Opening: 18.08.2025	**Validity:** 90 days.

Completion Period: 18 Months including harvest & Mansoon Period

Note: For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** **1319/25(A)**

North central railways | @CPRONCR | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	**310923**
Name of Work and its location	Tender for "Maintenance/Overhauling of LHB coach springs at RCNK/SNP."
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 138478022/- including GST (Rs. Thirteen Crore Eighty-Four Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Twenty-Two Only)
Earnest Money	Rs. 842400/-
Completion period of work	72 months from date of LOA
Cost of Tender document on cash/by post	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	**Upto 15:00 hrs on 20.08.2025**
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

No: 310923 Dated : 29.07.2025 **2314/2025**

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मुरलीपुरा स्कीम, सब्जी मण्डी, जयपुर।

क्रमांक :- जसअ/2025/153 दिनांक: 28.07.2025

ई- निविदा सूचना संख्या 171-175/2025-26

केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के विभागों में पंजीकृत "एए" व "ए" श्रेणी के ठेकेदारों एवं नगर निगम जयपुर के उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से विभिन्न विकास कार्यों की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कार्यों की अनुमानित लागत, टेण्डर बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की तारीख, टेण्डर शर्त आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण राज्य सरकार के ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **www.sppp.raj.nic.in** तथा नगर निगम ग्रेटर, जयपुर की Web Site **www.jaipurmc.org** पर देखी व Download की जा सकती है तथा निर्धारित अवधि तक ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर अपलोड की जा सकेगीं।

SPPP portal UBN No. JMC2526WSOB01121 to UBN No. JMC2526WSOB01125

अधिशाषी अभियन्ता
मुरलीपुरा जोन
नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/7098

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	**Signalling work in connection with Widening of PF-1&2 at CPYZ end, PF-3&4 at DLI end, PF-5&6 at DLI end including slewing of track and provision of two stabling lines with RPC-4 facility at GZB station.**
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 90,47,302.78
Bid Security (₹)	₹ 1,81,000.00/-
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading **28.07.2025** / closing date & time: **19.08.2025** up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in** & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender-1452 Dated : 28.07.2025 **2310/2025**

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Government of Andhra Pradesh
ITE&C DEPARTMENT

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Amaravati Quantum computer centre invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for the physical installation of a Quantum Computer at the Amaravati Quantum Computer Centre (AQCC)".The Proposal shall include the following

A. Detailed infrastructure requirements necessary for housing the system, including power supply specifications, quantum processing units (QPU) proposed, physical space, structural load conditions, thermodynamic and magnetic shield requirements, and cryogenic systems compatible with their equipment.
B. Rental rate per square foot per month (in Indian Rupees) they are willing to pay.
C. Percentage of quantum compute time they are willing to allocate to the GoAP for public, academic, research or other use.
D. The proposals may be sent by email to **secy_itc@ap.gov.in** or by registered post to the Office of the Secretary, ITE&C department, 1st Floor, Building-4, AP Secretariat, Velgapudi on or before 12.08.2025.

EoI Calling Date: 30.07.2025 **EoI Closing Date: 12.08.2025.**

Contact person:

1. **K. Dhavuryan Naik**, Director (communications), Mobile: **9963029418**
2. **B. Sundar**, Special Secretary, ITE&C Department. **Ph.0863-2444247| spl_secy@ap.gov.in | https://apit.ap.gov.in**

DIPR No.4300PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt.29/07/2025

Government of Karnataka
(TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT)

Office of the Commissioner for Transport & Road Safety, 1st Floor, 'A' Block, TTMC Building, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph: 080-22276433 e-mail: jcteeg-tran-ka@nic.in

No.CT/Env & e-Gov/PR-03/2025-26(B) **Dated: 28-07-2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tender No.TD/2025-26/IND0003, dated:28-07-2025

Tenders are invited from interested bidders / service providers through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) for the implementation of the project for installing grid interactive 400 kW rooftop solar power plants in Regional / Assistant Regional Transport Offices having their own buildings. For more details, please visit Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/).

Last date for submission of Bids :- 27-08-2025 upto 05.00 pm.

Sd/-
Additional Commissioner for Transport (Environment & e-Governance), Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2072/AKAR/2025-26

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

EHV PC O&M Zone, Vashi
E-TENDER NOTICE (4th Call)

MSETCL SRM invites online RFx (e-Tender) from the Registered Contractors for MAHATRANSCO e-Tendering (SRM) website for below mentioned work.

E-tender No./ RFx No. 7000036605 (4th Call) Name of work: "1] Replacement of old 0.35 ACSR Sheep conductor with new 0.4 ACSR Zebra conductor and existing suspension tower with 30^0 Cut point towers 2] Height raising by new narrow base tower NDX+12 from Loc. No. 637 to 646 in Vichumbe & New Panvel area of 220 kV Kandalgaon – ONGC – Vilebhagad – Topworth D/C line under jurisdiction of EHV O&M Division Panvel & EHV O&M Circle, Mahad under EHV O&M Circle, Panvel." **Estimated Cost:** Rs.46,11,81,820 /- including GST Tender Fees: Rs. 25000/-+ GST. **Date for Sale and Submission of the e-Tender Documents:** From 29.07.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs to 19.08.2025 @ 11.15 Hrs. For detailed information visit our website: **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
CHIEF ENGINEER
EHV PC (O&M) Zone, Vashi

उत्तराखण्ड शासन ऊर्जा अनुभाग-2

संख्या-460/I(2)/2025-05-03/2025 देहरादून: दिनांक 29 जुलाई, 2025

Advertisment for the Post of Director (Project), Director (Operation) and Director (Finance) in PTCUL

Applications are invited for the Post of Director (Project), Director (Operation) and Director (Finance) in Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. (PTCUL) under the Department of Energy, Govt. of Uttarakhand so as to reach the Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Office, Room No. 201, Second Floor, Vishwakarma Bhawan, 4 Subhash Road, Dehradun within 45 days from the date of publication of Advertisement. Detailed information regarding this post (Viz. Recruitment Amendment Rules 2021, Age, Academic Qualification, Experience, Status of service period of appointment, ACRs and Application form etc.) are available on Uttarakhand Govt. website www.uk.gov.in and PTCUL website www.ptcul.org.

(R. Meenakshi Sundaram)
Principal Secratary

उत्तराखण्ड शासन ऊर्जा अनुभाग-2

संख्या-460/I(2)/2025-05-03/2025 देहरादून: दिनांक 29 जुलाई, 2025

Advertisment for the Post of Director (Project), Dirctor (Operation), Director (Human Resource) and Director (Finance) in UJVNL

Applications are invited for the Post of Director (Project), Director (Operation), Director (Human Resource) and Director (Finance) in Uttarakhand Jal Vidhut Nigam Ltd. (UJVNL) under the Department of Energy, Govt. of Uttarakhand so as to reach the Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Secretariat Office, Room No. 201, Second Floor, Vishwakarma Bhawan, 4 Subhash Road, Dehradun within 45 days from the date of publication of Advertisement. Detailed information regarding this post (Viz. Recruitment Amendment Rules 2021, Age, Academic Qualification, Experience, Status of service period of appointment, ACRs and Application form etc.) are available on Uttarakhand Govt. website www.uk.gov.in and UJVNL website www.ujvnl.com.

(R. Meenakshi Sundaram)
Principal Secratary

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.

E-Tender Notice

E-TENDER NO. TD-513/25.

Online e-Bids are invited for "Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Testing, Supply, Stringing, Installation, Testing & Commissioning etc. for Construction of 220 KV Firozabad (400)- UPSIDA (IMC Agra) DC line on ACSR Zebra conductor (approx. 31.5 route Km) of UPPTCL, on Turn-key basis". E-tender has been uploaded on dt. 28/07/2025 on https://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of the work: **Rs 20.41 Crore** only. Time Period is 12 Months. EMD Cost: **Rs. 20.41 Lacs.** Last date of tender submission is **29/08/2025 at 17:00 Hrs.** Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms and condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserve the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason.

Corrigendurn, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

Superintending Engineer,
ETDC, 10th floor, Shakti Bhawan Extn., Lucknow

Save Electricity for Nation. RO 1338 Dated: 28.07.2025

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

INDIAN RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

INTRODUCTION OF 25 kV AC TRACTION
"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

All road users, public and employees of Railway lines and premises are hereby informed that due to electrification of Aligarh-Daud Khan 3rd line section of Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway, Overhead Equipment (OHE) dated **10.08.2025** or After that all the level crossing gates (Gate No. 106-C/3E Km. 1322/1A-3A & Gate No. 107-C/3E Km. 1323/25A-27A) being energized at 25000 V. But due to the provision of height measurements at a clear height of 4.78 meters from the road, it is informed for the information of railway users, public and railway personnel, that vehicles of higher height should not be used at all such railway gates. Doing so may cause the vehicle to come near an unsafe area of electrical overhead wires.

Railway users, public and railway personnel are hereby informed that under no circumstances should the loaded vehicle interfere with the height gauges installed at the electrified railway gates.

A vehicle loaded at a high altitude may present the following hazards:

1. This may cause danger to the height gauge.
2. Malls and machines loaded on the vehicle may be at risk.
3. Coming near and touching electrified wires can cause life threatening fire.

Sr. Electrical Engineer/Construction
For Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction
North Central railway, Kanpur

1323/25 FA

North central railways @CPRONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

ODISHA COAL AND POWER LTD.
(A GOVT. OF ODISHA COMPANY)
Zone-A, Fourth Floor, Fortune Towers, Chandrasekharpur
Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751023
Ph No: 0674-2300654 / 0674-2300664

NOTICE FOR SPOT E-AUCTION SALE OF COAL

Ref : EA/06S/25 **Dt. 30/07/2025**

Odisha Coal and Power Ltd(OCPL), a State PSU of Odisha is operating Manoharpur Coal Mine in Sundargarh District. OCPL intends to place Five Lakh Ton surplus coal for Spot E-Auction sale, in accordance with amended Mineral Concession Rule and MMDR Act as per the following schedule via MSTC auction portal, on 7th August 2025:
(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ocpl/index.jsp)

Auction Quantity	Coal Grade	Base Price for Auction (INR)	Date of Auction	Time for lifting
5,00,000 Ton	G-14	950/- (Nine hundred and fifty only)	07 August 2025 (1pm)	60 days

Interested Agencies/ Industries are invited to register themselves on MSTC website as a buyer on or before 6th August 2025. For any assistance the following officials of MSTC may be contacted:

Mr. Mahesh Ramavath,
Mail id : rmahesh@mstcindia.co.in
Mobile no. : +91-8801281004, 0674-2544199 / 2950091

Sd/-
Chief Operating Officer

National Highways Authority of India
(MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby informed that pursuant to Fee Notification no. 630 (E) Dated 10.02.2023 published in the Government of India Gazette by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways & the applicable user fee rate approved by Competent Authority to be charged for the use of section from Km 307.000 to Km 347.800 (upto Kisan Chowk) (Length 40.800 Km.) at Chandi Fee Plaza (District Rohtak), on section of NH-352 (Old NH-71) to be applicable from 30/07/2025 (08:00:00 hrs) or actual date of commencement whichever is later as per the following rates for financial year 2025-2026:-

Amount in Rs.

Category of Vehicles	Toll Plaza at Km. 341+375 near village Chandi			
	Fee for Single Journey (Rs.)	Fee for multiple (max.no of two one way) Journey within a day (Rs.)	Fee for Monthly Pass valid for 50 single Journeys in a month (Rs.)	Commercial Vehicles registered within the district (excluding vehicles plying under National Permit) (Rs.)
Car/Jeep/Van or Light Motor Vehicle	70	105	2280	35
Light Commercial vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	110	165	3685	55
Bus or Truck (Two Axle)	230	345	7715	115
Three axle commercial vehicle	255	380	8420	125
Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV 4 to 6 Axles)	365	545	12100	180
Oversized Vehicle (Seven or more **axles**)	440	665	14730	220

The rate for monthly pass for non commercial vehicle residing within in a distance of 20 Km. from the Toll Plaza for the year 2025-26 shall be Rs. 350.00.

BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS

ASSAM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Assam Undertaking)
R. G. Baruah Road, Guwahati-781 024
Ph. : 0361-2201215, 2202216, Fax : 0361-2200060

CIN: U75112AS1965SGC001246
ECF No. 678882/42

E-procurement for the works of "Construction of Internal Road, RCC Box Culvert, RCC Drain and Land levelling at Industrial Estate, Tamulpur, Kumarikata, Assam"

Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system of Govt. of Assam i.e. **www.assamtenders.gov.in** from Govt. Registered Contractors of appropriate class with sound financial background fulfilling the eligibility criteria for execution of the following works at the proposed Industrial Park Tamulpur, Dist: Tamulpur, Assam:

Name of the Work	Estimated value (Rs. in Lakh)
Construction of Internal Road, RCC Box culvert, RCC Drain and Land levelling at Industrial Estate, Tamulpur, Kumarikata, Assam	**1294.56**

Tender Documents can be downloaded from Govt. of Assam's e-procurement portal **www.assamtenders.gov.in** from **31.07.2025**. The last date for online Bid submission is **26.08.2025**. All corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Assam Government's e-procurement portal **www.assamtenders.gov.in**.

Sd/-
Dy. Gen. Manager(Tech)

DIPR/CF/TOI/1201/30-Jul-25

NOTICE

Inviting Applications for the Post of Vice-Chancellor:

• Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand – 263145.
• The tenure of the present Vice-Chancellor of Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar, will conclude on 28th August 2025. Accordingly, it is proposed to appoint a new Vice-Chancellor, and a Search Committee has been constituted to prepare a panel of eminent persons for this purpose.
• As the Principal Executive and Academic Officer of the University, the Vice-Chancellor must possess exceptional leadership qualities, administrative experience, and a strong academic background. The incumbent should be a person of integrity, vision, and commitment to steer the University towards academic and institutional excellence

Eligibility Criteria:
• At least 10 years of experience as Professor in a University or equivalent experience in a reputed academic/research organization in Teaching, Research or Extension in the field of Agriculture or allied sciences.
• Experience in senior management positions in the above areas will be considered a desirable qualification.
• The applicant should not be more than 67 years of age as on the last date of receipt of application, i.e., **18th August 2025.**

Tenure:
The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of joining or until the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier.

Application Procedure:
1. Applications in the prescribed format (available at **www.gbpuat.ac.in)** must be submitted either:
2. By Speed Post/In Person to the address mentioned below, or
3. By Email to: **ukfarmerprosperitygoal@gmail.com.**
4. Last Date for Submission: **18th August 2025.**

Applications received after the due date will not be considered.

Address for Submission:
(Dr. S. N. Pandey)
Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Vishwakarma Bhawan, Room No. 505, Uttarakhand Secretariat, 04-Subhash Road,Dehradun-248001
Email: ukfarmerprosperitygoal@gmail.com

RAO BIRENDER SINGH STATE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY ZAINABAD, District (REWARI)-123411
(A Government Engineering College)
Website: www.rbssietrewari.ac.in

Institute Level Counselling-cum-Admission Notice 2025-26
(B.Tech. 1st Year & 2nd Year Lateral Entry)

Applications are invited on prescribed proforma from eligible candidates for filling up the vacant/leftover seats and **Zainabad Village Quota seats** of B.Tech. 1st year courses & B.Tech. 2nd Year (LEET) courses as per HSTES 2025-26 guidelines and reservation policy. Application Performa can be downloaded from Institute website **www.rbssietrewari.ac.in** or can be obtained from institute admission office. The duly filled Application Performa along with Counselling fee of Rs. 500/- and necessary documents must be submitted in the institute admission office or can be sent all documents in a single PDF file on email: **admission.rbssiet@gmail.com**. Counselling fee of Rs. 500/- must be deposited in Account No. 2037101011366, IFSC Code: CNRB0002037, Canara Bank, Buroli (Rewari) upto the last date as per the schedule given below:

Physical Counselling/Reporting Schedule of B.Tech. 1st year (including Zainabad Village Quota seats) in the Institute	
Last date for submission of Application form through email or by hand	04.08.2025 (upto 5:00 pm)
Physical Reporting and submission of admission fee by the candidates for Zainabad Village Quota on the basis of JEE Mains Rank/ 10+2 marks	05.08.2025 (upto 5:00 pm)
Physical Reporting and submission of admission fee by the candidates having JEE Mains Rank (with reservation policy)	06.08.2025 (upto 5:00 pm)
Physical Reporting and submission of admission fee by the candidates having JEE Mains Rank/10+2 Marks (without reservation)	07.08.2025(upto 5:00 pm)
Daily Basis On-Spot Physical Counselling on first come-first serve basis	08.08.2025 onwards upto Cutoff date **(Except Saturday/Sunday and govt holidays)**

Physical Counselling/Reporting Schedule of B.Tech. 2nd year (LEET) in the Institute	
Last date for submission of Application form through email or by hand	07.08.2025 (upto 5:00 pm)
Eligibility Criteria for Admission	OCET-2025/Diploma marks
Physical Reporting and submission of admission fee by the candidates having OCET-2025 Rank (with reservation policy)	08.08.2025 (upto 1:00 pm)
Physical Reporting and submission of admission fee by the candidates having OCET-2025 Rank/Diploma Marks (without reservation)	08.08.2025 (2:00 pm onwards)
Daily Basis On-Spot Physical Counselling on first come-first serve basis	11.08.2025 onwards upto Cutoff date **(Except Saturday/Sunday and govt holidays)**

The candidates must report in the Institute strictly as per schedule with one set of documents & passport size photograph along with original documents. Selected candidates have to deposit the semester fee of Rs 28,110/- for admission. **The annual course fee of the institute is Rs. 43,110/-.** Candidates are advised to visit institute website regularly for latest information. For any query candidates may contact Helpline No: 01281-260000, 9466417752, 9780089547.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt.No. : 37116/29/07/2025

Director Principal

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259.
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in. E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of **Blood Collection Drape** to TNMSC Ltd for two years from the date of acceptance of the tender.

Sl. No.	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1.	Online Tender for the supply of **Blood Collection Drape** to TNMSC Ltd., under rate contract system for two years from the date of acceptance	e-018/M(P)/ BCD/ TNMSC/ 2025, Dated 30.07.2025	30.07.2025 at 12.00 Noon to 28.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM	10.08.2025 at 10.00 AM to 28.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM	28.08.2025 at 3.30 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in.** The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

DIPR/3936/Tender/2025

Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)

कार्यालय उपजिलाधिकारी (सदर) देहरादून
E-mail: sdm.deh@gmail.com Phone:- 0135-2625511

संख्या: 674/एस0पी0ए0-लो0सु0/ दिनांक 28/07/2025

सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण (SIA) के लिये लोक सुनवाई हेतु विज्ञप्ति

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जनपद देहरादून में विन्दाल नदी के साथ हरिद्वार बाईपास रोड (बिन्दाल सेतु) से मसूरी रोड (मैक्स हास्पिटल) तक प्रस्तावित चार लेन एलीवेटेड सड़क निर्माण हेतु भूमि अर्जन प्रकरण में धारा-5 के अन्तर्गत सामाजिक प्रभाव निर्धारण के लिए लोक जन सुनवाई की जानी है।

अत: जनसाधारण से अपील है कि सम्बन्धित प्रकरण के सम्बन्ध में सम्बन्धित ग्रामों का तिथिवार जनसुनवाई हेतु स्थान एवं समय निम्नलिखित है:-

क्र.सं.	जन सुनवाई हेतु स्थान		जन सुनवाई में उपस्थित होने वाले ग्राम	तिथि	समय
	ग्राम	स्थान			
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	कारगी	रेन बसेरा, पटेल नगर (निकट लालपुल)	कारगी ग्रान्ट, ब्रहमपुरी, ब्राहमणवाला, निरंजनपुर	05.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
2	देहराखास	रेन बसेरा, पटेल नगर (निकट लालपुल)	देहराखास	07.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
3	कांवली	कमलेश्वर महादेव मन्दिर प्रांगण निकट बल्लीवाला चौक	कांवली	09.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
4	चुक्खुवाला	वाल्मिकी मंदिर, इन्दिरा कालोनी, चुक्खुवाला	चुक्खुवाला, डोभालवाला।	11.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
5	विजयकालोनी	सामुदायिक भवन विजय कालोनी	विजय कालोनी, हाथीबडकला, विजयपुर।	13.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
6	जाखन (दून विहार)	श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी सामुदायिक भवन, दून विहार	जाखन, विजयपुर गोपीवाला, जोहड़ी, मालसी, प्रतीतपुर सन्तौर, किशनपुर एव ढाकपट्टी।	15.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे

अत: प्रभावित कुटुम्बों के मत सामाजिक प्रभाव निर्धारण हेतु जन सुनवाई में उपरोक्तानुसार नियत तिथि एवं समय पर उपस्थित होने की अपेक्षा की जाती है।

(हर गिरी)
उपजिलाधिकारी सदर
देहरादून

DIRECTORATE URBAN TRANSPORT Government of Uttar Pradesh
REQUEST OF PROPOSAL (RFP)

Directorate of Urban Transport, Government of Uttar Pradesh invites e-bids from interested eligible bidders for **Development of Integrated City Bus Terminal and Commercial Zone Facilities on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode.**

Salient Features:
- Site Area: 7.06 Acre
- Adjacent to Shaheed Path, Vrindavan Yojna, Lucknow
- Base F.A.R.: 2.00
- Additional Purchasable F.A.R.: 50% of Basic F.A.R.
- Concession Period: 60 Years

CHAUDHARY CHARANSINGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 9.5 KM approx.

SCAN FOR SITE LOCATION

RFP document may be downloaded from **https//etender.up.nic.in (08 February 2025 onwards)**

Proposal Due Date
07 AUG. 2025 Till 17:00 Hrs

For any clarifications, you may contact:
Jaideep Verma, Jt. Director, Mob.: +91 94150 49715;
Manoj Panda, Mob.: +91 98719 79370; Vivek Yadav, Mob.: +91 96310 06600;

CONTACT US

Directorate of Urban Transport,
Urban Training & Research Center & Directorate of Local Bodies;
Room No. 305, Sec-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226010,
Email: jdutdgoup@gmail.com

UPID-236454/29.07.2025 www.upgov.nic.in

Govt. of Bihar
Bihar Education Project Council
NOTICE INVITING RFP
(https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

I. Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna, invites " Request for Proposal (RFP) For Procurement, Supply and Installation of Smart Classrooms at Government Middle Schools in Bihar".
II. The complete RFP documents can be seen on and downloaded from the website https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
III. Schedule of Events:

SL	Information	Details
1	RFP Issuing Authority	State Project Director, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC)
2	RFP No. and Date of availability	RFP Reference No. BEPC/GoB-SC/2025-26/3397, Dated 24/07/2025 Available for download from 24/07/2025, 05:00 PM onwards till 14/08/2025, 3:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3	Last date for submission of written queries for clarifications	30/07/2025, 02:30 PM Email: etenderbepc@gmail.com
4	Date of pre-bid conference	30/07/2025, 03:00 PM through online mode Google Meet joining info Video call link: https://meet.google.com/tnt-yoee-kzs e-mail: etenderbepc@gmail.com
5	Release of response to clarifications	31/07/2025, 5:00 PM
6	Last date of submission of bid	14/08/2025, 4:00 PM
7	Last date of submission of Hard copy of EMD	14/08/2025, 4:00 PM
8	Last date of submission of Sample (Before bid submission closing date & Time)	14/08/2025, 4:00 PM
9	Opening of Technical Bids	14/08/2025, 4:30 PM
10	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated
11	Contact person for queries	Administrative Officer, Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtra Bhasha Parishad Campus,Saidpur - 800 004. e-mail: etenderbepc@gmail.com

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सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण (SIA) के लिये लोक सुनवाई हेतु विज्ञप्ति

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जनपद देहरादून में रिस्पना नदी के साथ रिस्पना पुल से नांगल पुल तक प्रस्तावित चार लेन एलीवेटेड मार्ग हेतु भूमि अर्जन प्रकरण में धारा-5 के अन्तर्गत सामाजिक प्रभाव निर्धारण के लिए लोक जन सुनवाई की जानी है।

अत: जनसाधारण से अपील है कि सम्बन्धित प्रकरण के सम्बन्ध में सम्बन्धित ग्रामों का तिथिवार जनसुनवाई हेतु स्थान एवं समय निम्नलिखित है:-

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2	चीडोंवाली	बारातघर चीडोंवाली	अधोईवाला, कंडोली एवं चीडोंवाली	08.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
3	सहस्त्रधारा रोड	सामुदायिक भवन नियर आई.टी. पार्क	जाखन, धोरणखास एवं किशनपुर।	12.08.2025	प्रात: 11:00 बजे
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अत: प्रभावित कुटुम्बों के मत सामाजिक प्रभाव निर्धारण हेतु जन सुनवाई में उपरोक्तानुसार नियत तिथि एवं समय पर उपस्थित होने की अपेक्षा की जाती है।

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Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for selection of agency for hiring of vehicles for Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti (BSSS)
e-tender(NIT) Reference No.-04/BSSS/Hiring of Vehicles/2025-26
e-Procurement Mode only (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. The Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti (BSSS), Patna intends to select agency via e-tendering for hiring of vehicles, for the period of **2 years** from the date of contract agreement.
2. The Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti (BSSS) invites bids from eligible business entities, in providing the services as mentioned in this tender document.
3. To participate in the e-tendering process, the bidder/ agency are required to get themselves registered with Bihar Government Centralized e-Procurement portal, i.e., https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in, shall contact the helpdesk at the following address, "Mjunction Services Limited, RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800014, Bihar, e-mail id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, Toll Free Number-18005726571 *(Working Hours: 8AM to 7PM, All days in week except Sunday and few selected state holidays)".*
4. **Schedule of Events:-**

S.No.	Event Description	Timeline
4.1	Start Date & time of downloading the NIT	**28/07/2025** 05:00 PM, on the e -Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4.2	Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document.	**19/08/2025** till 05:00 PM, on the e -Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4.3	Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	**20/08/2025** at 11:00 AM on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4.4	Time, Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later on the e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) or https://biswass.bihar.gov.in/ or both.
4.5	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	**04/08/2025** at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
4.6	Pre- bid meeting venue	Conference Hall, Bihar Swasthya Suraksha Samiti, Sachivalaya Extension Building, Block -3, 2nd Floor, Old Secretariat , Patna-800015

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INFORMATION REGARDING 72nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

1. Notice is hereby given that 72nd Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, 25th August, 2025 at 1030 hrs IST through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the businesses that will be set forth in the Notice of the AGM, pursuant to various circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars").
2. In compliance with the relevant circulars, the electronic copies of the notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2024-25 will be sent to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/ Depositary Participant(s).The e-copy of 72nd Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2024-25 along with the Notice of the AGM, Financial Statements and other Statutory Reports will also be available on the website of the Company at **www.bharatpetroleum.in** and on the website of NSDL at **https://www.evoting.nsdl.com**. Additionally, the Notice of AGM alongwith said Annual Report will also be available on the websites of the stock exchanges on which the securities of the Company are listed i.e. at **www.nseindia.com** and **www.bseindia.com**.
3. Members will be able to attend the AGM only through VC/OAVM or view the live webcast at **https://www.evoting.nsdl.com**. The requisite details of the same will be provided by the Company in the AGM notice. Members participating through the VC/OAVM facility shall be reckoned for the purpose of quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
4. Since the present AGM is being held through VC/OAVM pursuant to the MCA Circulars, the facility to appoint proxies by the members will not be available.

MANNER OF REGISTERING / UPDATING EMAIL ADDRESSES & THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MEMBERS CAN GIVE THEIR MANDATE FOR RECEIVING DIVIDENDS DIRECTLY IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS THROUGH ELECTRONIC CLEARING SERVICE (ECS)

5. Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses, bank account details etc. with the Company, are requested to register / update the same by writing to the Registrar and Transfer Agents (RTA) of the Company, M/s Data Software Research Co. Private Limited (M/s DSRC) email id: **bpcl@dsrc-cid.in** with details of folio number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN card.
6. Members holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to register / update their Electronic Bank Mandate (email addresses, bank account details etc.) with the relevant Depository Participant.

MANNER OF CASTING VOTES THROUGH E-VOTING

7. The Company will provide the facility to the members for exercising their right to vote by electronic means both through remote e-voting and the facility for e-voting will also be made available during the AGM to those members who could not cast their vote(s) through remote e-voting and are otherwise eligible to vote. The manner of remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM for members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of the AGM.
8. Members are requested to follow the instructions given in the Notes to Notice of AGM which will be available on the website of the Company **www.bharatpetroleum.in** and on the website of NSDL i.e. **https://www.evoting.nsdl.com**. for casting the votes and attending the AGM.

RECORD DATE FOR PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND

9. The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 5/- per equity share for the financial year ended 31st March, 2025. The final dividend once approved by the members in the forthcoming AGM, will be paid to the eligible members within the stipulated period of thirty days from the conclusion of AGM, electronically through various online transfer modes to those members who have updated their bank account details with the Depository Participant / RTA. Pursuant to SEBI circulars, shareholders (including shareholders holding shares in physical form) shall be paid dividend only through electronic mode. To avoid delay in receiving the final dividend, members are requested to update their bank details with their depository participants in case securities are held in demat mode and members holding securities in physical form should provide updated bank details by submitting hard copy of duly signed Form ISR-1 along with relevant documents mentioned therein to RTA. The said form is available at **https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/bharat-petroleum-for/Investors/KYC-Updation.aspx**.
10. The Company has fixed Thursday, 31st July, 2025 as the Record Date for the purpose of determining the eligibility of members to receive the final dividend, recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 2025, if declared at the AGM. All members of the Company holding shares at the close of business hours on Thursday, 31st July, 2025 will be eligible for the final Dividend as per the data to be made available by NSDL/CDSL/RTA.
11. Members may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividends paid or distributed by the Company is taxable in the hands of members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") at the time of making the payment of dividend. In order to enable us to determine the applicable TDS rate, members are requested to submit the relevant documents like 15G/15H etc. on or before Monday, 4th August 2025. The detailed communication regarding TDS on dividend has already been sent to the members vide letter dated 17th July 2025 and is available on the website of the Company i.e. **https://www.bharatpetroleum.in** .

For Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
Sd/-
(V. Kala)
Company Secretary

Date: 29.07.2025
Place: Mumbai

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One likes people much better when they're battered down by a prodigious siege of misfortune than when they triumph

– VIRGINIA WOOLF

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While driving a hard tariff bargain with Trump, India shouldn't give rivals a head start in US market

If Trump sticks to plan, Indian exports to US may be tariffed at 26% starting Friday. It's the 'reciprocal tariff' he threatened to impose from April 9, deferred by 90 days to July 9, and by three weeks more to Aug 1. Those extensions were meant to give countries time to negotiate trade deals on better terms. While most major economies – including Japan and EU – have closed deals, US-India talks remain inconclusive, even though commerce minister Piyush Goyal claimed "fantastic progress" last week.

Does that make the 26% rate inevitable? US commerce secy Howard Lutnick has said the Aug 1 deadline is cast in stone, but Trump runs govt by fiat, and 'policy' to him is just an extension of his mood. Nothing stops him from deferring the India tariff, especially when talks with China look headed into extra time. Also recall that, unlike Japan, Brazil, S Africa, Thailand and some 20 other countries, India didn't get one of Trump's 'tariff letters' early this month. US, despite its grouse about Indian protectionism, wants a slice of the Indian market, which is large and growing fast thanks to a growing population. Also, a growing India is in America's interest as it can be a counterweight to China.



But that shouldn't breed complacency as other low-cost economies like Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines have already negotiated tariffs of 20% or less. Goods from Japan and EU will be taxed at 15%, and unless Trump goes extra sweet on India, that might be the best we can expect. He's already hinted at a "world tariff" of 15-20% for countries with which US doesn't have trade deals. And if China formalises its current 30% tariff – or lower – Indian manufacturers won't have much of an advantage in the US market.

Meanwhile, the multi-billion dollar investment commitments in Japan and EU's trade deals show how hard it is to bargain with Trump. EU negotiators say they gave in at the last minute because the alternative was to start a trade war. Of course, some of the concessions they have made might not amount to much practically. For instance, EU's promise to buy $750bn worth of US energy products over three years is meaningless, as US produces only about $166bn worth of these products in a year. India should also expect unreasonable demands, and skirt them tactfully.

Bad Air, So What?

That Haryana doesn't have a single working AQI reader tells you a larger story on govts across India

It's terrible enough that Indian cities are air pollution hotspots. Even more frightening is that the severity of pollution is underestimated. Last week, Haryana's last functional AQI reading station went kaput. 'Fun' fact: Since April, all 29 AQI monitoring stations in the state went offline due to lapsed contracts, unlikely to be functional any time soon. Two IMD stations are functional, one in a relatively green patch in the otherwise glitzy glass & concrete jungle, Gurugram, with its high SUV density and factories. Haryana's Faridabad has been India's most polluted city. Fifteen of India's top 100 most polluted cities on PM2.5 levels are in Haryana. So, it's extraordinary that the Saini govt isn't prioritising this, especially given the increasing burden of asthma and COPD.



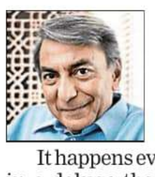
Faridabad and Gurugram are part of NCR – consistently the country's most polluted bloc. In Delhi, when AQI hovers at 'poor', refrain is 'it's not so bad'. Think – to what extent polluted air is normalised and what our children breathe. Wheezing, sneezing, watery eyes, persistent coughs – children's quality of life is compromised from that very first outing in their strollers. The causal link between air toxins and rising incidence of asthma in children is known for years. And yet…

Here's the thing. Per a non-profit researching energy and air pollution, CREA, air quality in 250 of 293 Indian cities Jan to June overshot WHO's annual PM 2.5 standard. So, it's not hotspots alone. Last year Meghalaya's Byrnihat, home to an industrial park on the border with Assam, emerged among most polluted industrial settings – thanks to coke, cement, steel and brickmaking factories, all in scenic settings. Flaming red AQIs barely impact business practices. But it does redflag various govts failing to crack down on non-compliance of air pollution standards. In Haryana now, it's not even being measured.

Water woes

There's too much or too little of the precious liquid on which all life depends

Jug Suraiya



Recently a video went viral on social media in Gurgaon. It showed a city councillor swimming with a creditable freestyle stroke. What gave the video virality was not the aquatic athleticism of the swimmer, but the fact that he was demonstrating his prowess not in a swimming pool, or a river, or a lake, but on one of the main roads of the city.

It happens every year that, come the monsoon rains, Gurgaon gets submerged in a deluge that would do Noah and his Ark proud. Roads get waterlogged waist-deep, cars are seen floating like improvised canoes, and everything comes to a sodden halt. Orange and red alerts are notified by the authorities, schools are shut, and office-goers enjoined to WFH.

Much the same thing happens in Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and other cities. Yet, in the midst of all this super-abundant liquidity, there's a great water shortage.



In the National Media Centre where I live, residents are being urged not to use water-wasteful hoses to clean their cars, but to use buckets instead.

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The water tanker business is a thriving industry in Delhi and Bengaluru. In Mumbai people reportedly have to rouse themselves at five in the morning to fill their baltis and other containers with water before the taps run dry.

This deluge-or-dearth paradox is not restricted to urban areas. Rural India is routinely ravaged by the alternating scourges of floods and drought. And everywhere the water table is sinking lower and lower, aquifers are drying up, and rivers are choked with silt.

Over 70% of the surface of our planet is covered with water, largely in the form of saline oceans. Almost 60% of the adult human body is made up of water. Despite its omnipresence there's a growing shortage of water, raising the spectre of wars being fought over it in the near future.

Too much or too little, the precious fluid without which no life can exist poses a problem for which a solution has yet to be found that will hold water. Literally.

AI Tempers Trump Tariffs

Dollar hasn't strengthened, US hasn't stagflated, markets haven't tanked. So far Trump's trade policy has been offset by tech-driven bullishness and the tax breaks in his 'big beautiful bill'

Ruchir Sharma



At the beginning of the year, the world was in striking agreement on one point: if Trump went ahead with tariffs, it would strengthen the dollar and trigger stagflation. Chief executives, investors and commentators all said the same. Economists estimated that every percentage point increase in the tariff rate would shave 0.1% off US growth and add 0.1% to inflation. But so far, the consequences have been far less disruptive than just about anyone expected.

Some analysts still think that's because Trump's threats have been mostly posturing. But the effective US tariff rate has already risen from 2.5% to 15%. Tariff revenue is rolling in at an annual rate above $300bn, roughly four times the pace this time last year.

Many economists had assumed that, by lowering imports, tariffs would strengthen the dollar almost automatically, as an accounting identity. Instead, it suffered its worst fall over the first half of a year since the early 1970s.

This unexpected turn is now attributed to the fact that the dollar started the year historically overvalued. Many foreigners were heavily exposed to dollar assets. Of late, they have been hedging those risks and investing more outside US. Many countries are increasingly attractive places to park money, in part because tariff threats inspired them to push economic reform and cut trade deals with non-US partners.

The bigger mystery is why the stagflationary impact of tariffs has yet to materialise in the aggregate data. Is US really enjoying a free lunch, taking in $300bn a year in tariff revenues with none of the expected heartburn?

By some estimates, foreign exporters are indeed absorbing 20% of the costs – a much larger share than they did in response to tariffs in Trump's first term. The remaining 80%, however, is still getting paid in roughly equal shares by US corporations and consumers.

The likely answer is that the negative economic effect of tariffs is being countered by other forces, including the mania for AI and more govt stimulus. Since Jan, estimates of what the big tech companies will spend this year on building out AI infra have risen $60bn to $350bn.

Smaller businesses are scrambling to catch the wave too, further boosting growth. And all this excitement is neutralising the fear that trade policy uncertainty would dampen animal spirits and freeze new capex.

AI-driven bullishness is also lifting growth by keeping financial conditions loose, even with higher interest rates. According to a new index from the Federal Reserve, those conditions would be neutral, not loose, were it not for the stock market, which has continued rising this year due largely to AI stocks.



Image: AI

The unexpectedly mild impact of tariffs in US is also minimising the worldwide ripple effects. Global growth has notably started accelerating again

Meanwhile, the promise of tax relief makes it easier for US corporations to absorb a larger than expected share of the tariff costs, rather than pass it all on to consumers. Trump's "big beautiful bill" is expected to save US businesses around $100bn this year and more than that in 2026, mainly in tax breaks.

That is not to say tariffs have no negative economic effect. The costs are in fact starting to show up in higher prices for major household appliances, sporting goods and toys.

Yet the overall inflation rate has been held in check by falling rents and prices for other kinds of goods, including used cars and energy. And those prices are declining for reasons unrelated to tariffs; used-car prices are still retreating from highs created by supply disruptions during the pandemic.

The unexpectedly mild impact of tariffs in US is also minimising the worldwide ripple effects. After slowing at the start of the year, global growth is accelerating again, lifted in part and ironically by US firms rushing to place import orders before the tariffs hit.

More importantly, the falling dollar means foreign central banks don't have to worry so much about their own currencies losing value, which frees them to cut rates. In three of every four major economies, the market now sees rates falling lower in 2025 than it had expected in Jan. India now expects five cuts of 0.25%, up from three at the start of the year.

Still economists were not entirely wrong about the tariffs: stagflation may yet strike in US, particularly if the average effective rate continues to climb. But so far even a much higher rate has not been enough to overwhelm the larger forces sustaining growth and containing inflation.

In a way what we are seeing is a replay of 2023. That year, too, many expected a big shock (then mainly from Fed rate rises) to dramatically slow US growth, only to find the impact offset by the AI spending boom and US govt's seemingly bottomless capacity to keep doling out fiscal support.

What the world got wrong, then and now, starts with its mental frameworks. The timeworn mistake of employing simple models, in which a headline-grabbing input A leads in a straight line to outcome B, has been greatly magnified by the global obsession with Trump. He is the only input anyone cares to analyse anymore. But complex economies are rarely shaped by just one factor, not even a shock as big as Trump's tariffs.

WHY BRANDS' GEN Z OBSESSION COSTS THEM

Because there's a fortune to be made from 60-plus consumers. They are the ones with a lot of time and money on their hands. Goods and services they want represent very lucrative opportunities

Sandeep Das



If you ask any marketing manager what their biggest priority is, they will typically say they are trying to crack Gen Z. That's their priority. You can understand why. Popular media is dominated by Gen Z discourse and by the idea of their being the most important generation right now.

But are they really the most lucrative generation for brands and companies to target? Or is the fortune to be found at the top of the pyramid, with Baby Boomers?

This is the generation born between 1946 and 1964. It's in the 61-79 age range today. In India, according to National Statistical Institute, around 13% of the population is in this cohort as of 2021. And it's expected to reach 20% of the population by 2050, crossing well over 300mn.

Old is gold | What's their economic value? Consider the Equirus Wealth estimate that this cohort is sitting on ₹45L cr, which they will transfer over the next two decades to younger generations. Or consider the Bank of America Securities report that Indian households have more than 75% of their wealth in real estate, with baby boomers estimated to hold more than 35% of this space.



Beyond the numbers, this cohort has an even more interesting narrative. They have grown up with the India growth story over the last 30 years. Especially in Tier 1 and 2 cities, they have earned well, have a decent corpus for retired life and have well-settled children.

Moreover, they are patient, have higher attention spans compared to Gen Z (there is no competition) and have a lot of time and money on their hands. A ballpark calculation estimates that a Baby Boomer in India on average spends 3-5 times per month compared to a Gen Z person.

True or false? | One of the most common beliefs about older people is that they struggle with digital media and digital applications. That is actually incorrect. As per a report by Columbia Pacific Communities, an operator of senior living communities in India, 1 in 5 respondents above the age of 60 is spending more than 4 hours on social media every day. This is in line with millennials and Gen Z. On average, a person above 60 spends between 1.5 and 3 hours online everyday – for shopping, entertainment or staying in touch with friends and relatives.

The other myth about baby boomers is that they are frugal and are only looking for peace and tranquillity in their silver years. In fact, this cohort is actually looking for immersive experiences. For example, **ET** has reported that many senior citizens are splurging between ₹1.5L and ₹5L for an international trip. They are exploring exotic locations in places like Japan, Norway and New Zealand.

Spas and scams | There are certain industries that are obvious for this cohort – for instance healthcare and community living. According to a report by JLL and ASLI, the senior living sector in India is growing at a rate of over 25%. Beyond the obvious is where things get very interesting.

What does this cohort actually want while making a purchase? They believe in old school values – quality, trust and reliability. As they have seen a lot of life, they don't jump on to the latest fad easily.

One of the big concerns with this cohort is loneliness with nearly 1 in 3 seniors often citing loneliness. The problem is severe. WHO says that a single day of loneliness is equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes. Platforms like Goodfellows, which offers companionship to senior citizens, are much needed and many more are required.

Another concern is this cohort's greater vulnerability to digital scams. There are hordes of stories of senior citizens falling prey to financial fraud. Educational awareness and even platform control in this space are likely to be an extremely lucrative opportunity.

Finally, a major trend is accepting healthy ageing. For decades, marketeers have pushed the idea that you have to look 21 no matter how old you are. As more and more baby boomers age with grace, solutions for holistic wellness are likely to be a very lucrative space.

Glamour blinkers | There are many more sectors that are of interest to baby boomers – financial services, spiritual development and pilgrimage-related travel.

My grandmother always told me, "What seems boring generally has a lot of money. What seems glamorous may or may not have so much." This is absolutely true. The real pot of gold that is addressable for brands and companies, lies with a generation that seems quite unglamorous.

Calvin & Hobbes



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Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend.

Albert Camus

Take The First Step Towards Rapprochement

Sumit Paul

Just a few days ago, i finally decided to send a hand-written card to a friend of mine with whom i fell apart years ago on a trivial issue. I was thinking of reconciliation with him for quite some time, but it was too late. As fate would have it, i got his sister's mail that my friend passed away a couple of years ago. Alas, i took so long to forgive him and couldn't do it when he was alive.

Our 'noble' gestures lose their significance when they occur long after an unpleasant incident has taken place. "Though man is vindictive, he's forgiving too. He wants to forgive but waits for an opportune moment. And here he makes a mistake. That moment may come, but the person he wants to forgive may not be there anymore, leaving no option but to repent." William Wordsworth's didactic letter to his sister Dorothy serves as a reminder to people like me who want to forgive or say something to someone but wait for the appropriate moment.

Human life is too short to harbour any grudge against anyone. The moment we feel that we've made a mistake or hurt someone, we must ask for forgiveness, because no one has seen tomorrow. This life, which seems so fair, is like a bubble blown up in the air. Like all transient things, even an ill feeling is evanescent. If friendship, or for that matter, any relationship, doesn't last forever, so does enmity. Why do we hesitate to ask for someone's forgiveness? This is an act that must be executed the moment it strikes one, and wholeheartedly at that.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Jesus forgave those who crucified him. One of the persons torturing the Arab mystic Mansoor al-Hallaj whispered into his ear and said that he never wanted to be a part of such a ghastly act but was helpless. He asked, "Will you and Allah forgive me?" "My friend, you've already been forgiven," said the mystic and died. Man is always in a dilemma. The essential and inherent goodness in him gets snowed under by a host of conflicting emotions. Mirza Ghalib said, "*Hai aadmi bajai khud ek mahshar-e-khyal/ Hum anjuman samajhte hain, khilwat hi kyon na ho,*" – this creature we know as man is one big chaos of desires and thoughts. Even when lonely, he is never alone. For, in his breast, lies hidden a tumultuous crowd.

Clinical psychologists have found an uncanny behavioural attachment between two individuals. They've concluded that the moment one wants to forgive someone, the other person also thinks alike. This is CG Jung's Universal Synchronicity or Pervasive Telepathy. So, go ahead and do it without further delay, shelving your ego and vanity. A rose given during life is better than orchids on the grave. Never forget that the bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone. Isn't forgiving in time the most sublime act? Rather than spend life's fleeting moments in recurrent and recrudescent rancour and recrimination against someone, we all must strive to take the first step towards rapprochement. We must stoop to conquer and bury the hatchet.

Urdu poet-lyricist Qateel Shifai aptly said, "*Humne hi apni ana' mein unki parwah na ki/ Woh toh baahein phailaye khade the humare intazaar mein*" – my ego didn't let me reach out to him/He was more than willing to embrace me. Do it before it's too late.

International Day of Friendship is on July 30

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People digging for diamonds at Jonnagiri, Kurnool district. Adults and children alike can be found scouring the surface washed by rain in the hope of landing a precious stone. They come with all kinds of tools, prepared to camp at these sites



Photos: S S Vijay Babu

Come rainy season, and stones worth crores can surface in this corner of Andhra. These discoveries may seem like isolated strokes of luck, but they draw fortune-seekers by the dozen

In land of Kohinoor, monsoon brings a harvest of diamonds

Hundreds stream in on bikes, cling to autorickshaws, or trudge on foot across the dusty plains of Vajrakarur in Anantapur and the parched farmlands of Jonnagiri, Tuggali, and Maddikera in Kurnool. But there are no banners or bands here. The only thing drawing the crowds to this corner of Andhra Pradesh is a whisper carried on by the monsoon winds — diamond rush.

As the first rains of June and July wash away layers of topsoil, hundreds of acres in these mandals transform into treasure fields. The morning after a downpour, hopefuls armed with sieves, sticks — even kitchen ladles and spatulas — fan out across these lands. On average, only one or two lucky individuals find stones valued at Rs 1-2 lakh, or occasionally as pricey as Rs 50 lakh. However, word of each discovery spreads like wildfire, drawing ever-larger crowds. Unofficial estimates suggest that each monsoon season, the Maddikera and Tuggali mandals alone yield diamonds valued around Rs 5 crore as the rains continue to reveal the hidden fortunes beneath.

What began as chance finds by local farmers has swelled into a full-blown seasonal spectacle in recent years. Entire families — homemakers, children, the elderly — camp in makeshift shelters under trees or the shade of village temples, turning these mandals into temporary mining towns. Traders lurk nearby, ready to snap up stones in discreet cash deals. Once purchased, the rough stones are moved to major commercial hubs like Mumbai and Surat.

Fortunes Found In Fields

In May 2019, a labourer in Jonnagiri unearthed a diamond worth Rs 14 lakh while tilling his field after early rains. Around the same time, a farmer in Peravali village found a Rs 2 lakh stone and sold it to a local merchant. Over a period of three days, villagers in Jonnagiri, Peravali, and nearby hamlets collectively uncovered diamonds worth Rs 10 lakh. That same season, in the Sirivella and Mahanandi zones, local estimates placed the diamond haul at an astonishing Rs 4 crore.

In 2021, two labourers in Jonnagiri sold their finds for Rs 70 lakh and Rs 50 lakh. In July, a driver named Kasim struck it big on his farmland, netting Rs 1.2 crore from a single diamond. Just days later, three independent hunters camping near Jonnagiri uncovered stones valued at Rs 2.4 crore in just 48 hours.

The momentum carried into 2024. In May last year, four diamond finds across Tuggali and Maddikera were valued at a combined Rs 70 lakh. Next month, a farmer in Jonnagiri exchanged a Rs 15 lakh stone for Rs 12 lakh in cash and five tolas of gold. Most recently, following a heavy downpour in June, a woman tilling her small paddy plot in Tuggali mandal stumbled upon a gleaming crystal. She sold it for Rs 10 lakh to a trader in nearby Gooty.

When **TOI** visited the diamond search zones in Kurnool and Anantapur districts, it was clear that the modern-day diamond rush now draws prospectors from far beyond local villages. Many arrive from neighbouring Telangana and Karnataka, with a mission to find a stone, cash it in, and change their lives.

N Veeresh, a resident of Jadcherla in Telangana's Mahabubnagar district, was spotted with his wife and daughter at Jonnagiri, hoping to strike it lucky. K Vani, who runs a small hotel in Adoni, 70km away, joined the seasonal hunt this year. Nolli Ramanamma, 75, from Vinukonda, is staying at a local temple in Jonnagiri, determined to take her shot at fortune.

Visitors like Dhruv Raj — who stopped short at these fields on his way to Bengaluru after visiting the nearby Mantralayam temple — expressed awe at the chance of finding a diamond. And for those who do, the payoff can be life-changing.

The diamond hunt may last only a few weeks each year, but the dream lingers. And when the monsoon ends, the crowds vanish as suddenly as they had arrived — leaving behind trampled fields and spent dreams. Many return, in the hope that the sands may yet reveal a fortune.



A precious stone found in Vajrakarur, Anantapur district

Local Voices

For some, the hunt is about heritage and persistence. Singanamala Usman, a senior YSRCP leader from Vajrakarur, shared insights into the region's long-standing association with diamond exploration and how some people have made quick bucks. "During the British era, this area was often referred to as 'Diamond Lake'."

Shaik Akram, a carpenter from Uravakonda, is among the many who return each year. "I come for a few days every monsoon, hoping to find a diamond. But so far, it's been in vain," he said.

Not everyone is pleased with the annual influx of treasure hunters. Khayyum Khan, a farmer in Vajrakarur, said: "The craze for diamond hunting has grown in recent years, drawing crowds from neighbouring districts and even other states. They trample over newly sown crops. It's become a headache for us," he said.

It's not surprising to see travellers from all walks of life stopping by to try their luck on the 'diamond fields' of Kurnool and Anantapur districts, which have yielded finds worth crores so far. In May last year, four diamond finds across Tuggali and Maddikera (see map) were valued at a combined ₹70 lakh. Past years have thrown up precious stones amounting to crores



Science And Royalty

The Wajrakarur Kimberlite Field (WKF), stretching across parts of Anantapur, contains over 45 kimberlite pipes. These pipes are deep, volcanic conduits capable of bringing diamonds from the Earth's mantle to the surface.

Per a study by the University of Madras on the 'Economic Conditions In Southern India 1000-1500 AD', diamond mines in the region were leased out with one condition: all diamonds exceeding twenty mangellins (around 25 carats) were reserved for the exclusive use of the Vijayanagara kings. These mines — mainly along the northern bank of the Krishna river and in what is now Anantapur and Kurnool — were among the most renowned in medieval India.

The National Diamond Project, led by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), mapped vast parts of Anantapur, Kurnool, Krishna, and Guntur. The findings revealed wildly variable yields — between 1 to 35 carats per 100 tonnes of material — highlighting the uneven spread of both primary (kimberlite, or a rock variety) and secondary (alluvial) diamond sources.

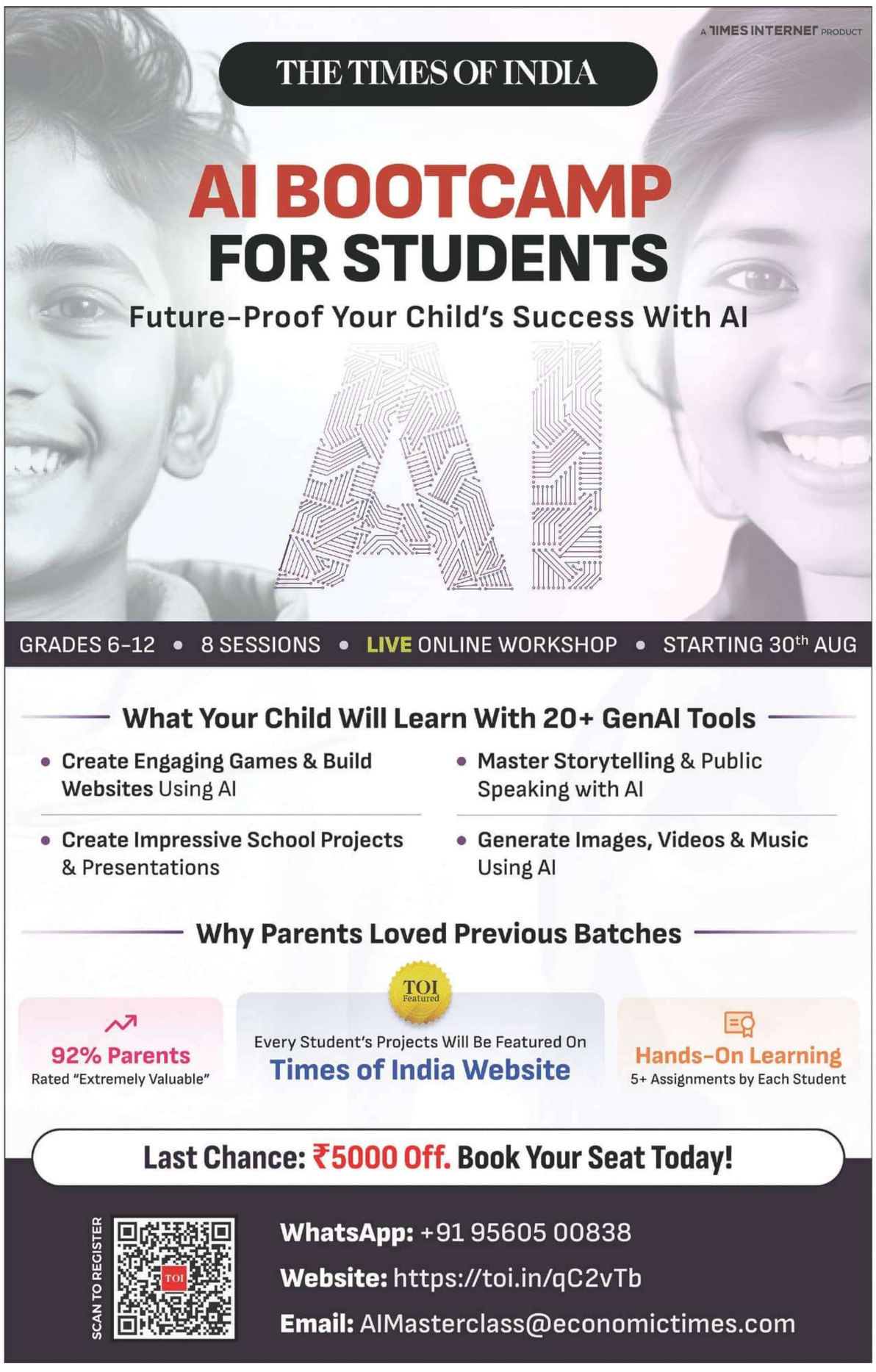
Recent surveys by the GSI and academic institutions have confirmed several mandals as key hotspots for alluvial diamond recovery: Jonnagiri, Tuggali, Maddikera, Pagidirayi, and Peravali in Kurnool, and Vajrakarur in Anantapur. During the monsoon, rainwater erodes surface soils and exposes colluvial (deposits at the base of slopes) gravels containing diamonds. These deposits can be traced back to ancient river systems like the Penna and Tungabhadra, as well as weathered kimberlite sources further inland.

GOLCONDA'S LEGACY IN STONE

The story begins several centuries ago with the famed Golconda kingdom's diamond mines. Though long closed, their legacy, which includes the legendary Kohinoor, fuels a dream of wealth that still draws thousands to the Krishna-Pennar river valley. A 300km stretch along the banks of the Krishna, particularly around the Sangam where it meets the Tungabhadra, was once the epicentre of intense diamond mining

World-Famous Gems Found In Golconda







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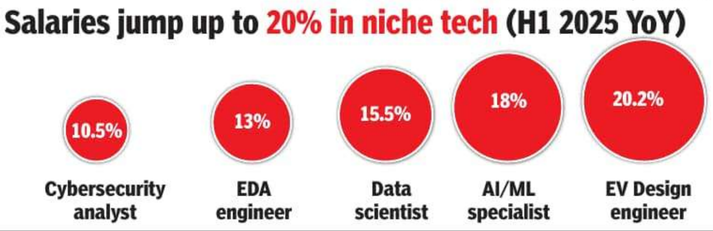
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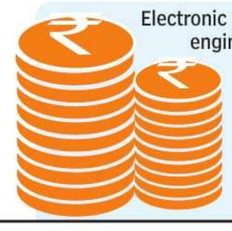
Salaries Surge In EV, AI, & Data Roles

EV, semiconductors, and AI engineering sectors lead in pay hikes in 2025. After a tepid 2024, hiring grew by 7% in the first half of this year, with engineering, energy, and telecom sectors leading fresh talent absorption



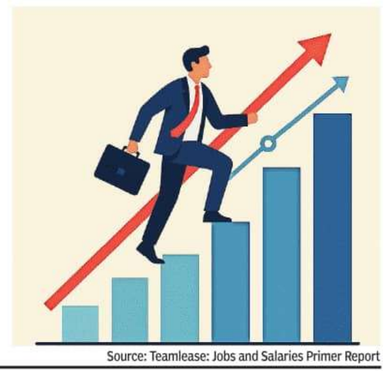
Salaries jump up to 20% in niche tech (H1 2025 YoY)





Electronic design automation engineer with 5–8 years experience earn a median salary of **₹18–35 Lakh/Yr**

- Entry-level tech roles remain flat, but **deep-tech roles command premiums**
- Support roles (admin, back-office, telecalling) **saw 0–2% hike or were flat YoY**



Source: Teamlease: Jobs and Salaries Primer Report

L&T's Q1 net rises 25% to ₹4.3k cr on new orders

Mumbai: Larsen & Toubro's profit for Q1FY26 rose 25% to Rs 4,318 crore, driven by new orders from diverse sectors including hydrocarbons, renewables, and real estate. Revenue increased 16% to Rs 63,679 crore. The company secured fresh orders worth Rs 94,453 crore, a 33% increase from FY25 . Operating profit grew 13% to Rs 6,318 crore. The infrastructure segment, the largest revenue contributor, increased 7% to Rs 29,031 crore. Revenue from financial services expanded about 10% to Rs 12,679 crore. TNN



Lenskart files draft papers for ₹8k cr IPO

Bengaluru: Lenskart Solutions is gearing up for one of the largest consumer-tech listings of the year, with its IPO expected to raise between Rs 7,500 crore and Rs 8,000 crore, people aware of the matter said. The company filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Sebi on Tuesday. TNN

PE-VC deals in India drop 19% in Jan-June

Mumbai: Private equity and venture capital funds' bets on India have declined 19% YoY to $26.4 billion in Jan-June 2025 as against $32.4 billion recorded in the same period last year, a report said on Tuesday. The investments were higher when compared with July-Dec 2024 period's $23.8 billion, as per the report by IVCA and EY. AGENCIES

Oil majors to tie up for exploration in Gujarat

Mumbai: Reliance Industries, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), and BP Exploration (Alpha) will collaborate to discover and extract oil and gas in the offshore exploration block of the Saurashtra basin. RIL was previously considering additional exploration activities following a decrease in production at its KGD6 basin. TNN

figure it out

2.3bn

people globally were food insecure in 2024, which is 335mn more than in 2019



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization

Orders on hold, exporters brace for uncertain times

Ahead Of Aug 1 Deadline, Trump Says India Tariffs Not Final

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New Delhi: With barely 48 hours to go for US tariffs to kick in and no deal with India so far, exporters are keeping close tabs on duty announcements, not just for India but others as well, as orders are on hold due to uncertainty around US President Donald Trump's next move.

"It's an unpredictable situation. If there is some announcement that benefits India, orders will start flowing. Shelves are empty (in American stores) and the inventory that was built up is almost over. Orders have been placed with us, but buyers have said we should go into production only after uncertainty lifts," said Sudhir Sekhri, chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council.

Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council chairman Kirit Bhansali is hopeful of India managing a good deal but acknowledges that the tariff uncertainty has impacted orders. "Some consignments are going at 10% duty but buyers are waiting as they still have some stocks after the rush to ship goods in April," he said. Bhansali argues that American retailers, who enjoy 60-70% margin compared to 4-5% for Indian suppliers of loose diamonds, will also be impacted by high tariffs.

Govt officials have argued that there is scope for American sellers of jewellery and pharma to absorb the tariff impact.

"The marginal growth of just 0.1% in exports to the US, $663.1 million in April–June 2025 versus $662.5 million in the same period in 2024, suggests stagnation, likely due to tariff announcement by US govt resulting in uncertainty. There has been sharp decline in US bound shipments of agrochemicals & dye intermediates, pointing to possible order deferrals or cautious buying... Such trends suggest that buyers may be re-evaluating inventory needs or renegotiating contracts especially in price-sensitive categories," said Satish Wagh, chairman of Chemexcil.

Although the prospects of an early trade deal remain dim, with USTR Jamieson Greer saying that further talks are required, officials are not ruling out the possibility of a last-minute breakthrough, even as the next round of talks are scheduled to begin on Aug 25.

"The delay in the India–US BTA is unlikely to dampen long-term trade prospects. Both exporters and importers understand that the agreement is a matter of when, not if — and are willing to absorb short-term costs in anticipation of stronger, more predictable gains once the deal is in place," said Ajai Sahay, director general, Fieo.

For garment exporters, it's been a double whammy as China has increased its exports to Europe to offset the impact of higher tariffs in the US, resulting in Indian exporters being edged out. While some orders from American buyers have come to Indian exports, it has not made up for the loss in Europe, said Sekhri. "It is lean season for us (May-Aug) and we usually operate at 70% capacity. Now we are operating at about 70% of that 70%, which means around 50% capacity," he said.

HOW INDIA'S TOP EXPORTS FARED



Source: Commerce dept

Infy CEO indicates no layoffs; to hire freshers

Reskilling Opens Opportunities For Our Staff, Says Parekh After TCS's Record 12K Job Cuts

Veena Mani & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

Bengaluru: TCS's recent decision to lay off over 12,200 employees (its biggest job cuts) sparked concern across the IT industry, raising questions about workforce stability and future hiring. In contrast, Infosys CEO Salil Parekh offered a measured response, explaining how the company managed to stay slightly ahead by making strategic investments in AI and reskilling its workforce. Infosys said it is sticking to its target of hiring 20,000 freshers.

TCS is laying off 12,000 people. Nasscom indicated the shift might trigger rationalisation. Is Infosys planning job cuts?
We recruited over 17,000 people (gross hiring) in the first quarter and plan to bring in about 20,000 college graduates this year. Our focus remains firmly on reskilling, particularly in AI, where we've already trained over 275,000 employees at various levels. This reskilling effort opens significant opportunities for our workforce as we see growth in AI, cloud, and enterprise platforms. We've been deeply focused on AI transformation — whether it's building AI agents or developing smaller language models internally. Beyond technology, we are also benefiting from strategic client decisions around partner consolidation. We believe this will generate substantial opportunities for employees as they get reskilled — like what we achieved during digital transformation. The ability to learn and adapt continues to be crucial in today's fast-evolving market. Data and cloud are the foundational layers that make AI implementation effective, and our strong cloud services practice enables us to deploy more people across programs.

The industry is undergoing a structural reset. How important is reinvestment versus focus on margins?
It's critical to invest. We made significant investments in digital and AI, building agents and language models, and reskilling employees. We also focused on internal efficiency to support these investments without major disruptions. This approach allows us to put more people on new projects.

Infosys posted low single-digit growth for three consecutive years. Is this the new normal for the IT industry?
If you look globally — especially in Europe and the US — macroeconomic shifts are either stabilising or still playing out. My view is that as these trends mature and the environment becomes more stable, we will return to stronger expansion. Technology's centrality is growing across sectors. New opportunities continue to emerge in cloud, data, and technology-driven process transformation. While productivity is one theme, the broader trend is expansion. For this year, our 1–3% growth guidance reflects how client demand evolves. As the environment improves, we expect corresponding changes within Infosys.

With AI reshaping Indian IT, are traditional models like pyramid and bench becoming obsolete?
There are clear changes in the business model, but they also open new opportunities. AI allows for deeper automation and insights but also demands higher-level skills and more effort. Our headcount continues to grow, reflecting our sustained investment in people and technology. Our utilisation model hasn't changed — we ensure optimal alignment between project needs and available talent. With fresh graduates, our training-to-deployment approach remains intact.

Infosys had a net addition of just 210 people in Q1.
We made significant hires. Our college graduate hiring target remains unchanged — we had a strong intake in Q1 and plan to hire 20,000 for the full year. Our utilisation is healthy, and our cautious approach reflects macro conditions. As the outlook becomes more stable, hiring will adjust accordingly.

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RBI allows banks to invest up to 20% of AIF corpus

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The RBI has relaxed its investment and provisioning norms for banks and other regulated entities investing in alternate investment funds (AIFs), increasing the investment cap to 20% of the AIF's corpus from the 15% proposed earlier.

AIFs are privately pooled vehicles regulated by Sebi, designed for high net-worth investors and institutions seeking alternatives to traditional assets. These funds typically invest in real estate, unlisted companies, startups, or follow hedge fund-like strategies.

The central bank has also eased provisioning requirements in cases where both the AIF and the regulated entity (RE) have exposure to the same borrower.

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"The final guidelines are relaxed as these allow regulated entities (REs) to invest up to 20% of the corpus of AIF as against 15% allowed in draft guidelines. Further, in case of any common exposure between AIF and RE, the provisioning required on such investments is proportionate to the share of RE's investment in AIF corpus and not 100% as required earlier," said Anil Gupta, senior vice president, ICRA.

For instance, if a bank invests Rs 10 crore in a Rs 100 crore AIF that lends Rs 20 crore to a borrower the bank is also exposed to, the required provision is now only Rs 2 crore—reflecting the bank's proportionate exposure—rather than the earlier 100% of Rs 10 crore. If the bank's own exposure to the borrower is just Rs 1 crore, provisioning is capped at that level.

However, this relaxation does not apply to subordinated units, which require full provisioning — split equally between tier 1 and tier 2 capital.

EV cab firm BluSmart in insolvency

Indian electric cab firm BluSmart has entered insolvency, an order from a company law tribunal showed, amid mounting corporate governance issues after a regulatory probe alleged its co-founder diverted funds meant for vehicle leases.

BluSmart suspended operations in April after India's market regulator barred co-founder Anmol Jaggi from the securities market.

The ban followed allegations that Jaggi diverted funds from his publicly listed affiliate, Gensol, for personal use — including the purchase of a $5 million luxury apartment and a golf set worth $30,379.

The NCLT admitted insolvency proceedings against BluSmart following a petition filed by financial creditor Catalyst Trusteeship on May 13, according to the tribunal's order dated July 28. In response, BluSmart argued that the petition was premature. REUTERS

Don't bypass safeguards to grow: RBI tells lenders

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In a pointed caution to banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor **Swaminathan J** on Monday warned against the temptation to bypass internal safeguards and regulatory norms in pursuit of growth, saying that competitive intensity should not come at the cost of prudence or governance.



Speaking at the 109th foundation day celebration of Karur Vysya Bank (KVB), Swaminathan acknowledged the progress made by the financial sector but flagged emerging risks in execution, especially when strategic intent is not matched by operational discipline. "Driven by intense competitive pressures and a desire to project short-term success, the management of certain banks and NBFCs appear to believe that the ends justify the means," he said. "Practices such as creative accounting, liberal interpretations of regulations, lenient policy frameworks, and inadequate internal controls are being normalised in some boardrooms—necessitating supervisory intervention."

While he did not name specific institutions, the message was aimed at reminding the industry of the RBI's stance on governance and ethical conduct. "Though such instances may be limited, they risk eroding the public's trust in the integrity of the banking system," he added.

Swaminathan outlined a five-point framework drawn from the classical Tamil text Thirukkural, encouraging banks to reflect on resources, tools, timing, action, and context when making decisions. He urged boards and managements to ensure that systems, processes and people are aligned with ethical standards "from the boardroom to the branch."

He also stressed that digital tools must be deployed with safeguards.

Decathlon to increase India sourcing by 6x

New Delhi: Global sports retailer Decathlon set an ambitious target of sourcing $3 billion worth of goods from India by 2030 — a six-fold increase — driven by the country's manufacturing capabilities, strong compliance standards, and reliable supply chain ecosystem. The expansion could position India as the third-largest global sourcing hub, competing with strong rivals including Vietnam.

At present, India ranks among top four sourcing countries for the French retailer globally. It accounts for 8% of Decathlon's global sourcing quantities, with a goal to scale this to 15% in five years. TNN

AIIB looks to up exposure to India

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is looking to increase its exposure to India from $12 billion to $16-17 billion over next two-three years, on the back of an increased exposure to the private sector, a senior executive said Tuesday.

"There is a massive requirement for funds to build infrastructure around the world and more so in India. Given the govt's expenditure commitments, the private sector has to step up investments in infrastructure and it can use the facilities, including funding offered by AIIB. Our funding will help catalyse private investment. AIIB is also looking to significantly ramp up its exposure to the private sector in India from the current $1.8 billion. Commercial banks can also tap into our resources. Apart from funding we also offer constant monitoring of projects and global best practices," said AIIB vice president Ajay Bhushan Pandey.

The multilateral development agency has identified renewable energy, green mobility, and affordable housing as top focus areas. "We are also open to finance digital infrastructure like data centres, AI and digital communication. The scope is very wide. If there are innovative projects, such as those related to AI or even semiconductors, we can work to make them more bankable and provide funding. AIIB's definition of infrastructure, apart from traditional infrastructure like energy, transport, water etc, includes health, education and digital and the scope is quite wide," said Pandey, a former finance secretary.

AIIB acts like an anchor and helps companies financed by it raise funds from other international agencies and investors. The agency is looking to increase its annual funding to all countries from around $10 billion to $17-18 billion, with half the money likely to flow to the private sector by 2030.

6.4%: IMF raises India GDP forecast

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IMF on Tuesday raised the global growth projection marginally, with the Indian economy too likely to expand more than what was estimated earlier. In its latest update, IMF said India is projected to grow 6.4% in 2025 and 2026, "reflecting a more benign external environment than assumed in the April reference forecast". The estimate for this fiscal year, ending March 2026, is 0.2 percentage points higher than the earlier one.

Global growth is projected at 3% (2.8% estimate earlier) for 2025 and 3.1% next year. "This reflects stronger-than-expected front-loading in anticipation of higher tariffs; lower average effective US tariff rates than announced in April; an improvement in financial conditions, including due to a weaker US dollar; and fiscal expansion in some major jurisdictions," it said. For the US and China too, growth estimates have been revised upwards, 0.8 percentage points in China's case to 4.8%.

As P&G's chief, Jejurikar has to 'tide' over tariffs, slowdown in US

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Following the announcement that he will be the FMCG giant's next CEO, Shailesh Jejurikar, in a statement, said, "I am honoured to serve as P&G's CEO. P&G people, our brands and our capabilities in innovation and operational excellence fuel my confidence for a future of sustained growth and value-creation."

His transition to the global workplace began in 2010 when he was appointed vice-president for home care, North America, before being named CEO of P&G's fabric & home care, the company's largest business sector, in 2019. It includes iconic brands like Tide, Ariel, Downy, Gain, Febreze, and Swiffer.

In 2021, he was appointed P&G's first-ever chief operating officer to oversee a broad portfolio including P&G's enterprise markets (Latin America, India, Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Eastern Europe), as well as critical company-wide functions such as sales, market operations, purchasing, and manufacturing.

Jejurikar's elevation comes at a time of rampant nativism in middle America, where he currently lives (in Cincinnati, Ohio, which is P&G's headquarters). While 90% of P&G products sold in the US are made in America, allaying President Trump's rage about cheap foreign products, many in his **MAGA base are resentful of foreign-born CEOs** like Satya Nadella and Sundar Pichai despite their critical role in growing the US economy and their ties to India, providing an opening to a fast-growing market.

About 48% of P&G's revenue is from the US market and 52% from the rest of the world. More than 20 P&G products have global revenues of more than $1 billion each. Its India revenues have been growing fast and topped $2 billion recently, even as sales in the US are slowing down. P&G on Tuesday reported global net sales of $84.3 billion in FY25, unchanged over last year, and forecast 1-5% sales growth for FY26. The broader outlook, the firm said, includes "around $1 billion before tax, or approximately $800 million after tax in higher costs from tariffs".

P&G has also set in motion an internal restructuring, as part of which it will cut up to 7,000 (non-manufacturing) jobs globally over two years and exit some product categories and brands in select markets. For the first quarter of 2025, overall real personal consumption expenditures rose 1.2% at annual rates in the US, well below the 4% growth recorded in the fourth quarter of 2024, analysts at Deloitte said in a note last month, adding that consumer spending is expected to remain subdued going into 2026.

While India-born CEOs in the tech sector is now a familiar story (Microsoft, Google, IBM, Adobe Systems, YouTube, Micron all have Indian CEOs), there are also several desi CEOs in the broader market. Among them are Raj Subramaniam, who's leading FedEx; Vivek Sankaran, helming grocery chain Albertsons; Vasant Narasimhan at Novartis, and Leena Nair, who runs France's global luxury brand Chanel.

Jejurikar is married to Sankhya, a visual artist, and they have two sons.

News of Jejurikar's elevation triggered delight in the Indian corporate sector, now positioned as a global crucible for leadership.

"Shailesh Jejurikar's appointment as CEO proves yet again that Indian-American leaders can navigate not just tech, but the hearts and minds of US consumers. And this news has special meaning for us at @MahindraRise because Shailesh happens to be the younger brother of our very own Rajesh Jejurikar, executive director and CEO (auto & farm sector) M&M Ltd," business patriarch Anand Mahindra noted.

'Proves Indian-American Leaders Can Navigate Beyond Tech'

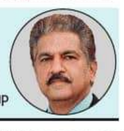


P&G's next president & CEO **Shailesh Jejurikar** (extreme right) with his family

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> His appointment as (P&G's) CEO proves yet again that Indian-American leaders can navigate not just tech, but the hearts and minds of US consumers — **Anand Mahindra** | CHAIRMAN, MAHINDRA GROUP



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I believe the future of technology will be smart, inclusive, and focused on making a real difference. Being in the people supply chain segment, I see a big opportunity for AI and deeptech to do more than just automate tasks. We need tools that can understand a person's potential, predict what kind of talent companies will need, and guide people on how to upskill in real time. With technology changing so fast, more than 70% of the workforce needs to be reskilled – and tech can play a big role in making that easier. I want to see platforms that help companies hire faster and better, while keeping people at the heart of it all. The real power of technology is in how it connects people to meaningful work and helps build a workforce that's ready for the future. That's how we move closer to our mission of Putting India to Work.

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FROM BACK OFFICE TO BRAIN TRUST

Purpose, patents and profit are becoming the new metrics for GCCs as they mature

Akhil George & Sujit John | tnn

Global capability centres (GCCs, the tech & operations arms of MNCs) have helped power India's technology ascent for years now, but the cost-arbitrage model that lured multinationals here is past its sell-by date. Indian hubs must now behave less like offshore centres or back-offices, and more like intellectual engines that invent, decide, and monetise. That was the consensus among leaders at the Nasscom-Times Techies GCC 2030 And Beyond conference in Bengaluru on Monday.

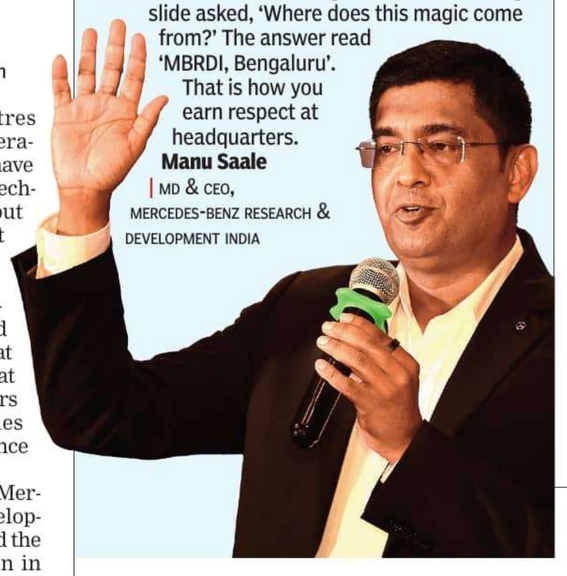
Manu Saale, MD & CEO at Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India (MBRDI), illustrated the stakes with a story that began in 2018, when headquarters asked whether a car could read hand gestures. Bengaluru engineers seized the brief, trained neural networks to run on an edge device, and two years later were on stage at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas flicking the sunroof and stereo on a concept saloon open and shut with nothing but a wave. "There was one slide that mattered – Where does this magic come from? – and underneath it read 'MBRDI, Bengaluru'," Saale recalled, still delighted that India, not Stuttgart or Palo Alto, cracked the problem first. "That is how you earn respect at headquarters – and how you keep it," he said.

SAP Labs India MD and Nasscom chair Sindhu Gangadharan offered another concrete case. Eighty percent of the code for SAP's Joule enterprise copilot, she said, is written in Bengaluru, where developers work shoulder-to-shoulder with global customers to refine queries that track inventory, chase leads, or calculate taxes in natural language. "We're talking about taking innovations like Joule from India to the world," she said, pointing out that a quarter of SAP's patents now originate locally. The lesson for newer entrants, she argued, is to nurture end-to-end product thinking – engineers who can design, commercialise and localise software, not merely code it. That demands earlier and deeper partnerships with universities so graduates arrive GCC-ready: steeped in IP law, data-driven design and platform economics as well as algorithms.

All of the leaders said the most successful GCCs are the ones that are most tightly integrated with the enterprise; and that's also when the enterprise gets the most value from its GCC. Lalit Ahuja said simplicity is its best ally. The ANSR founder, who helps multinationals set up GCCs in India, recounted a conversation with the chief executive of a leading global company who had trouble wrapping his head around the concept of a GCC. His eureka moment came when Ahuja suggested treating the GCC as "the 19th floor of your office" – just in another country. The company in question had an office on the 18th floor of a building and were contemplating expanding into the 19th floor.

"Hire people there as you would if you were expanding into a new floor, plug them into the same systems, obsess about the same customers, and watch culture do the rest," he advised. The executive followed through – and the Bengaluru office is now literally nicknamed 'the 19th floor' inside the company. Ahuja's moral: don't over-engineer the set-up. Indian adaptability means new centres can "just arrive", usually in as little as three months, borrow the battle scars of incumbents and leapfrog straight to innovation.

Sirisha Voruganti, who runs British bank Lloyd's offshore global services, underscored how quickly autonomy for GCCs can deliver. Her team is leading the bank's push into digital identity, an area where Britain lags but India excels thanks to Aadhaar. "We've invited Nandan Nilekani to brief our board on what a billion-scale ID system looks like," she said, adding that Lloyd's chose India precisely because local engineers live the mass-authentication challenge daily.



"In 2018 our brief was to recognise driver gestures entirely on the edge—no network, pure on-board intelligence. Anyone in Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Tel Aviv, or Stuttgart could have owned it, but Bengaluru said yes. It was an industry first, we didn't even have an FPGA (chip) that could run it on the edge. At CES 2020 a single slide asked, 'Where does this magic come from?' The answer read 'MBRDI, Bengaluru'. That is how you earn respect at headquarters.

Manu Saale | MD & CEO, MERCEDES-BENZ RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INDIA



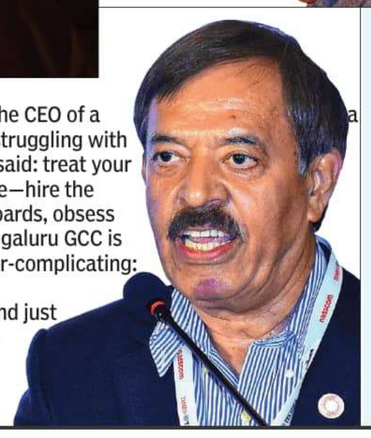
"India is SAP's only site with the entire product portfolio under one roof. A quarter of our global patents—and nearly 80 percent of the code for our Joule enterprise copilot—now come from Bengaluru. GCCs here are shedding the 'back-office' tag; 44 percent already sit at the top of the maturity curve. Success hinges on end-to-end product ownership and relentless IP creation—not scale alone, but invention for the world.

Sindhu Gangadharan | MD, SAP LABS INDIA & CHAIRPERSON NASSCOM



"The India GCC of a major bank has filed 25% of its global patents, yet the number monetised is very low. That tells us roles with real P&L (profit and loss) must sit here. Headquarters often claim we are too far from the market, but I ask: in banking, healthcare or auto, if you can't seat those roles in one of the world's largest markets, where can you? Our digital-identity work for Lloyd's, inspired by Aadhaar, proves it can be done.

Sirisha Voruganti | CEO & MD, LLOYD'S OFFSHORE GLOBAL SERVICES



"I call it the '19th-floor paradox'. The CEO of a major global company who was struggling with the GCC idea finally understood when I said: treat your Indian hub as another floor of your office—hire the same calibre, plug into the same dashboards, obsess over the same customers. Today his Bengaluru GCC is literally nicknamed '19th floor'. Stop over-complicating: new centres can now skip the experiment-optimise-transform stage and just arrive, integrate, and innovate from day one.

Lalit Ahuja | FOUNDER & CEO, ANSR



"Twenty-five years ago companies came purely for cost; today they come—and stay—for relevance. Every crank of the technology revolution makes India centres more critical. Our GCCs must stop talking about cost and start talking about revenue: the day you influence the top line you prove you are more than an execution hub. The next five years will decide whether we become the innovation leaders or slip back to pure delivery.

Rajesh Nambiar | PRESIDENT, NASSCOM

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HOW TO STAY RELEVANT

What can the thousands of GCCs already in India, and the hundred or so added each year, do to stay on the front foot? The leaders sketched a few imperatives.

- **Pick moon-shot problems that headquarters has not yet solved and deliver them end-to-end.** Gesture recognition did more for Mercedes-Benz's perception of India than a decade of incremental tasks.
- **Focus on revenue generation, commercialise IP.** Filing patents is laudable; licensing them or embedding them in products is what puts India on the revenue map. Joint industry-academia labs and cross-sector forums can help accelerate that path from lab to ledger. Nasscom president Rajesh Nambiar noted that increasingly, GCC success is measured in revenue. Boards no longer ask how many heads a GCC employs but which product lines it owns and what percentage of sales those lines drive, he said.
- **Integrate by design.** Ahuja's 19th-floor metaphor suggests that cultural alignment and shared metrics matter more than physical proximity. When Indian engineers attend the same sprint reviews and read the same customer dashboards as colleagues abroad, they act – and are judged – as peers, not contractors.
- **Cultivate leadership.** Saale argued that India's decisive edge will be forged by the people who run the GCCs. "The leadership factor in the whole game matters most. We need to get our leaders to lead differently, inspire differently and start sharing larger dreams with their teams about how they should see the world from Bengaluru or Pune," he said. The best results will emerge when companies rotate managers across functions and geographies, reward risk-taking and make GCC stewardship a fast track to the C-suite. Ajay Vij, senior country MD for Accenture in India, said leadership was particularly important in today's volatile times.

GCCs must become extension of HQ

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LEADING DIFFERENTLY: Ajay Vij, senior country MD, Accenture in India, in a fireside chat with Sangeeta Gupta, senior VP, Nasscom

What got us here, will not get us to the next wave of growth," Ajay Vij, senior country managing director at Accenture in India, said in a fireside chat with Sangeeta Gupta, senior VP & chief strategy officer at Nasscom. India has had great success globally with IT and tech so far. But Vij said India will in future need to lead differently by becoming the world's innovation engine. He said this ecosystem needed to be fostered with urgency and intent, and by taking an intentional approach to creating skilled talent at scale.

Vij said India's education system has been built for a services mindset, and it is critical now to change it to an entrepreneurial mindset. "We need to literally go down to Class 10-12 graduates and say what's the entrepreneurial mindset. That will be our challenge," he said.

GCCs too will similarly have to become innovation engines. And that, Vij said, will require GCC leaders to see their GCCs as an extension to the HQ. "The next wave of GCCs must truly become like another HQ, deeply aligned, fully accountable, and always building toward the next," he said.

He said there are four "power moves" that can help GCCs to move up the value chain. This includes adopting a business mindset, sparking innovation by becoming the ideas engine for the parent organisation, staying aligned to the strategic growth trajectory, and creating a culture that attracts the best talent.

Gupta said her biggest takeaway from the conference was the need to build product leadership. "How do you get India and the GCC ecosystem ready for that whole product differentiation that we need to invest in!" she said.

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"When GCCs align with their company's overall strategic goals, they become powerful drivers of reinvention and value creation. Those that succeed don't just support, they lead change. At Accenture, we focus on combining talent, technology, and trust to ensure GCCs can meet evolving business needs effectively.

Ajay Vij | SENIOR COUNTRY MANAGING DIRECTOR, ACCENTURE IN INDIA

"There is sharing happening in the ecosystem, but there's a lot more we can do. We need to look at how we can partner more with academia, with startups, we need more collaboration here between big tech and GCCs. Our role as Nasscom will be to make these partnerships stronger, more real.

Sangeeta Gupta | SENIOR VP & CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, NASSCOM

Consistency, resilience, foresight have helped me thrive in my biz

Medhavi Singh

As a woman leader in the fast-evolving world of digital advertising and retail media, staying competitive requires constant adaptation and learning. And this philosophy has been the cornerstone of my career. I've learned that leadership isn't just about chasing targets, it's about staying grounded, adaptable, and relentlessly curious. The digital landscape shifts too quickly to ever get comfortable. The moment you think you've mastered something is precisely when it begins to change. That's why I've always approached each phase of my career with the mindset of a learner, not just a leader.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

When I stepped into a leadership role, the biggest challenge wasn't external competition – it was shifting Criteo's long-standing market perceptions. While the company enjoyed strong brand recall, it was still largely seen as a retargeting player. I knew that unlocking our full potential in India required more than a messaging refresh – it demanded a commercial transformation. Hence, we started by localising our product narratives, forging deeper, more strategic partnerships with key clients, and building credibility in high-growth areas like retail media and quick commerce. Early pilots turned into proven success stories, and consistent value delivery helped us reposition Criteo meaningfully across the ecosystem. Today, India is among Criteo's fastest-growing markets. The journey taught me a fundamental truth: relevance, consistency, and tangible impact are what truly change perceptions and reshape how a brand is seen.

Looking back, every chapter of my career has brought new challenges, and new lessons. But what remains constant is the importance of momentum: moving forward with intent while keeping an eye on the bigger picture.

Consistency builds long term success: In a dynamic industry, it's easy to get caught up in the next big thing. While speed can create momentum, consistency builds long term success. I believe in setting a clear goal with transparent milestones, ensuring that everyone from decision-makers to frontline teams are aligned and are moving in sync.

Resilience over perfection: I've learned that success isn't about flawless execution, instead it's about the ability to bounce back, recalibrate, and keep moving forward. Perfection is a moving target, but resilience ensures you keep showing up, evolving, and finding solutions even in uncertainty.

Upskill to lead through continuous learning: For women navigating careers in tech, continuous upskilling is non-negotiable – it's key to staying ahead of industry shifts, building confidence, and unlocking new opportunities. As someone deeply immersed in the evolution of digital advertising, I've witnessed how technologies like data analytics, machine & deep learning, and genAI are reshaping the industry. These aren't just buzzwords; they represent entirely new skill sets that today's professionals must actively develop to stay competitive.



Medhavi Singh is country head at Criteo India

THIS GCC IS RESHAPING HR GLOBALLY WITH AGENTIC AI

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UKG is hardly a household name outside the world of HR technology, yet the Massachusetts-headquartered firm has quietly grown into one of the world's largest privately held software companies, valued at $22 billion. Its cloud platforms handle everything from time-keeping and shift scheduling to payroll, talent management and employee sentiment analysis for more than 80,000 organisations – a customer list that stretches from corner shops to the biggest global conglomerates.

In effect, UKG sits in the plumbing of global employment, processing what chief product officer Suresh Vittal calls "the economic engine of work": last year alone its systems logged 12 billion clock-ins, shepherded 117 million job applications, and helped companies hire three million people.

Much of that machinery is being built – and increasingly conceived – in India. The company's global capability centre (GCC) began in Noida in 2007 with a brief to extend its workforce-management tools. Eighteen years on, it employs more than 3,000 people across Noida, Bengaluru, Mumbai, and a brand-new hub in Pune. "India is effectively a mini UKG," says Vittal. "We cannot replicate the innovation advantage we get here anywhere else."

That advantage is growing as UKG pushes deeper into agentic AI – software agents that can reason over vast specialist datasets and act autonomously while keeping a human in the loop. Payroll, one of the most labyrinthine back-office chores, is a case in point. "You have to juggle local tax codes, compliance updates, garnishments, benefits and company policies for every employee before a pay-cheque can be issued," Vittal explains. UKG's India teams have written a flock of agents – continuous-compliance, tax-filing and scheduling among them – that scan new regulations, generate individualised pay estimates and surface discrepancies for an administrator's review. Tasks that once swallowed teams of people armed with spreadsheets are now pushed through in minutes.

The agents come with a `confidence score' so managers can see precisely how sure the model is and inspect the rationale in plain English before acting on it. "Responsible AI is non-negotiable," says group vice-president and India country manager Nitin Chandel. "We're making frontline workers more effective, not redundant – freeing them from repetitive low-value chores so they can focus on higher-order work."

UKG's data advantage is formidable. Its Great Place to Work surveys capture the mood of 20 million employees globally each year. That depth lets engineers in India train narrowly tailored language and decision models rather than rely on generic public ones. At the heart of the stack sits People Fabric, a harmonised schema that pulls payroll, attendance, benefits, and expense data from the disparate ledgers of any enterprise into a single source of truth. Data pipelines feed this information to AI models, and a technique called retrieval-augmented generation tops up the models with the latest relevant facts just before they respond.

UKG runs regular `agent-thons' open to all engineers; the most recent attracted the largest cohort from India, producing prototypes that are already finding their way into product roadmaps. Chandel himself leads global human capital management (HCM) engineering from Noida, one of several India-based executives who own worldwide charters. "India is not following; it is leading," he says.

The expansion into Pune underlines that ambition. Opened last month, the facility will specialise in AI and big-data work and is expected to absorb a large share of the new hires UKG plans to make in India. Early-career recruitment is a priority: this year the firm has taken on 400 graduates from the IITs, NITs and top business schools, pairing them with seasoned mentors to accelerate what Vittal calls "the innovation curve".

The move also positions UKG for the next frontier: letting its agents negotiate with those of other enterprise platforms.

"India is not just following the US but leading: many of the agents you see in UKG are thought through, designed and built here. We have opened Pune precisely to focus on AI, big-data and core product work, and over the next couple of years we expect to add about 1,000 employees each year. It's exciting to run global human capital management engineering from India and own critical capabilities end-to-end worldwide today.

Nitin Chandel | GROUP VP & INDIA COUNTRY MANAGER, UKG

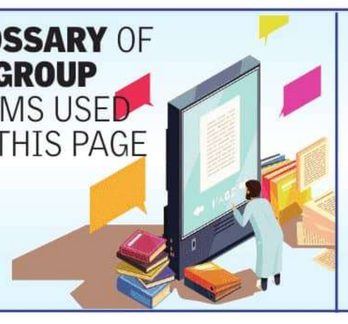


"India is a very special place for UKG; our 3,000-strong teams in Noida, Bengaluru, Mumbai and now Pune form a 'mini UKG' that builds world-number-one workforce-management products and the agentic AI behind them. Thanks to unrivalled domain data—12 billion punches, 117 million applicants—we train vertical-specific models and deploy compliance, tax-filing and scheduling agents completely out of India, keeping humans in the loop while removing monotonous payroll drudgery for customers around the world.

Suresh Vittal | CHIEF PRODUCT OFFICER, UKG



GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE



MCP

The Model Context Protocol (MCP) is a standard that allows multiple AI models, tools, and agents to work together by sharing a common understanding of the user's context, goals, and past interactions. It creates a unified memory and state across applications, enabling seamless collaboration between different AI systems. MCP is particularly useful in agent-based environments, where one model's output may become another's input. By providing continuity and context-awareness, it helps ensure more coherent and personalised responses across tools. MCP aims to make multi-agent AI ecosystems more efficient, interoperable, and aligned with the user's intent over time.

FPGA

A Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) is a type of integrated circuit that can be configured by the user after manufacturing. Unlike traditional chips with fixed functions, FPGAs allow custom hardware logic to be programmed, enabling highly parallel processing and real-time performance. Engineers use hardware description languages to define how the chip should behave, tailoring it for tasks such as signal processing, AI inference, or embedded control. FPGAs combine flexibility with speed, making them ideal for applications where adaptability and low latency are critical. They are widely used for specialised computing needs.

GALLERY

Ledecky wins 22nd world title

Singapore: Katie Ledecky won the 22nd world title of her legendary career on Tuesday as fellow Olympic champions David Popovici and Kaylee McKeown also struck gold. Ledecky cruised to the 1,500m freestyle gold, touching the wall in 15 min 26.44sec. Indian swimmers, however, continued to underwhelm, with none of them making it past the heats.

Oz complete WI tour with perfect 8-0 record: Australia completed a sweep of the T20I cricket series with a three-wicket win over West Indies to finish its Caribbean tour with an 8-0 record in Basseterre. In the last T20I, Australia first dismissed the home team for 170 before finishing at 173-7 with 18 balls to spare.

Satwik-Chirag pair in top 10 of rankings: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty returned to the top 10 in the BWF mens' doubles world rankings, climbing three spots following their semifinal finish at the China Open.

Shillong Lajong beat Rangdajied 3-1: Shillong Lajong FC defeated local rivals Rangdajied FC 3-1 in a high-octane Group E clash at the 134th Durand Cup football tournament in Shillong on Tuesday.

Biathlete Dahlmeier injured after fall in Pak: Double Olympic champion Laura Dahlmeier has been seriously injured in a mountaineering accident in Pakistan, German media said on Tuesday. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: Zimbabwe vs New Zealand, 1st Test, Day 1, 1.30 pm (Fancode); **FOOTBALL:** Durand Cup, 3.30 pm & 7 pm (Sony Sports); EPL, West Ham United vs Everton, 4 am Thursday (Star Sports, JioHotstar); **TENNIS:** ATP Master 1000, 8.30 pm (Sony Sports)

'I took inspiration from Milkha and Mary Kom movie songs'

Pink Printed Kurta, Beige Pants Proved Lucky For Superstitious World Cup Champion Divya

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DIVYA DESHMUKH

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Divya Deshmukh displayed remarkable hunger and tenacity to become India's first woman chess World Cup champion. The 19-year-old will reach Nagpur on Wednesday night, where a grand welcome is planned for her. Speaking exclusively with **TOI** from Batumi airport in Georgia, Divya talked at length and shared her thoughts on how it feels to be a Grandmaster, how she turned things around in her favour and the favourite dress she wore during all her tiebreak games to script history.

Excerpts from the interaction...

Has it sunk in yet?

Yet to sink in. It's still difficult to believe that yesterday (Monday) was my last night as an International Master.

The $50,000 prize money must be the biggest so far in your career. What do you plan to do with it?

I think this is my biggest prize money from a tournament. I don't have any plans right now.

What changes for Divya Deshmukh now — as a person and as a player?

I don't think anything changes for me as a person or as a player. Definitely, it is an accomplishment that I will forever cherish, but I think it is hopefully just a stepping stone. Also, I think the pressure to become a Grandmaster. is off. That's a good thing a player. As a person, it changes nothing.

Do GMs get more respect from compatriots as well as other players?

I don't know. I guess I will find out now.

Which was the best compliment you received — from an Indian and a foreigner?

I don't know. I am yet to go through all my messages. I received lots of them. Once I can go through them, I can let you know which was the best one.

How will you keep your focus in the coming months?

My focus will definitely be on chess. I'll be playing in Uzbekistan in September in Grand Swiss.

How do you relax or unwind before, during and after events? What do you intend to do now after this big achievement?

I usually relax or unwind by listening to songs, getting some sleep, eating, watching something and just resting. Chess is quite exhausting, so I take all the rest that I can. I don't have any specific plans right now. I am a bit sleep-deprived... I need sleep.

Do you think chess is the biggest happening sport in India after cricket? Do you feel bad that chess players do not get as much attention as cricketers?

I am hoping that one day it becomes the next big thing. I am not sure how big it is right now, but I am hoping that my victory contributes in a small way to the overall development of chess. Also, in the last few years, it has been booming in India, so I hope it continues the same way. Chess players don't get as much attention as cricketers. I don't think it's even comparable.

Do you follow any other sport? Who is your favourite sportsperson?

I do follow other sports. Not religiously, but I try to follow them whenever I can. Lately, I have been watching a bit of football and tennis. I don't have a favourite sportsperson, but in this tournament, I was inspired by Milkha Singh because I was listening to the songs from his movie and also Mary Kom.

Are you confident travelling by yourself, or do you still need your parents with you?

I am definitely confident enough to do it. I love having my parents with me because it takes all the stress off me to take care of all the other things, and I just have to focus on chess.

How many countries have you travelled to so far? Which is your favourite and why?

I haven't counted how many countries I have travelled to. I need to make a list now. I will buy a map and then put a pin in all the countries I go to. My favourite is Greece. I don't know why, but I think that I want to go there again. It's very beautiful with amazing food. I have been there three or four times, and I want to go there again. During tournaments, I am so engrossed in chess that I don't get time to visit tourist spots.

Any recent movie you have watched?

I am not a movie person, so I don't think that I have watched any movies recently.

How do you choose the clothes you wear? Where do you rank yourself on a scale of 1-5 in fashion sense?

I just wear what I feel good in, and sometimes, I get superstitious about it. So this tiebreaker dress (pink printed kurta and beige pants) was definitely the superstitious one. I won all my tiebreakers wearing the same. I also won all the games I played in it. I don't want to rate myself. I just like to wear nice clothes. Who doesn't! ■

TOI Exclusive

Need to train our young girls more: Humpy

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Nagpur: GM Koneru Humpy, 38, has been carrying the Indian flag for over two decades. At the Women's Chess World Cup, Humpy secured a silver medal and also confirmed her second successive entry to the 2026 Candidates chess tournament.

In a chat with **TOI**, Humpy said, "I didn't expect to do well in this tournament considering my age, as the format needs a lot of energy. I am happy that I was able to beat strong players." Revealing her trainer's (seconds in chess) name, Humpy said, "I was able to do well thanks to my second, IM Kushager Krishnater, who has worked hard with sleepless nights. We have a bunch of new generation players. I think we need to give more training to the young girls to improve further."

MENTAL TOUGHNESS POWERED DIVYA: POLGAR

New Delhi: The legendary Susan Polgar has attributed Divya Deshmukh's World Cup title triumph to her unyielding will to succeed and mental toughness.

"First of all, congratulations to Divya for this historic feat. Well done. Secondly, even though she may not be the pre-tournament favourite to win this World Cup, or the strongest, but she had what others did not, the will to win and mental toughness," Susan said in an interview.

The 56-year-old Hungarian-American Grandmaster added, "There were games where she (Divya) was in trouble, and there were games she failed to convert. But none of it mattered. She continued to fight hard with no fear! Her strong nerves carried her through the finish line."

Susan, who was the women's world chess champion from 1996 to 1999, acknowledged that Indian chess is riding a wave of success and saw a bright future for the sport in the country with legends like Viswanathan Anand guiding the new generation of players. PTI

ISL teams seek clarity from AIFF

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Panaji: The uncertainty surrounding the start, or even the future, of the Indian Super League (ISL) has prompted eight clubs to collectively write to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) "with a sense of shared concern and responsibility towards the current status and direction of Indian football." This season's edition of ISL was marked to kick off from Sept 14.

"In the absence of proper interaction and a lack of taking clubs into confidence, either from the AIFF or its commercial rights holder, clubs now find themselves unable to plan with the level of visibility and certainty that professional football operations require," the eight clubs wrote in a letter to AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey on Tuesday. "This has impacted not just short-term decisions but is now beginning to affect the structural backbone of our institutions," they added.

The clubs who have called for a "constructive dialogue" with the AIFF president and a meeting at the earliest include Bengaluru FC, Jamshedpur FC, FC Goa, Hyderabad FC, Kerala Blasters FC, North-East United FC, Odisha FC and Punjab FC. The three Kolkata giants – Mohun Bagan Super Giant, East Bengal, Mohammedan Sporting – have not signed the letter, while Mumbai City FC and Chennaiyin FC have also stayed away.

FELIX JOINS RONALDO AT SAUDI'S AL NASSR

Riyadh: Portuguese forward Joao Felix has signed a two-year deal with Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr, where he will join Cristiano Ronaldo. Felix, now 25, remains one of the most expensive transfers in history, following his move to Atletico Madrid for 127.7 million euros ($147.3 million) in 2019.

"I'm here to spread joy. Let's win together," said Felix in a team video post on X. A separate post said he had signed until 2027.

After Atletico, he has since had stints at Barcelona, AC Milan and Chelsea, but has failed to score more than 10 goals a season since leaving Benfica. AFP

HI plans coaching internships with national teams

Baljit Singh And Shanmugam Join India Women's Hockey Staff

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Bengaluru: Hockey India aims to pool resources, borrow ideas and build teams for the future with its internship initiative for coaches with national teams. Harendra Singh, India's women's hockey chief coach, is at the heart of the initiative. At SAI, South Centre on Tuesday, Harendra told **TOI** that the country should have an in-house production of coaches and use their expertise, especially if it plans to host the 2036 Olympics. "The process of building teams should include coaches as well," Harendra said.

On picking coaches for the one-week internship programme, Harendra said: "Hockey India and we sat together and decided to call coaches from various state units and academies who we think can help prepare Indian hockey for the future. They train with the senior teams for a week. They also give their inputs and ideas."

Former India goalkeeper Baljit Singh, who lost vision in his right eye in a freak accident here in July 2009, made his comeback to the national setup last week. The 43-year-old has been roped in by Harendra to coach the goalkeepers along with Dutch consultant Simon Zijp, who will continue to conduct regular short-term camps. Former junior international and seasoned coach from Karnataka, P Shanmugam, has also been roped in.

'Was subjected to harassment for speaking against judge'

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The man I accused, not anonymously but with documented facts and the raw courage only a wounded woman can summon, was not even asked to explain. No inquiry. No notice. No hearing. No accountability. He is now titled as justice, a cruel joke upon the very word, said the judicial officer, who sent her resignation on Monday.

Alleging that she was subjected to unrelenting harassment for speaking against the judge, she asked what message the appointment sent to judiciary's daughters – "That they may be assaulted, humiliated, and institutionally erased for their only real crime was to dare to believe that the system would protect them."

"The same judiciary that sermonises about transparency from the bench failed to even follow basic tenets of natural justice within its own halls. The same institution that teaches equality before law, handpicked power over truth. He, who orchestrated my suffering was not even questioned but rewarded," she further said. In her resignation letter, she wrote, "I sign off not as an officer of the court, but as a victim of its silence. Where were the rules then? Where was the revered transparency then? You refused to protect one of your own. You refused to uphold the principles you preach. You refused to be just – where it mattered the most. And if this does not shake your conscience, then perhaps the rot runs deeper than we dare admit."

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SC: Voter draft list to reveal deleted names & grounds

Political Parties Must Act Like NGO, Support Exercise: Court

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For EC, senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Maninder Singh said each political party has been given the list of voters and that the EC has provided a 30-day timeframe after publication of the draft voter list prepared after SIR to enable excluded voters to add their names to the list or correct their antecedents.

Dwivedi said instead of objecting to SIR, political parties should help voters to get their names verified and included in the voter list.

"Political parties should act like an NGO to facilitate people and support the exercise," the bench said, adding, "Let the draft voter list after SIR be published. Election Commission has given a timeline for those not figuring in it to take steps for inclusion of their names or corrections if any."

When Sibal and others protested the procedure and claimed it was an exercise to exclude certain categories of people, the bench further said, "It is not a question of document. Show 15 people who are alive, yet their names have been deleted on the ground that they have passed away. The draft list will give an opportunity to voters and political parties to understand who are deleted on grounds of migration or death." The bench asked the EC to produce data about such deletions. The Supreme Court posted the final hearing for Aug 12-13.

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Show 15 people who are alive, yet their names have been deleted, the Supreme Court said

Bengal files formal petition against SIR

Trinamool Congress-led Bengal govt informed the Supreme Court Tuesday that it intends to be heard in the ongoing legal battle over EC's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar. SC is currently hearing appeals challenging the SIR order. It allowed Bengal to file a formal application, a senior govt counsel said, adding the matter is scheduled for hearing on Aug 12 and 13.

"If this falls through, nothing stops EC from replicating this exercise in Bengal and other poll-bound states," said a source. "Bengal will convey to SC that it opposes EC's drive to invalidate people who voted even in 2024 Lok Sabha elections based on electoral rolls prepared by the poll panel." Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra has moved SC, urging it to strike down EC's order. TNN

If couple in their 50s, 60s can adopt, why can't they have surrogate child, asks SC

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Laws allow single women (widowed or divorced) between ages 35 and 45 to pursue surrogacy. Appearing for the govt, additional solicitor general (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati defended the provisions, saying the age bar was needed to ensure a child's welfare and to prevent commercial surrogacy. She said the limits were also set keeping in mind the genetic quality of gametes and urged the court to refrain from passing an interim order.

The bench, however, said rationality was lacking in the provision and asked why a single woman could not go for surrogacy. "If she is a widow or a divorcee then she needs it more. Look at the void in her life... Rationality and object are absent. Look how harsh it is," the bench observed. It said if a couple in their 50s and 60s can adopt, then why can't they have a surrogate child.

SC reserved its order on a plea of three petitioners, seeking its approval to go for surrogacy as they are age barred. They submitted that the laws came into force in 2022 but they started the process much earlier as they froze their embryo in 2012 and 2016, and that they should be allowed to pursue. Bhati argued that there were multiple reasons for freezing embryos, and it might not just be for surrogacy.



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"Crystallisation of rights happens on implantation of the embryo in the uterus and not just on freezing of embryos," the ASG submitted. She said there are a large number of embryos that might have been frozen earlier but they cannot claim exemption from the law. The court, thereafter, reserved its order on the plea but hinted that it would protect only those who initiated the process before the laws came into force.

In one of the cases, the wife is 58 years old and the husband is 64.

In the second case, the wife is 53 and the husband 56. Multiple petitions have been filed challenging various provisions of the Acts. One of the petitioners submitted that the laws were discriminatory as it barred a single woman from surrogacy.

"The restrictions are wholly discriminatory and without any rational or reason behind it inasmuch as the said restriction is not only infringing fundamental rights of the petitioner, but also violative of the basic human rights of an individual to found a family as recognised by the UN and reproductive rights, which have been recognised as an aspect of personal liberty under Article 21," the plea said.

U'khand HC ticks off officer for not speaking English, SC stays order

New Delhi: Supreme Court has stayed a Uttarakhand HC order ticking off an additional district magistrate for communicating in Hindi and inability to speak in English during hearing of a case on preparation of electoral roll for the three-tier panchayat elections in the state, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

Uttarakhand deputy advocate general Jatinder Kumar Sethi, appearing for the state election commissioner (SEC), said the HC erred in interfering with an election process at the eleventh hour, which the apex court has barred in its numerous rulings, and assailed the HC's caustic comments doubting the ability of the ADM to "effectively control an Executive post" just because of his inability to communicate in English.

A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices K Vinod Chandran and N V Anjaria issued notices to the Uttarakhand govt, petitioner before the HC Akash Bora, and stayed the HC's July 18 order, thus allowing panchayat elections to be taken to its logical conclusion. It asked both respondents to file their responses in four weeks.

Questioning the efficiency of the ADM because he could not speak in English, the HC bench of Chief Justice G Narender and Justice Alok Mahra had said, "In the meanwhile, the state election commissioner and the chief secretary shall examine as to whether an officer of the cadre of additional district magistrate, who claims to have no knowledge of English or in his own words inability to convey in English, would be in a position to effectively control an Executive post."

The HC had also doubted the efficacy of reliance on family registers as a document by the electoral registration officer to finalise voters' list.

The SEC in his petition said, "The July 18 order is an arbitrary and shocking exercise to interfere in election process while dealing with a writ petition relating to a specific locality — Budhlakot Gram Sabha."

Probe agencies can't question lawyers' professional work: SC

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SC said, 'Their actions are privileged if they are done in the course of their duties as a lawyer. If they themselves indulge in wrong-doing or commit an offence, then there is no protection from prosecution'

New Delhi: In the process of framing guidelines to bar probe agencies from summoning lawyers for rendering opinion to clients, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said the privilege of immunity from prosecution is available to a lawyer as long as he or she acts as a legal practitioner for a client.

During a proceeding initiated suo motu after the Enforcement Directorate issued summons to two senior advocates and later withdrew it, a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said, "We cannot ignore the fact that two senior advocates were issued summons. We are only for people acting solely as advocates and about privileged lawyer-client communications."

"The privilege of immunity from prosecution statutorily conferred on lawyers for appearing, advising or giving legal opinions to clients is like the sanction provision under the IPC. Their actions are privileged if they are done in the course of their duties as a lawyer. If they themselves indulge in wrong-doing or commit an offence, then there is no protection from prosecution," the CJI said.

Senior advocates Vikas Singh, Ranjit Kumar, Mukul Rohatgi, A M Singhvi, A S Nadkarni Amit Desai, Vijay Hansaria, Shoeb Alam and many others flagged the summons issued to the advocates and said tomorrow they would seek details of bank accounts of lawyers, search their premises and seek electronic devices used by advocates in the name of investigating their clients. "Are we not taking things too far," the CJI asked.

Attorney general R Venkataramani said the govt has already acted swiftly and issued instructions to all probe agencies not to issue summons to lawyers for their profession-related work. Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said he agrees with everyone in the courtroom that lawyers must not be summoned for their professional work.

Mehta said it would not be prudent for the court to lay down guidelines based on a singular infraction and cautioned that it could prove counterproductive. "The agencies also cannot ignore a lawyer, who is a director of a company under investigation for fraudulent transactions, giving an opinion for commission of an illegality. Merely because he is a lawyer, he would not be immune from prosecution for the acts he did as director of the company," the SG said.

Giving another example, he also said a fugitive, who fled the country, told the agency that the documents demanded from him are available with a law firm and that the officers could take it from the law firm. "Should the agency not go to the law firm to collect the documents? Will that impinge upon the lawyer's privilege?" SC asked and told the AG and the SG to give their response to the suggestions given by SCBA, SCAORA and other lawyers by Aug 12.

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ENGLAND'S SCIVER-BRUNT OVERTAKES INDIA'S MANDHANA AS NO. 1 BATTER IN WOMEN'S ODIs

STEEPLECHASER AVINASH SABLE UNDERGOES ACL SURGERY, TO MISS WORLD C'SHIPS IN SEPT



Gambhir in heated altercation with Oval curator

Surrey Groundsman Accused Of Preventing India From Having Proper Look At Pitch To Be Used For Crucial Fifth And Final Test

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SURFACE TENSION! Gautam Gambhir makes an emphatic point to Oval curator Lee Fortis on Tuesday

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London: The growing animosity between India and England, it seems, is not limited to just the players. On Tuesday, two days ahead of the crucial fifth and final Test here, India head coach Gautam Gambhir had a heated alteraction with Oval chief curator Lee Fortis, with the team management later accusing the curator of being rude and unfair.

The spat between the two, caught on camera, happened during India's optional training session, with Gambhir seen pointing fingers at Fortis and saying, "You are just a groundsman. You don't tell us what we can do." The altercation continued for a good four-five minutes, with Gambhir's voice echoing around the Oval. "You shouldn't have used that word. You can't talk like that," Gambhir kept repeating to Fortis.

Officials present at the ground calmed things down. It may be noted that Fortis has been awarded the best curator by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for the last three years.

India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak claimed that Fortis had asked the Indian team management to step away from the pitch to be used for the Test and not allowed them to have a good look at the surface.

"Gautam, I and the other coaches were having a look at the pitch. He (Fortis) sent someone to inform us that we should stand away from the pitch, which was surprising. We have all played cricket and we know that the curators can get overprotective with the square.

"But there's nothing wrong in looking at the pitch two days before the game and we had our rubber shoes on," Kotak said after the practice session.

Gambhir lost his cool when Fortis behaved rudely with members of the support staff who were bringing the water-cooling box. "When the support staff was getting the cooling box, which is about just 10 kg, on the ground, the curator shouted at them. That's when Gautam confronted him and told him he can't talk to the support staff like that," Kotak said.

According to Kotak, the coaching staff was asked to move another 2.5 metres further away and have a look at the pitch from beyond the cordon. Interestingly, England head coach Brendon McCullum and England team's managing director Rob Key arrived in informal attire, with leather shoes on, and were seen spending a considerable amount of time on the pitch to be used for the Test. "They (McCullum and Key) were not told anything in front of us," Kotak claimed.

Surrey county didn't want to give an official version but sources said that the groundsman was only protecting the square, which has seen an enormous volume of cricket being played this season.

Before the Indian team management addressed the media, Fortis was asked to present his side of the story. "You people saw what happened. It's a big game. It's okay if he is a bit tetchy. I don't know him as well. I don't know what got him animated. You have to ask him," was Fortis' response.

"That's Fortis' opinion (about Gambhir) and everyone in this world has their opinions. Curators also need to understand that the people they are talking to are highly skilled and intelligent people. If you go to the ground now, where we trained, you won't even see the bowlers marking their runups with their spikes. We also see to it that the ground is not damaged," Kotak said.

"If you sound a bit arrogant when you are working with very intelligent and highly skilled people, you have to know it's just a cricket pitch at the end of the day. It's not an antique that you can't touch," he added. "He said that we are trying to get this grass. I don't know how much grass will grow in one day. You want your ground and square to be good but it's just a cricket pitch."

Throughout this series, the Indian team management has been seen standing on the match pitch two days before each Test. It never appeared to be a problem for the curators at those venues. "We understand the curators are possessive. Wherever we have gone in this series, we even had conversations with curators about how they were preparing the pitch or how much grass they were planning to leave for the match. If any curator had issues divulging that detail, they would politely tell us that we will get to see (the pitch) on the morning of the match," Kotak said.

Kotak, however, said the team management didn't plan to lodge a formal complaint. On his impression of the pitch, Kotak said, "There is grass on the wicket. There was less grass in Manchester. This is like what we got at the rest of the venues. There is some moisture. They say that normally the bounce is good. There will be some early movement."

Bumrah still in fray, Arshdeep in contention

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London: Two days ahead of the last Test of the series, the Indian team management is yet to take a call on whether to play star pacer Jasprit Bumrah at the Oval. Bumrah has already played three Tests, which was the limit set for him before arriving in England. "Bumrah is fit now. We will take a call according to his workload. The head coach, physio and captain will have a discussion and decide," India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak said on Tuesday.

TOI understands that left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh is very close to making his Test debut here on Thursday. He appears to have recovered from the split webbing injury on his bowling hand. He was made to bat for a decently long time in the nets.

India may also contemplate playing Kuldeep Yadav, given captain Shubman Gill's reluctance to use Shardul Thakur as a seam-up option. The team management will also have to rejig the batting order since Rishabh Pant has been ruled out of the last Test due to a fractured foot.

KKR part ways with Pandit, Arun

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Mumbai: The Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have parted ways with head coach Chandrakant Pandit and bowling coach Bharat Arun, **TOI** has learnt. Arun, who served as India's bowling coach from 2014 to 2021 — except for a year under head coach Anil Kumble — has reportedly been appointed as the bowling coach of the Chennai Super Kings (CSK). However, a top CSK official has denied this development.

"Pandit has decided to explore new opportunities and will not continue as the head coach of KKR. We are thankful for his invaluable contributions, including leading KKR to the IPL Championship in 2024 and helping build a strong, resilient squad," KKR stated on X.

A seasoned domestic coach, Pandit had a three-year tenure with KKR and led the franchise to its third IPL title in 2024. KKR — under the captaincy of Ajinkya Rahane — finished eighth in IPL-2025, winning just five of 14 matches.

'Saving Test cricket is like saving the tiger'

Former England Captain David Gower Talks To TOI On The Future Of The Longest Format, The Contrasting Ways Of Modern Batters & Why He Won't Change His Mind On Mike Gatting's Infamous Reverse Sweep...

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London: David Gower was one of the finest batters from England to have played the game. At the age of 68, he is currently focusing on moving on from cricket and is auctioning off his cricketing possessions online. He was at Old Trafford watching another closely-fought Test between England and India. Moments after Rishabh Pant hobbled onto the pitch with a broken foot on the second day of the fourth Test, he sat down with **TOI** for a chat. "When Pant got injured yesterday, part of me said, well that's good for England. But then the other part of me said, it's going to get dull now," Gower said. *Excerpts from the chat...*

Why are you auctioning off your cricket stuff?

My family as a whole is trying to clear the decks. There are things, like, say, my first blazer from an England tour, the original MCC colours, very special. But it's been in a box in the attic for 30-40 years. I've nowhere to put it. It does bring back memories. If someone has a place to put that, then I'm happier it's on display somewhere, because my memory of that doesn't dim. Not everything went in the auction. There are medals and trophies which I've kept for my daughters.

You were one of the most elegant batters in your time. What do you make of modern-day batsmanship?

You've got the contrast. You've got someone like Rishabh Pant who is a unique animal, and animal is not a pejorative term. At the same time, you've got Shubman Gill, who made hundreds of runs in a very old-fashioned way — controlled, elegant, using timing and not brute force. It was really important for India that a new captain makes a mark. The absence of two of the greats suddenly doesn't seem to matter. If there are enough people with the right sort of talent to make it exciting, then by all means pick them. If you are still playing Tests with a view to winning them, then you still have to look for the best players you can. If their styles are different, like Shubman and Rishabh, then the two things can live together in some sort of harmony. England's No. 1 to No. 7 are intent on moving the game forward quickly and being very positive. With a bit of added smartness, they can make it brilliant more often.

Do you view Mike Gatting's use of the reverse sweep in the 1987 World Cup final differently now?

The reverse sweep has become much more common. It's played as easily as even an orthodox sweep or a cover drive or any other orthodox shot. With Mike's, I was commentating in London and I remember saying that's the worst shot I've ever seen. It wasn't needed. The game was almost won. It was Allan Border's last throw of the dice and Mike could have done anything. If you're Mike Gatting or Joe Root, if you try and scoop it over third man in a Test match and you get caught at slip or get caught reverse sweeping, it never looks good.



Has the responsibility of saving the Test format fallen on England, India and Australia?

That is a major fault in how world cricket is being administered. It tells you who has the money, who has the power. I love the way New Zealand play their cricket and I love the way they've taken their Test cricket to smaller grounds, pretty grounds, and made it look good. South Africa couldn't give a flying figure about Test cricket because the only thing that makes money is the SA20. I use the tiger as an example. The tiger was threatened with extinction. It's the most beautiful animal you'll come across anywhere. And when people realized that it was heading for the exit door, Project Tiger gave it a lifeline. I see Test cricket in very much the same sort of way. I love it when Virat Kohli says Test cricket is the most important thing in his life, in his career, because that is 1.4 billion votes for Tests if everyone in India follows his work.

You've played with Ian Botham and extensively covered Andrew Flintoff. Both allrounders struggled as captains. What makes Ben Stokes different?

There's a difference between handling them and them handling a team, for sure. Ian was the most brilliant cricketer, instinctively good. And the problem in the end for him was that he didn't have the instinct to manage people. He just rather expected them to do what he did and get on with it. Flintoff was brilliant for a shorter period of time. He did some extraordinary things. But trying to captain in Australia proved a step too far. He would admit he was a disaster off the field. He didn't cope particularly well.

Now, Stokes has impressed me enormously. He too had off-field issues. The difference is that Ben, if you met him 10 years ago, you would never ever have predicted that he could be the captain that he is now. He was as talented as the other two, as instinctive, as self-centered as you might expect a young man to be at that stage. What those life problems have taught him is a lot about himself. The clearest demonstration is that empathy that he has with all the guys that come into this team. Ian didn't understand that people are different. ■

Vijender turns 'mentor' for Indian boxers ahead of Worlds

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New Delhi: Giving back to the sport which has given him so much joy in life, Beijing Olympics bronze medallist **Vijender Singh** has turned 'mentor' for the Indian boxing team which will be participating in the upcoming World Championships in Liverpool, UK, in Sept.

Speaking to **TOI**, Vijender — once the face of country's boxing following his Olympics and World medals — said he would visit training camps of both men and women boxers in the coming days to give pep talks and help the pugilists develop a strong mindset in preparation for the Worlds.



VIJENDER SINGH

"I recently had a word with Ajay Singh (Boxing Federation of India's interim committee chairman). We discussed ways to prepare our boxers for upcoming Worlds and later for Asian Games (2026) and LA Olympics (2028). I want to use my expertise in nurturing future talent. It's been decided that I'll be visiting both the camps and guide our boxers preparing for the Worlds through my knowledge and technical aspect. I'll be there as a mentor for them. There will be a month-long camp in India for our boxers before they depart for Liverpool," Vijender said.

"All our efforts are directed in one direction – to win medals for the country. I am open to full-time coaching role. Life without boxing is so boring and I don't ever want to retire. I'll continue my association with boxing till my last breath."

Sources in the interim committee informed that once the BFI's election process concludes by Aug 31 and a new set of office-bearers takes charge, Vijender would be appointed as one of the coaches for the men's team.

Wrestler Reetika waives 'B' sample rights

Stares At 4-Year Ban & Forfeiture Of Medals

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New Delhi: Paris Olympian Reetika Hooda has waived her right to 'B' sample testing after returning positive for banned substances. This means the former junior world champion wrestler now faces the prospect of a four-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency (Nada) for her first time doping offence.

She also runs the risk of forfeiting her medals won since March 15, 2025 – the date her sample was collected by Nada's dope control officers.

During the months leading to her provisional suspension by Nada, after receiving a notification of adverse analytical finding (AAF) on July 1, the 22-year-old Reetika, who competes in the women's 76kg category, won silver at the Asian wrestling championships (March 25 to 30) in Amman, Jordan, and gold medals at the Ulaanbaatar Ranking Series (May 29 to June 1) in Mongolia and the World Military Championships (June 22 to 29) in Warendorf, Germany.

Failure to prove her innocence before Nada's anti-doping disciplinary panel (ADDP) would result in all her competition results that came after her sample collection being declared as 'null and void'. The two-time Asian medallist has already been serving a one-year suspension since July 7, 2025, imposed by the United World Wrestling (UWW) after the wrestler's sample showed higher testosterone levels and presence of prohibited substances in testing.

The UWW's suspension will last until July 7, 2026.

DOPE NET

A copy of Reetika's AAF obtained by **TOI** revealed that her 'A' sample was tested at both the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) here and the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada)-accredited Cologne facility in Rome for "testosterone and testosterone metabolite". NDTL had sought a second opinion on Reetika's sample and the Cologne lab confirmed the findings in line with the Indian facility.

Her sample returned positive for S1.1 anabolic androgenic steroids (AAS) and was consistent with exogenous origin for "5a-androstane-3a, 17b-diol (SaAdiol) and 5b-androstane-3a, 17b-diol (5bAdiol)". The wrestler hadn't applied for the 'Therapeutic Use Exemption' (TUE) as per the AAF. Following her failure to appear for the 'B' sample testing, she has been served a formal notice of charge by Nada.

"If you waive the right to have the 'B' sample analysed, the anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) will be confirmed. In such an event and, according to article 10.2, the period of ineligibility imposed for the violation of article 2.1 and 2.2 for a non-specified substance, shall be four years. All results obtained by you from (and including) the date of sample collection (i.e. 15.03.2025) until the date of provisional suspension shall also be disqualified with all resulting consequences, unless fairness requires otherwise," the Nada notice read.

Reetika was tested during a selection trial for the Asian wrestling championships at the Indira Gandhi (IG) stadium here on March 15. The wrestler from Haryana's Rohtak was considered one of the strongest medal contenders for India at the wrestling Worlds scheduled to be held in Croatia in September.

Sports Bill empowers women with greater representation and responsibility

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

Earlier this year when I got a letter from the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF) to become the chairperson of its Athletes' Commission, it came as a pleasant surprise.

Coming as it did at a time when our sports is in intense need to find the next generation of weightlifters to win global medals for India, I accepted the position alongside Commonwealth Games gold medallist S. Sathish Kumar, who is the vice-chairman of the commission.

My four-year term will be a big opportunity to express how women feel about weightlifting, where the intricacies of the sport are vastly different from how men play it. Weightlifting hinges on explosive power and every muscle in a woman's body is impacted. So, it is important to build an ecosystem that is favourable for women to take up such a physically demanding sport.



MIRABAI CHANU

The Khelo Bharat Niti and the Sports Governance Bill mooted by the Union sports ministry complement each other. We have had a sports code that has worked well but sport is dynamic and therefore there is a need for policies and laws to change for the better. The good thing is that the Khelo Bharat Niti is aimed at the greater good of the youth at large and the Bill will ensure the ease of sporting business so that there are no hiccups and athletes wishing to excel at the highest level can just focus on their training.

The inclusion of women in governance should not be seen as an intrusion. Gender neutrality is at the heart of the Olympic movement and now we have the first woman as the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Since Tokyo 2020, the focus on women in global sports has been highlighted.

At Los Angeles 2028, there will be more medals at stake for women than men! It is a significant indication that National Olympic Committees and their constituents will need to align themselves accordingly and ensure women get the respect they deserve on and off the field.

The Bill mandates that at least four women should be in executive committee of national sports bodies. It's a good start to enable women with international sporting experience to be represented and more importantly, heard. Going forward, I expect 50% participation of women in executive committees. Governance does not mean ticking the boxes to superficially satisfy some rules and regulations. Since the Bill is wholly athlete centric, it also means taking into consideration small details that are often overlooked.

Women, by nature, are meticulous and when armed with administrative powers, will surely be responsible and result oriented. At least that's the way I see myself in my new role in IWLF. Having meaningful conversations and creating a strategy that translates into growth and excellence should be the objective.

Since 2014, there has been a definitive mindset shift towards sports in India. The Khelo India initiative is now at the fountainhead of sporting revolution in India but what has contributed to growth and excellence is the focus on infrastructure development, sports science and the government's deep desire to back athletes to shine. I have personally seen the transformation at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports in Patiala. The Sports Governance Bill will only make sure we take rapid strides to win more medals at the continental and global levels without compromising on the tenets of good governance.

Since the 2016 Rio Olympics, we have witnessed a remarkable rise in the performance and presence of women athletes on the global stage. This momentum continued with even greater impact at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and now at the 2024 Paris Olympics, where Indian women athletes have consistently delivered inspiring performances and carried the hopes of a nation. Their growing success not only reflects the evolving landscape of Indian sports but also highlights the importance of creating more inclusive opportunities. Although I have personally never faced any harassment or abuse, I am keen that the 'Safe Sports Policy' is strictly adopted by national sports federations and their affiliates. We still live in a male-dominated world and protection of the girl child is mandatory.

(Mirabai Chanu is an Olympic medal-winning weightlifter)

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