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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF KNOWLEDGE REALTY TRUST IN RELIANCE UPON REGULATION 14(1) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS) REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED (THE "REIT REGULATIONS")



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KNOWLEDGE REALTY TRUST

Knowledge Realty Trust

(Registered in the Republic of India as contributory, determinate and irrevocable trust on October 10, 2024 at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 and as a real estate investment trust on October 18, 2024 under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, as amended, having registration number IN/REIT/24-25/0006.)

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TRUSTEE	SPONSORS	MANAGER
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		 KNOWLEDGE REALTY TRUST
		Knowledge Realty Office Management Services Private Limited (Formerly known as Trinity Office Management Services Private Limited)

Initial public offering of up to [●] Units for cash at a price of ₹[●] per Unit aggregating up to ₹48,000 million by the Knowledge Realty Trust (the "Issue").

Institutional Investor Portion: Not more than 75% of the Issue (excluding Strategic Investor Portion) | **Non-Institutional Investor Portion:** Not less than 25% of the Issue (excluding Strategic Investor Portion)

Strategic Investor Portion: Note less than 5% of the Issue and not more than 25% of the Issue

Price Band: ₹95 to ₹100 per Unit

Bids can be made for a minimum of 150 Units and in multiples of 150 Units thereafter by Bidders (other than Anchor Investors and Strategic Investors)


RISK TO INVESTORS

- Knowledge Realty Trust does not provide any assurance or guarantee of any distributions to the Unitholders. Knowledge Realty Trust's level of distributions may decrease and may not be able to make distributions to Unitholders in the manner described in the Offer Document or at all.
- The Knowledge Realty Trust has a limited operating history and may not be able to operate our business successfully or generate sufficient cash flows to make or sustain distributions.
- The Special Purpose Combined Financial Statements are prepared for the Offer Document and may not necessarily be representative of our actual consolidated financial position, results of operation and cash flows for such periods.

Credit Rating: As on February 27, 2025, the Knowledge Realty Trust has been assigned an issuer rating of Provisional Crisil AAA/Stable by CRISIL and as on February 18, 2025, the Knowledge Realty Trust has been assigned an issuer rating of Provisional [ICRA]AAA (Stable) by ICRA.

BID/ISSUE PROGRAM [#]	BID/ISSUE OPENS TODAY
	BID/ISSUE CLOSING ON: THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

[#] The Issue also include participation by Strategic Investors in accordance with the SEBI Master Circular.

ASBA* Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!	 UPI UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE	For individual Non-Institutional Investors using UPI Mechanism, the Stock Exchanges shall share the bid details (including UPI ID) with Sponsor Bank on a continuous basis to enable the Sponsor Bank to initiate UPI Mandate Request to individual Non-Institutional Investors for blocking of funds. The Sponsor Bank shall initiate request for blocking of funds through NPCI to individual Non-Institutional Investors, who shall accept the UPI Mandate Request for blocking of funds on their respective mobile applications associated with UPI ID linked bank account.
<small>*Applications Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") is a better way of applying to offers by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.</small>		

In case the Price Band is revised, the Bid/Issue Period shall be extended for a minimum period of one Working Day, subject to the total Bid/Issue Period not exceeding 30 Working Days. In case of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, the Bid/Issue Period may be extended for a minimum period of three Working Days, subject to the total Bid/Issue Period not exceeding 30 Working Days. The revised Price Band and Bid/Issue Period will be widely disseminated by notification to the SCSBs and Stock Exchanges, and also by indicating the change on the websites of the Knowledge Realty Trust, the Manager, the Blackstone Sponsor, the Sattva Sponsor and the Lead Managers and at the terminals of the Members of the Syndicate. In accordance with the SEBI REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular, the Price Band cannot be revised more than two times and differential price shall not be offered to any investor.

This Issue is being made through the Book Building Process and in compliance with the SEBI REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular, wherein not more than 75% of the Issue (excluding the Strategic Investor Portion) shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Institutional Investors, provided that the Manager, in consultation with the Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the Institutional Investor Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular. Further, not less than 25% of the Issue (excluding the Strategic Investor Portion) shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Investors, in accordance with the SEBI REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. The Issue will also include participation by Strategic Investors (as defined hereafter) in accordance with the SEBI Master Circular. For details, please see "Issue Information" on page 660 of the Offer Document. All Bidders (except Strategic Investors and Anchor Investors) are required to utilize the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of individual Non-Institutional Investors using the UPI Mechanism Bidding with a Bid Amount of ₹0.50 million or less), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Issue. For details, please see "Issue Information" on page 660 of the Offer Document.

Bidders should note that on the basis of Bidders' PAN, DP ID, and Client ID provided by them in the Bid cum Application Form and as entered into the electronic bidding system of the Stock Exchange by the SCSBs, as the case may be, the Registrar will obtain from the Depository the demographic details including the Bidders' address, occupation and bank account details, including the nine-digit magnetic ink character recognition ("MICR") code as appearing on the cheque leaf ("Demographic Details"), from the Depository. The Demographic Details will be used for giving refunds and allocation advice (including through physical refund warrants, direct credit, NACH, NEFT and RTGS) to the Bidders. Hence, Bidders are advised to immediately update their bank account details, PAN and Demographic Details as appearing on the records of the Depository Participant and ensure that they are true and correct. Failure to do so could result in delays in disbursement of refunds to Bidders at the Bidders' sole risk and none of the Lead Manager, the Registrar, the Banker to the Issue, the SCSBs, the Investment Manager or the Trustee will have any responsibility or undertake any liability for this. Accordingly, Bidders should carefully fill in their depository account details in the Bid cum Application Form.

By signing the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder is deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar, on request, the required Demographic Details as available in their records.

Bids with no corresponding record available with the Depositories matching the three parameters (namely, Bidders PAN (in case of joint Bids, PAN of first Bidder), the DP ID, UPI ID (for individual Non-Institutional Investors Bidding for a Bid Amount of ₹ 0.50 million or less using UPI Mechanism) and Client ID), are liable to be rejected.

Listing: The Units are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges". The Knowledge Realty Trust has received in-principle approvals from the Stock Exchanges for listing of the Units pursuant to letters, each dated May 19, 2025. NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange for the Issue.

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APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA): Investors have to apply through the ASBA process. For details on the ASBA process, please refer to the details given in the ASBA Form and the Abridged Offer Document and also please refer to the section entitled "Issue Information" beginning on page 660 of the Offer Document. ASBA Forms can also be downloaded from the website of the BSE. ASBA form can be obtained from the list of banks that is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. ASBA Forms can be

obtained from Members of the Syndicate, Registered Brokers from list provided on the website of www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

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Escrow Collection Bank and Refund Bank: Axis Bank Limited | **Sponsor Bank(s):** ICICI Bank Limited and Axis Bank Limited | **Public Issue Account Bank:** ICICI Bank Limited.

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Offer Document.

For KNOWLEDGE REALTY TRUST

Date: Mumbai
Date: August 4, 2025

Sd/-
Akshay Rajkumar Sharma
Compliance Officer

KNOWLEDGE REALTY TRUST, acting through its Manager, is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial offer of its Units representing an undivided beneficial interest in Knowledge Realty Trust, and has filed the Offer Document dated July 29, 2025 with SEBI and the Stock Exchanges. The Offer Document is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, BSE at www.bseindia.com, NSE at www.nseindia.com as well as on the website of the Book Running Lead Managers i.e. BRLMs: Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/, Axis Capital Limited at https://www.axiscapital.co.in/, BofA Securities India Limited at https://business.bofa.com/in/en/about-us.html, ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, IIFL Capital Services Limited (formerly known as IIFL Securities Limited) at https://www.iiflcap.com/, JM Financial Limited at www.jmfml.com, Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited at https://www.morganstanley.com/ and SBI Capital Markets Limited at https://www.sbicaps.com/ and at the website of Knowledge Realty Trust at www.knowledge Realty Trust. Potential investors should note that investment in the Units involves a degree of risk, and for details relating to the same, should refer to the section "Risk Factors" of the Offer Document. These materials are not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. These materials are not an offer for the sale of the Units or other securities in the United States or elsewhere. The Units referred to herein have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act. Knowledge Realty Office Management Services Private Limited (formerly known as Trinity Office Management Services Private Limited), acting as manager of Knowledge Realty Trust (the "REIT"), does not intend to register any of the securities of the REIT in the United States or to conduct a public offering of the securities of the REIT in the United States.

3 kids who went missing from Meerut found dead a day later

Meerut: Three children, aged 7-8 years, who went missing near their homes in Meerut on Sunday were found dead under suspicious circumstances in a vacant plot the next day, reports **Sandeep Rai**. Police said the kids were last seen playing outside. Their families contacted the police after they failed to find them during the day.

Sardhana circle officer As-hutosh Kumar said "the cause of deaths might be known once postmortem reports are out."

"We are questioning the neighbours and collecting more information," SP (rural) Rakesh Mishra said.

The father of one of the children said, "We are neighbours and work as daily wage-ers. Our children used to often play in the vicinity of our houses in the morning and return for lunch. But on Sunday, they didn't return home. We looked for them everywhere. We have no clue what happened to them or how they died."

According to locals, when the children failed to return for lunch, their families and neighbours launched a frantic search, which included announcements made on loud-speakers across the village. On Monday, members of the bereaved families along with other local residents reached the police station and demanded the arrest of those responsible.

Meanwhile, a video, accessed by **TOI**, showed the children's bodies lying at the vacant plot which had a considerable amount of water due to last week's excessive rain.

Soldier out at night for petrol mistaken for thief, thrashed

Agra: An Army sepoy, posted in Manipur's Imphal and back home in Muzaffarnagar on leave, along with his relative looking for petrol at night were beaten by locals on the suspicion they were thieves, reports **Sudeep Lavania**. The incident took place recently at Balwakhedhi village in Muzaffarnagar.

Mohan Singh, 32, a soldier from Sonhajnli village in Titawi area of the city, and his relative Roshan Singh, 30, were passing through Balwakhedhi when their bike ran out of petrol in the early hours of Friday. It was dark and they knocked on the door of a house on the outskirts of the village to seek help.

Suspecting them to be thieves, the house owner raised an alarm, following which a crowd of about a hundred people gathered and thrashed them. Upon receiving an alert, a police team reached the spot and took the injured to Muzaffarnagar district hospital.

Muzaffarnagar DSP (Sadar) Devvrat Bajpai said, "The matter is being investigated and we are in the process of filing an FIR." Mohan's cousin Shiv Kumar said the soldier joined the Army 10 years ago.

6 kanwariyas die, 7 hurt in road accidents in Bihar & UP

Bhagalpur/Kanpur: Five kanwariyas, aged between 18 and 24 years, died and as many were injured when their pickup van overturned in Bihar's Bhagalpur district. In another incident, a kanwariya was killed and two other devotees sustained injuries when their bike was hit by a speeding truck in UP's Kanpur early Monday.

The accident in Bhagalpur took place around 12.50am, when a group of kanwariyas were on their way to Sultan-ganj to fetch Ganga water for offering at Jethor Nath temple in neighbouring Banka district on the last 'somwari' (auspicious Monday in the holy month of Shravan).

The driver of the speeding pickup van lost control while negotiating a rainwater-filled ditch, skidded off the road and overturned, said sources. Police rushed the injured to a primary health centre, where five of them were declared dead. Sadar SDO Vikash Kumar denied rumours that the pickup van came in contact with a live electric wire.

The accident in UP took place in the Araul area on Kanpur-Aligarh highway around 2am. A truck hit the bike on which three devotees were returning home after fetching holy water from Ganga in Shivrajpur. The two injured devotees are undergoing treatment. **TNN**

Pollution regulatory bodies can impose fines, rules SC

Sets Aside HC Order Denying Power To Delhi Pollution Board

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New Delhi: In a pioneering judgment giving teeth to pollution regulators, Supreme Court on Monday ruled that pollution control boards, both central and state, have the power to levy fixed compensatory damages from large establishments, spanning over 20,000 sq metres, under the Water and Air Acts, independent of the environmental clearances obtained by them.

Setting aside a Delhi high court judgment denying such power to Delhi Pollution Control Committee, a bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Mishra said, "The environmental regulators, the pollution control boards exercising powers under the Water and Air



Environmental regulators, the pollution control boards exercising powers under the Water and Air Acts, can impose and collect restitutionary or compensatory damages... as an ex ante measure to prevent potential environmental damage
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Acts, can impose and collect restitutionary or compensatory damages in the form of fixed sum of monies or require furnishing of bank guarantees as an ex ante measure to prevent potential environmental damage."

Writing the judgment for the bench, Justice Narasimha said, "These powers are incidental and ancillary to the empowerment under Sections 33A and 31A of the Water and Air Acts." At the same time, the bench directed that these powers must be exercised as per procedure laid down by subordinate legislation incorporating necessary principles of natural justice, transparency and certainty.

SC said there was a subtle

difference between punitive and restitutionary powers — one was levied when violation of environmental laws were detected and guilt was fastened, while the other was in anticipation of the damage that would be caused by a big entity and demanding compensatory environment charge.

Justice Narasimha said the pollution board's powers under Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act has to be read in light of the legal position on the application of 'polluter pays' principle. But, for this, necessary rules and procedures must be notified, he said.

"These rules must also create an enabling framework for citizens to file com-

plaints about environmental damage. Public participation in environmental protection has assumed great importance with climate change threatening to drastically disrupt our way of living," Justice Narasimha said.

"This means that a state board cannot impose environmental damages in case of every contravention or offence under the Water Act and Air Act. It is only when the state board has made a determination that some form of environmental damage or harm has been caused by the erring entity, or the same is so imminent, that the state board must initiate action under Section 33A of the Water Act and Section 31A of the Air Act," the bench said.

"While we hold that the boards have the power to direct payment of environmental damages, we make it clear that this power must always be guided by two overarching principles. First, that the power cannot be exercised in an arbitrary manner; and second, the process of exercising this power must be infused with transparency," the bench added.

UP ATS arrests doctor in Maha for radicalising Muslim youth

Lucknow: UP's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) arrested Monday a homeopathy practitioner, Usama Maj Sheikh (24), from Badlapur in Maharashtra's Thane for alleged involvement in a larger online network aimed at indoctrinating Indian Muslim youths with the help of Pakistani mentors.

Usama's arrest came after the interrogation of Ajmal Ali (19), another alleged member of the network who was arrested two days ago. According to preliminary ATS probes, the group's objective is to incite communal hatred and prepare ground for a violent movement to establish Ghazwa-e-Hind — an Islamist concept of religious conquest — by spreading Sharia law through jihad.

The duo allegedly influenced young Muslim men to harbour resentment against non-Muslims, encouraging them to join anti-national and criminal activities aimed at destabilising the country, ATS said.

While Ajmal was remanded in judicial custody earlier, Usama was produced Monday before a court in Ulhasnagar, which granted transit remand to UP ATS officers. ATS sources said they were trying to identify other members of the network, including possible foreign handlers and local collaborators. *(Inputs from Pradeep Gupta)*

Baghel's son to remain in judicial custody till Aug 18

Raipur: A special PMLA court in Raipur on Monday extended the judicial custody of Chaitanya Baghel, son of Congress member and ex-Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, until Aug 18 in connection with a money-laundering case linked to the alleged multi-crore liquor scam in the state. Chaitanya was arrested by ED on July 18 after searches at his residence which he shares with his father.

According to ED, Chaitanya was involved in "handling" proceeds of crime worth over Rs 1,000 crore, generated from the illegal liquor trade. **TNN**

Rumours swirl on eve of Art 370 abrogation anniv

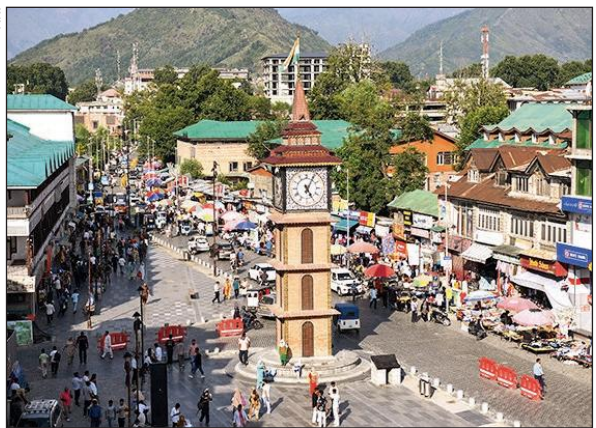
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Srinagar: Amid rumours of further bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir a day before the sixth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, CM **Omar Abdullah** on Monday said "nothing will happen tomorrow".

"I've heard every possible permutation & combination about what to expect in J&K tomorrow so let me stick my neck out and say nothing will happen tomorrow — fortunately nothing bad will happen but unfortunately nothing positive will happen either (sic)," Omar wrote on X, as the state remained abuzz that Jammu may be carved into a separate state. "I'm still optimistic about something positive for J&K in this monsoon session of Parliament but not tomorrow (sic)," Omar said in a veiled reference to restoration of statehood, adding: "And no, I haven't had any meetings or conversations with people in Delhi. This is just a gut feeling. Let's see this time tomorrow."

While Omar appeared to dismiss the rumours, PDP's Itija Mufti said, "Since a week now, hushed whispers suggest something drastic yet again is in the offing. Insinuations dressed in metaphors & dark humour." Her mother and former CM Mehbooba Mufti, in a post on X, criticised the abrogation of Article 370, but did not make any reference to the latest speculations. "Aug 4, 2019,



A view of Srinagar's Lal Chowk on Monday. Rumours are rife that Jammu may be carved out into a separate state

we were silenced. Aug 5 our voice, our rights, our Constitution taken without our consent. What was ours by birth and by belonging was stripped away overnight. Not a whisper of warning. Not a shred of justice. Today, we remember. We resist," she said.

Earlier in the day, J&K Police held a high-level security review meeting, chaired by DGP Nalin Prabhat. A police spokesperson said the DGP was apprised of the prevailing security situation in the UT by the IGs and heads of various wings, including intelligence. Prabhat emphasised the need to enhance security measures and design effective counter-insurgency strategies for smooth and peaceful conduct of coming events in J&K, including Independence Day. He also directed the officers to increase surveillance on anti-national elements, intensify area domination exercises, and enhance the security of vulnerable targets.

The DGP directed the district police chiefs to closely monitor social media platforms to prevent any attempt to spread misinformation impacting public safety and order, the spokesperson said.

In the context of the rumours about of another major big announcement, Lt-General (retired) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon, who was serving as the 48th commander of 15 Corps in Kashmir when Article 370 was abrogated, said on X: "The peace in Kashmir has come about at a great cost of human lives — of security forces personnel and innocent civilians. It's still fragile, as was evident from the Pahalgam terror attack. For the sake of those who laid down their lives in this journey of peace, as also those whose lives are going to be impacted by any decision on it, we should not rush into any hasty decision as consolidation phase for restoration of peace is going on."

HC: Past overstays cannot be reason to deny furlough

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Nagpur: In a ruling underscoring the rehabilitative purpose of furlough, Nagpur bench of Bombay high court quashed prison department's refusal to grant leave to a life convict, stating that past overstays on furlough (leave of absence for a specified period to a convict from prison) cannot permanently disqualify a prisoner from exercising the right to temporary release.

A division bench comprising Justices Anil Pansare and Mahendra Nerlikar was hearing a plea filed by Shankar Landge, a 38-year-old serving life imprisonment at Nagpur Central Jail, following his conviction by a Wardha court on murder charges in 2010.

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March 22 by DIG (Prisons), Nagpur, citing multiple instances of overstay between 2010 and 2014. Landge challenged the decision in high court. Opposing his plea, public prosecutor S Thakur informed the bench that the convict had overstayed his release by 18 days in 2010, 88 days in 2011, 265 days in 2013 and 56 days in 2014.

The court, however, noted that Landge had not been granted furlough since Nov 18, 2014. His counsel argued that the past overstays — now over a decade old — should not weigh against him indefinitely. The petitioner also gave an undertaking that he would diligently perform his allotted prison duties, addressing another concern flagged by the prison authorities.

Allowing the petition, the court directed Landge to be released on furlough for the period he had applied for, on terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the prison authorities.

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Tipu Sultan laid foundation for KRS dam, says mantri, stirs row

Bengaluru: Karnataka BJP accused governing Congress of distorting historical facts and insulting the Mysore royal family by crediting Tipu Sultan with laying the foundation of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) dam on Cauvery river, a claim the opposition party dismissed Monday as baseless and politically motivated.

The row erupted after social welfare minister H C Mahadevappa said at an event in Srirangapatna Sunday: "Tipu Sultan was the first to conceptualise the dam and laid the foundation stone, but nobody has the courage to say this. BR Ambedkar has said that those who don't know history cannot create history."

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra shot back, calling the statement "a blatant distortion of well-documented history."

"Tipu died in 1799, while the dam was planned in 1908. It was completed in 1932. Congress is defaming the Wadiyars and indulging in vote-bank politics," Vijayendra said on X. "From the beginning, CM Siddaramaiah has shown contempt for the royal family. His son, MLC Yathindra, recently claimed Siddaramaiah was greater than Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Now, Mahadevappa has insulted the legacy and sacrifice behind the Kannambadi dam."

KRS dam, named after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, remains one of Karnataka's most iconic irrigation and drinking water sources, serving the Cauvery basin and beyond. It is a popular tourist spot, famous for Brindavan Gardens located at the dam complex. **TNN**

DRDO rest house manager held for spying for ISI

Jaisalmer: Central intelligence agencies detained on Monday Mahendra Singh, a manager of a DRDO guesthouse located near Chandan Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, on suspicion of espionage for the ISI, Pakistan's intelligence agency, reports **Vimal Bhathia**.

Jaisalmer SP Abhishek Shrivhare confirmed the detention, saying Singh was set to undergo intensive interrogation on Tuesday where security and intelligence agencies will collaborate to uncover the full extent of the information he allegedly shared with the ISI.

The guesthouse where Singh was employed is known to accommodate experts and scientists involved in missile and weapon trials at the nearby Pokhran Field Firing Range.

US FAA rings alarm bells over unsafe RAT in Boeing models

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New Delhi: Operators of Boeing 787-9 and B787-10 models will have to check their ram air turbine (RAT) forward fittings after the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed this to "address the unsafe condition" following reports indicating the same "were possibly manufactured with an incorrect titanium alloy material".

The erstwhile Vistara has seven Boeing 787-9 aircraft in its fleet that are now flying for Air India.

This condition, "if not addressed, could result in loss of backup hydraulic and/or electrical power as well as the RAT module departing (snapping off) from the airplane," the FAA says.

RAT is a device on an aircraft used to provide emergency backup power by deploying into the airstream when needed, like in case of dual engine failure. The RAT deployed on AI 171, which crashed in Ahmedabad seconds after take-off on June 12. The pre-merger Air India uses B787-8 variants of Dreamliners (one of which



Wreckage of Air India's AI 171 flight which crashed in Ahmedabad on June 12. RAT was deployed before the aircraft went down

crashed in Ahmedabad) and may not be required to undergo this check.

"We issued guidance to our B787-9 and B787-10 customers in Feb 2025 and fully support the FAA's proposal to make that guidance mandatory. The in-service fleet can continue normal operations," Boeing said in a statement to **TOI** on Monday.

The FAA said: "The titanium material that was possibly used is a Grade 1 or 2 commercially pure unalloyed titanium, which has significantly reduced strength, fatigue and damage tolerance properties... A RAT

forward fitting that was possibly manufactured with the incorrect titanium alloy material could fail when the RAT is deployed."

"The FAA is issuing this 'notice of proposed rule-making' after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design," it added.

The check requires "a high frequency eddy current or handheld X-ray fluorescence spectrometer inspection of the RAT forward fitting to determine the titanium alloy material".

Delhi, Maha & Chandigarh lead in 1st electric mobility index

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New Delhi: Delhi, Maharashtra and Chandigarh have emerged as the overall frontrunners in the first India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) launched by Niti Aayog on Monday. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Haryana have emerged as the performers in the overall category in the index.

The IEMI tracks, evaluates and scores all states and UTs out of 100 across 16 indicators under three core themes: transport electrification progress to capture demand-side adoption, charging infrastructure readiness to track allied charging infrastructure development, and EV research and innovation status that covers supply-side ecosystem R&D efforts.

Based on IEMI scores,



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states are categorised into frontrunners (leading with robust ecosystems), performers (making progress), and aspirants (requiring intervention).

"The IEMI is a strategic tool designed to empower

policymakers with the insights needed to drive impactful, data-informed decisions," said Rajiv Gauba, Niti Aayog member.

Under transport electrification progress, the frontrunners are Chandigarh, Delhi

The IEMI aims to highlight states that have made significant progress in adopting and promoting e-mobility. This includes achievements in policy implementation, charging infrastructure deployment, EV sales and financial incentives

and Maharashtra, while Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Goa are the performers.

In the charging infrastructure readiness segment, Haryana, Karnataka, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh have emerged as frontrunners while the performers are Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Under the EV research and innovation status category, the frontrunners are

Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana and Telangana, while Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh are the performers.

Delhi, Maharashtra and Karnataka were the consistent leaders in the quarterly rankings of states and UTs on IEMI for the four quarters of 2024, while other states showed varied performance trends. Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Ladakh and Lakshadweep demonstrated the biggest gains over the year, even as states such as Kerala and Assam slipped,

according to the report.

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As of now, 29 states and Union territories have notified EV policies. These focus on developing various aspects of the e-mobility ecosystem, including demand generation, supply-side support, skill development, employment and innovation. The states and UTs achieve this through a combination of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, according to the report.

Taylor Fritz outshines Czech Jiri Lehecka with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5) victory in 3 hours to reach the quarterfinals of ATP Toronto Masters, **P 24**

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TMC's Lok Sabha chief whip Kalyan Banerjee resigns after a public bout of name-calling with fellow MP Mahua Moitra that overshadows appointment of Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee (in pic) as new parliamentary party chief, P 10

Australia will raise its cap on foreign students by 9% to 295,000 next year and prioritise Southeast Asian applicants, govt says, P 18

Bangladesh's former Army chief Lt Gen (retd) M Harun-Ar-Rashid found dead in a room at Chittagong Club, according to media reports. The 77-year-old had arrived in Chittagong from Dhaka on Sunday to attend a court hearing, P 18

Kremlin says everyone should be careful about nuclear rhetoric, in its first response to a statement by US President Donald Trump that he has ordered a repositioning of US nuclear submarines, P 18



FAA flags faulty alloy in RAT in 2 Boeing models

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6 kanwariyas die in accidents in Bihar, UP

Five kanwariyas died and as many were injured when their pickup van overturned in Bihar's Bhagalpur, while another kanwariya was killed and two other devotees injured when their bike was hit by a speeding truck in Kanpur Monday. Authorities denied rumours the van came in contact with a live wire. **INSIDE JACKET**

Girl, 15, shot dead in mkt, 'BF' suspected

A 15-year-old girl was shot dead allegedly by her 20-year-old boyfriend in a market in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri Sunday night, police said. The youth is absconding. The motive for the attack remains unclear. **P 8**

186% dip in Delhi's fiscal balance: CAG

Delhi's fiscal surplus of Rs 4,566 crore in 2022-23 turned into a Rs 3,934 crore deficit in 2023-24, marking a 186% decline in fiscal balance, as per the CAG report on state finances tabled in the assembly. **P 4**

P B Balaji to be 1st Indian CEO of JLR

British marquee brands Jaguar Land Rover will get its first Indian CEO this Nov when Tata Motors group CFO P B Balaji takes over. Post-acquisition in 2008, there have been four CEOs, but none was Indian. **P 21**

76 dead as migrant boat sinks off Yemen

At least 76 people were killed and 74 are missing after a boat carrying mostly Ethiopian migrants sank off Yemen in the Gulf of Aden Sunday. The toll could be 140-plus, it is feared. **P 20**

HC denies bail to DHFL's Wadhawan

Delhi high court Monday denied bail to DHFL promoter Kapil Wadhawan in an alleged Rs 34,926-crore bank fraud case, saying his "conduct in custody was not beyond reproach". **P 15**

Delivery exec killed in VK hit-&-run

A 40-year-old delivery executive died as an SUV hit his e-scooter on Nelson Mandela Marg in Vasant Kunj and fled. Rajkumar, a farmer from Manipur, moved to Delhi three years ago. **P 8**

MP's chain snatched in high-security enclave

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In a letter addressed to Union home minister Amit

'Unreasonable': India hits back at Trump tirade on Russian oil

In Fresh Outburst, US Prez Threatens Steep Hike In Tariffs

Sachin Parashar & Chidanand Rajghatta

In its first direct public push-back against US President Trump's repeated targeting of India over trade with Russia, the Centre termed his criticism "unjustified and unreasonable". It said like any major economy, New Delhi will take all necessary measures to safeguard its national interests and economic security.

In an official statement, ministry of external affairs said even the US continues to import uranium hexafluoride for its nuclear industry, palladium for its EVs and fertilisers and chemicals from Russia.

The rare outpouring of frustration with Trump's rants followed another outburst by the US president in which he accused India of buying mas-

"India is not only buying massive amounts of Russian oil, they are then, for much of the oil purchased, selling it on the open market for big profits. They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian war machine"

— Donald Trump

"The very nations criticising India are themselves indulging in trade with Russia. Unlike our case, such trade is not even a vital national compulsion"

— MEA

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Threat unlikely to wean India off Russian crude

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New Delhi: Trump's latest threat is unlikely to affect India's decision to source crude from Moscow as long as it's cheaper than the alternatives.

"We will go solely by the interest of our consumers and go for the best option price-wise. If Russian crude works out cheaper than other sources, why

► China rejects threats on oil buys, P 20

should we penalise our consumers?" said a senior govt source who did not rule out the possibility of India exploring further discounts from Moscow.

Sources said NSA Ajit Doval's visit to Russia, beginning Tuesday, will yield clarity on the geo-economic dilemma.

The Centre has so far not made any move to wean off In-

'FULL TRANSPARENCY'

► Trump's threat ignores mkt realities, misrepresents trade data and undermines a key partnership in Indo-Pacific: Trade research body GTRI

► India's oil trade with Russia has taken place with full transparency and broad understanding with US, it says

► In fact, in May, India's crude petroleum imports from Russia fell 10% to \$9.2bn

► Biz circles agree, P 11

SC pulls up Rahul for 'Chinese thrashing our soldiers' remark

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New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi, the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, got a rap on his knuckles on Monday from the Supreme Court for his 2022 statement — Chinese are "thrashing our soldiers in Arunachal Pradesh" — while criticising the govt for its handling of the Galwan Valley clash at the LAC. "If you were a true Indian, you would not say all this," the court told him.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A G Masih lambasted Rahul for making allegations that China captured 2,000 sqkm of Indian territory and asked him whether he was present there. It made it clear to him that as leader of opposition he cannot go on saying whatever he wants.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Rahul

"How do you (Rahul Gandhi) get to know that 2000sq km of Indian territory were occupied by the Chinese? Were you there? Do you have any credible material? If you were a true Indian, you would not say all this if there is a conflict at the border..."

— SC Bench

"Ever since 20 brave soldiers were martyred in Galwan, every patriotic Indian has sought answers... Yet, Modi govt for the past 5 years has chosen to obfuscate and hide the truth with its policy of DDLJ — deny, distract, lie, and justify"

— Congress

"SC has once again reprimanded 'China Guru' Rahul Gandhi for making irresponsible statements concerning India's national security and territorial integrity. Imagine, a leader of oppn being repeatedly rebuked for speaking so recklessly"

— BJP

Gandhi, defended him saying, "if he cannot say these things which are published in the Press, he cannot be a leader of opposition". However, he agreed that the statement could have been worded better.

SC's censure came during the hearing on Rahul's plea for staying a defamation case filed against him over his claim about Indian jawans ha-

ving been beaten up by the Chinese during the Galwan standoff. The remarks were made by Gandhi at a presser during his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

After the brief hearing, the court stayed the defamation proceedings against Gandhi but not before giving him an earful.

► 'Were you there?' P 17

PWD case: Court accepts CBI's closure report

Delhi court on Monday accepted the closure report filed by CBI in a case registered against former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain and others over allegations of irregular engagement of professionals in the PWD and payments made from unrelated projects, reports Vineet Upadhyay.

The court of special judge Dig Vinay Singh noted that despite several years of investigation, no incriminating evidence was found against anyone to support charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, or any other offence.

Other pending cases against Jain are related to CCTV project graft, money laundering, and disproportionate assets, among others. **P 7**

HC: Can't deny furlough over past overstays

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IN THE COURTS

► SC proposes an interim committee for management of Banke Bihari temple in Vrindavan till Allahabad HC decides validity of UP govt's ordinance for development of the temple area | **P 14**

► SC blasts Punjab police officers who allegedly assaulted a Col & son during altercation over parking, reminds them they are sleeping peacefully because army men protect borders | **P 12**

► SC asks ex-CM Baghel and his son to move HC to challenge ED's alleged practice of filing incomplete chargesheets in laundering cases | **P 14**

tributed equally among the kin of the victims, said CBI public prosecutor Anmol Narang.

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Tired, tested & triumphant: India squares series at Oval

Six-Run Margin India's Narrowest Test Victory Ever

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London: Under gloomy skies here at the floodlit Oval, an extraordinary series fittingly found its final act with some heart-stopping moments and the narrowest victory margin for India in a Test match.

After 53 deliveries on the final day, it was Shubman Gill's young side that held its nerve to clinch a thriller as England, which had unbelievably looked like chasing down 374, fell

► EDIT PAGE: Where There's A Gill...

short by six runs.

There was little to separate the teams in the series, and with India winning the fifth Test, the inaugural Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy ended with a 2-2 scoreline after 25 days of blockbuster cricket.

No Test series in recent times has seized the imagination quite like this one, and India's victory lap made it clear what they thought of the pre-series prophecies of a rout.

The visitors found heroes for every challenge through the gruelling English summer. On Monday, with everything on the line, it was pacer Mohammed Siraj who

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Mohd Siraj's wicket haul in this series, tied with Jasprit Bumrah (in 2021-22) as highest for an Indian in an England tour

1st win by India in 5th Test of an overseas series

2018 Last time Eng won a Test series against India

With 35 runs needed and 4 wickets in hand, England was the favourite going into the 5th day. Mohd Siraj turned it around with a spell of 3/9 on Monday, as the match ended in one of the greatest climaxes in Tests

bowled the team to one of the side's most remarkable victories. As Gus Atkinson's off-stump rested flat on the square, felled by a vicious yorker after 56 minutes of gripping cricket, Siraj set off for a celebratory run.

► Young India, P 23

Shibu Soren, 'Dishom Guru', tribal voice and JMM founder, dies

Madan Kumar, ASRP Mukesh & Jaideep Deogharria

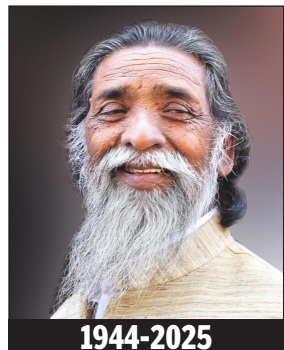
Indian politics lost one of its more prominent tribal faces on Monday with the passing of Shibu Soren — JMM patriarch, three-time ex-CM, and among the spearheads of the decades-long statehood movement that culminated in Jharkhand being

► Visionary who fought for tribal rights: Cong, P 14

carved out of Bihar in 2000.

Soren, 81, was being treated for a kidney ailment at Delhi's Ganga Ram Hospital since June 16 and had his immediate family, including his eldest son and current Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, by his bedside when he died.

With his flowing white beard, forceful oratory and finger on the tribal pulse, Shibu embraced and lived up to the epithet "Dishom



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Guru" — Santhali for "guru of the land" — bestowed on him by legions of adoring followers until the ravages of age slowed him down.

PM Modi called him "a grassroots leader... with unwavering dedication to the people. He was particularly passionate about empowering tribal communities, the poor, and the downtrodden".

► Father's murder, P 14

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MP's chain snatched in high-security enclave

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In a letter addressed to Union home minister Amit

SUFFERED INJURIES

► 'Near Poland embassy, a man wearing helmet approached us on a scooter. He snatched my gold chain and fled,' R Sudha wrote to Amit Shah

► She suffered neck bruises and her churidar was torn

► She said, 'If a woman cannot walk safely in such a high-security zone, where else can one feel secure?'

Shah, the MP detailed the incident. The Mayiladuthurai MP wrote that on Monday, she was out for a walk along with another MP, Rajathi.

► No one came to help, P 2

Rani Kapur raises doubts over son Sunjay's death in UK, seeks probe

London: In a dramatic escalation of the ongoing feud within the Sona Comstar family, the mysterious death of Sunjay Kapur has now triggered international scrutiny. Rani Kapur, Sunjay's mother and former chairperson of Sona Comstar, has formally approached UK authorities seeking a comprehensive probe into the unexplained circumstances surrounding her son's death in London.

Sources connected with the matter confirmed that an official criminal complaint has been filed with UK authorities. The complaint calls into question the nature of Sunjay Kapur's sudden demise, pointing to what Rani describes as

OFFICIAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED

► Rani Kapur calls into question nature of son Sunjay's sudden demise, pointing to what she describes as 'mysterious circumstances', appeals for urgent intervention by British law enforcement

► US authorities are already monitoring situation, as Sunjay was an American citizen

► Rani had earlier written

"mysterious circumstances", and appeals for urgent intervention by British law enforcement. "The developments surrounding Sunjay's death are deeply concerning," a per-

son close to the family said, noting that immediate and thorough action from UK authorities has been sought. **ANI**

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Bill to regulate private school fee hike tabled in Delhi Assembly | 6



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Man critically injured in 'gang rivalry' shooting

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New Delhi: A 28-year-old man was critically injured after being allegedly shot by three assailants in southwest Delhi's Mohan Garden on Monday. Police suspect the incident is linked to a gang rivalry.

According to police, the victim has been identified as Mohit, a resident of Kabulpur Ghitoli, Rohtak. Police said they received a call around 6.23 pm from a hospital regarding the admission of a man with a gunshot injury. A police team was immediately sent to the scene of crime.

"The shooting took place in front of pillar number 794 in Mohan Garden. The attackers allegedly opened fire on Mohit. Around 8-10 rounds were fired," a police officer said.

Preliminary probe revealed that Mohit was reportedly attacked by three bike-borne men. After allegedly shooting him, the accused attempted to flee. However, due to heavy traffic, they were forced to abandon their vehicle and escape on foot. The abandoned motorcycle has been seized by the police.

Mohit, who is currently undergoing treatment, is said to be in a critical condition. Police confirmed that he has two criminal cases registered against him. "Given the victim's criminal background, we suspect this could be the result of a gang-related conflict," said a senior police officer, adding, the role of Himanshu Bhau gang is under scanner.

Decks cleared for trial of 2019 Anaj Mandi fire accused

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New Delhi: There were "multiple and serious" violations by the owners of a factory in north Delhi's Anaj Mandi, where 45 people, including nine minors, lost their lives in a fire in Dec 2019, Delhi High Court noted on Monday.

Clearing the decks for the trial of Mohd Imran, a co-owner of the multistorey factory, the court upheld a trial court's decision to frame charges against him and others. "The petitioner's daily presence at the building (which was constructed unauthorisedly), ownership of other floors, his role in sub-letting portions of the premises for earning money and not rectifying the defects in the building despite a prior incident of fire, all point—at this stage—to his active participation and sharing responsibilities with the co-accused persons in committing acts which led to the unfortunate incidents in question," Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma observed.

Dismissing Imran's petition challenging the framing of charges, the court said the probe revealed multiple and serious violations of building safety norms attributable to the petitioner and his co-accused. It cited the chargesheet and the status report of police to note "it is evident that Imran, along with other co-accused, was motivated by profit and completely indifferent to the safety and well-being of the workers... No steps were taken by the petitioner to address such serious defects pointed out by tenants and workers from time to time".

The sessions court also charged co-owners Sohail and Md Rehan, pointing out they were the de facto owners and beneficiaries of the unlawful commercial operations, who "not only allowed illegal construction, but also ignored statutory provisions and basic safety norms... The fire incident was a direct consequence of this collective negligence".

Even if it is accepted that the petitioner did not cause the fire and he was not the owner of the floor on which the short-circuit took place, the material on record prima facie indicates that he had the requisite knowledge of the dangerous condition of the premises and its likely consequences, the high court observed. The building was constructed up to five floors illegally, it added.

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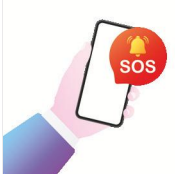
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RISING CALLS, FALLING FIRs

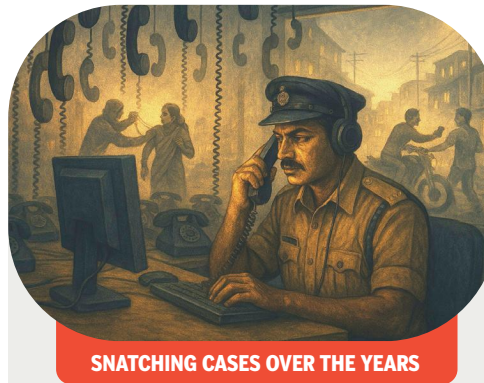
Delhi Police receives over **1,250** PCR calls related to snatchings every month — about 40-41 incidents daily



However, only around **417** cases are registered monthly, indicating a huge gap between reported and recorded crimes

Experts say PCR calls are a truer crime indicator, as police can't influence them

Gaps may arise due to call drops or duplicate calls, but a consistent under-registration raises serious concerns



calls. Callers often define thefts of wallet or phones as snatchings," the officer said, adding that the conversion

rate of calls to FIR should ideally be over 50%. "A wide disparity suggests that case registration might not be entirely

truthful," he explained. In 2019, there were 56,937 snatching-related PCR calls, but in 2020, the calls reduced

Recent Incidents

JULY

Safdarjung Enclave: 81-year-old doctor grievously injured

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JUNE

Pul Prahladpur: Elderly man injured after chain snatching causes him to fall

MAY

Shahdara: Woman falls from e-rickshaw during phone snatching

APRIL

Kohat Enclave: New Zealand citizen targeted near market

Vijay Nagar: Man stabbed, phone snatched by two attackers

Transperson (25) found murdered under bridge

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scene, the officers discovered the body of the victim lying in a pool of blood with a slit throat. The victim — a transgender — was identified as a resident of Khichripur who had been living in Chilla village," the senior officer added.

Locals had caught hold of a minor boy at the scene and handed him over to the police. During initial questioning, the youngster alleged that Annu's ex-husband, Rehan, a resident of Ghaziabad, had planned and executed the murder.

While the boy is being interrogated further to determine his exact role in the crime, police said, it remains to be established whether he was directly involved in the murder or was present merely as a witness. A case under Section 103 of the BNS, has been registered.

New Delhi: A young girl was trafficked at the age of 18, locked in a brothel and forced to serve men against her will for years. Today, she drives her own e-rickshaw on the same GB Road where she once lived as a trafficked sex worker. Once a captive, now a

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‘15k displaced’: Congress hits streets over demolitions

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New Delhi: Thousands of Congress workers, led by Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) president Devender Yadav, protested outside the Delhi Assembly on the first day of the monsoon session against the demolition of over 3,000 JJ clusters that displaced nearly 15,000 families. Recently, a series of demolition drives in areas like Wazirpur, Jailorwala Bagh, Shalimar Bagh, and Jangpura triggered strong reactions from the opposition. Yadav alleged the evictions were carried out by the BJP govt without prior notice or rehabilitation. “To protect the rights of slum dwellers, Congress workers will brave every challenge boldly and not be afraid of the dictatorial police of the BJP,” Yadav said. Congress workers carrying placards clashed with police and paramilitary forces. Yadav was detained and taken to Sabzi Mandi Police Station.

Yadav criticised both the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party for targeting slum dwellers and failing to ensure their rehabilitation. He pointed out that during its tenure, the Congress built in-situ flats in areas such as Bhoomiheen Camp, Jailorwala Bagh, and Katputli Colony. He said Congress MP Rahul Gandhi visited the displaced families and raised the issue in Parliament, following which the Delhi govt announced a halt to demolitions.

CM Rekha Gupta had earlier stated that the current govt has allotted Rs 700 crore for the development of slum areas under the ‘Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Ma-kan’ scheme.

Five B'deshi nationals held attempting to enter Red Fort

New Delhi: Five Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended while attempting to enter the Red Fort. According to police sources, the incident occurred on Monday when security personnel stationed at the monument noticed the suspicious behaviour of five men trying to gain entry, despite the Red Fort being closed to the public from July 15 to August 15 for security reasons. During the identity check, the individuals presented Aadhaar cards. Upon closer inspection, these documents were found to be fake. Subsequent searches led to the discovery of documents linking them to Bangladesh. TNN

Dummy bomb goes undetected in drill at Red Fort, seven cops suspended

New Delhi: Police have suspended seven personnel for their failure to detect a dummy bomb during a routine security drill at the access control point of north Delhi's Red Fort. The incident, which took place last week, was part of an internal security test aimed at checking the alertness and preparedness of the

security staff. According to police sources, a team was assigned to carry a fake explosive device and attempt to enter the premises undetected. The dummy bomb was successfully brought through the access points of the historic monument without being noticed by the stationed officers.

"The team carrying the dummy device managed to bypass security checks at the Red Fort's main gate. The failure to detect the object raised serious concerns about the alertness of the personnel on duty," a senior official said. An internal inquiry is underway alongside the suspensions. TNN



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Pay ₹1.2-lakh school fee with interest: Court

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court recently directed the father of a student at a private school in south Delhi to pay a pending fee of Rs 1.2 lakh with 10% interest.

The court of civil judge Yashu Khurana observed that the father of the student did not appear to contest the suit filed by the school, and it remained uncontroverted and un rebutted. The judge was hearing a suit filed by the defendant,

Bluebells School International, against Virender Rana for the recovery of the amount of over Rs 1.2 lakh, which was due as school fees for his ward.

The school approached the court, stating that it is entirely dependent on the fees paid by the parents to meet its expenses and maintain high standards of education. The school presented evidence before the court, stating that the father did not pay the fees for four years: 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. The child left

the school in 2022 while he was in the Class VII.

Advocate Atul Jain, counsel for the school, submitted that the case of the school stands duly proved by virtue of unchallenged suit and the documents placed on record.

In its plea, the school said that Rana, “under the shield of the directorate of education order dated Aug 1, 2018, regarding the fee structure of the school for the year 2017-18 and in the guise of the fact that the

issue regarding the same was sub judice before Delhi High Court, long delayed the payment of the dues.”

The court, noting the school’s submission that the delay in payment jeopardised its financial situation, said, “Perusal of the record shows that the present suit was filed on Oct 16, 2024, whereas the cause of action last arose upon the plaintiff on Feb 7, 2024, when the defendant made the last payment against the outstanding amount.”

AAP: Send bill to select committee

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Opposing the education bill, AAP demanded on Monday that it be sent to a select committee to include feedback from parents and experts. It also insisted that all school fees be frozen at the 2024-25 levels to stop arbitrary hikes.

Led by leader of the opposition Atishi, the party MLAs walked out of the House, where the bill was tabled on Monday. They also demonstrated in the assembly complex, in front of Mahatma Gandhi’s statue.

“BJP’s school fee bill is a calculated sham—designed to protect private school owners, not parents. BJP delayed the bill from April to July to help private schools hike fees and extort money from parents,” Atishi alleged. “There is no roll-back of hikes in the bill. The fee-fixation committee is to be headed by the school management itself.”

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdev said the bill was brought in to provide relief to parents from the middle and lower-income groups. “If I AAP and Congress are questioning the bill, they must explain first why, despite the long-standing demands of the middle and lower-income groups, their govts did not implement any legal framework for school fee regulation over the past 27 years,” Sachdev asked.

Bill To Regulate Pvt School Fee Tabled

3-Tier Grievance Redressal, Stricter Penalties

WHAT CONSTITUTES A SCHOOL FEE? NEW BILL SPELLS IT OUT

Any amount, by whatever name called, collected directly or indirectly by a school during the course of study, fixed in accordance with Section 5 and includes, as applicable, the following:

- 1 Tuition fee, including curriculum essential
- 2 Term fee, which shall not exceed one month tuition fee per term
- 3 Library fee
- 4 Laboratory fee
- 5 Caution money
- 6 Examination fee
- 7 Hostel fee and mess charges
- 8 Physical education fee
- 9 Development fees
- 10 Deposit as security amount or amount payable for any curricular item as may be prescribed

Caution money
Means the deposit of money for the purposes of handling or damage of laboratory instruments, library deposit, for sports instruments and other such purposes

Development fee
Where the student is admitted into the school having the facility to undertake education up to the Class X or any Class below it, the student shall not be required to pay the fee once again

Other highlights of education bill

➤ Govt may issue directions to any school in line with this Act and its rules

➤ In extraordinary circumstances (eg. natural disasters, epidemics, wars), govt may regulate school fees for existing and new students

➤ Civil courts can't intervene in matters handled by fee committees or director of education

➤ No legal proceedings shall lie against officials or committees for actions done in good faith under this Act or related rules

➤ This Act supplements, not overrides, existing laws like the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and Right to Education Act, 2009



Minister Ashish Sood

such as the school’s infrastructure, staff salaries and annual cost increases. However, it strongly prohibits profiteering.

Sood said the education bill was a small effort from govt’s side for all parents in Delhi. He described it as an effort to honour Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee’s vision and to ensure that education did not become a burden on Delhi’s citizens. Citing historic precedents, he spoke about central govt’s efforts to resolve long-pending legacy issues. “Now, Delhi govt is also committed to solving the capital’s old and complex issues and one of the most pressing among them is the unchecked rise in private school fees,” the minister said.

He added, “This is not a recent problem, but a question that has troubled Delhi’s parents for many decades.” He claimed that the declining quality of the govt education system over the past years, the significant shortage of schools and spiralling private school fees had caused financial and mental difficulties for parents.

The bill imposes stringent penalties on schools that raise fees without valid justification. For a first offence, schools may face fines ranging from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. For repeat violations, the penalty increases to between Rs 2 lakh and Rs 10 lakh. If a school fails to process a mandated refund within the stipulated timeframe, the fine will double after 20 days, triple after 40 days, and continue to escalate with every subsequent 20-day delay. Additionally, repeated non-compliance may lead to disqualification of individuals from holding any official role in school management and a forfeiture of the institution’s right to propose fee revisions in the future.

If violations continue to occur, the bill gives govt the authority to cancel a school’s recognition or even take over its management. While any fee-related dispute is under review, the school will be allowed to charge only the fees applicable in the previous academic year, preventing undue pressure on parents during the process.

Parents divided over bill, protest planned outside assembly today

Meghna.Dhulia@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: On the day Delhi govt introduced the education bill in the assembly, the city witnessed a divide among parents. While a section of them announced plans to protest outside the assembly on Tuesday, calling the bill an attack on their rights, others welcomed it as a long-awaited step towards greater regulation and transparency in school fee structures.

According to the protesting parents, the proposed bill dilutes their ability to raise fee-related complaints by mandating that at least 15% of the parents in a school must jointly support a grievance before it can be formally registered. They allege that this requirement will discourage individual voices and limit accountability.

The bill, they claim, gives private schools unchecked powers to introduce vague new fee categories that could justify arbitrary hikes. It also seeks to retrospectively legalise previously unauthorised charges—fees earlier deemed illegal—thereby undermining past rulings and weakening trust between parents and school administrations, they allege. The removal of mandatory financial audits, they argue, will further shield schools from scrutiny.

“What is particularly alarming is a clause that restricts parents from approaching civil courts over fee disputes. This provision, along with the overall weakening of the Delhi School Education Act rules, will leave families vulnerable to exploitation. Instead of safeguarding the interests of students and parents, the bill appears to favour private school lobbies,” one parent remarked.

Defending the bill, education minister Ashish Sood said, “Within four months of our tenure, we are on track to introduce this bill. I assure people that their concerns will be deliberated in Vidhan Sabha and addressed.” Despite the assurances, aggrieved parents plan to gather outside the assembly. “This protest is about protecting our children’s future and standing up for an accountable, equitable education system,” a parent said.

Meanwhile, another group of parents argued that the bill addressed long-standing grievances. A school’s parent association described the bill as “a structured and transparent framework” designed to curb arbitrary fee hikes and hidden charges. “It proposes prior approval for fee increases, mandatory public disclosure of school financial records and penalties for violations. These measures are a significant step forward,” it stated.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender
NIT No. WBPDC/ITP/NIT/EE2101/25-26 Dtd: 01/08/25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for “**Condenser overhauling and cleaning of MOT along with OT and COT during Overhauling of Unit # 3, KTPS**”. Tender Document Download Start Date: 08.08.2025 at 11:00 Hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 09.09.2025 at 16:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. **Contact No.:** 8336909047. **E-mail:** kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA- T16554(3)/2025

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Plot No. : 3/C, LA-Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106

Notice Inviting e-Tender
Ref No. WBPDC/Tend-Adv/25-26/CORP/CC-4028, Dtd: 01/08/25
NIT No. WBPDC/CORP/NIT/EE2101/25-26 Dtd: 29/07/2025
Tender-cum-Forward e-Auction in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by GENERAL MANAGER (M&C), Corporate Office, WBPDC from eligible Agencies / Companies in 2 Part bid system for “**SALE OF 1 Lac Cum SETTLED ASH FROM ASH POND OF BTPS, WBPDC**”. Tender Document Download Start Date: 29-July-2025, 02:00 PM, Bid Submission End Date: 12-Aug-2025, 12:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mrs. Ipsita Chaudhuri, Sr. Manager (M&C), **Contact No.:** 9830616477. **E-mail:** ichaudhuri@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA- T16560(3)/2025

NOTICE INVITING e-Quotation
NieQ No. WBNKDA/04/ EE-P&GV /NKDA of 2025-26 (SI-5)(2nd call)
e-Tender has been invited on 04.08.2025
Tender ID: 2025_NKDA_887215_3
Name of Work: Mtc of Arboriculture of Subhas Chandra Basu Udyan Park AA-I, New Town, Kolkata under NKDA.
Last date & time of submission of bid (on-line) 19/08/2025 upto 03.00 PM
Details available on website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> & www.nkdamar.org.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer-P&GV / NKDA

NOTICE INVITING e-Quotation
NieQ No. WBNKDA/04/ EE-P&GV /NKDA of 2025-26 (SI-1)(2nd call)
e-Tender has been invited on 04.08.2025
Tender ID: 2025_NKDA_887215_1
Name of Work: Mtc of Arboriculture of Apur Sansar Park Park AA-I, New Town, Kolkata under NKDA.
Last date & time of submission of bid (on-line) 19/08/2025 upto 03.00 PM
Details available on website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> & www.nkdamar.org.
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
In view of order dated 28.07.2025 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 17422 of 2025 (State of West Bengal Vs. Purabi Das & Ors.) and other connected matters and consequences arising therefrom, the Centralised Admission Portal was opened to applicants with a request to update/ upload their social category details from 29.07.2025.

Now, candidates who are yet to update their social category status in the Centralized Admission Portal are finally required to immediately provide such information by 05.08.2025 (11.59.59 PM), failing which we will have no other option but to consider them as legally advised while preparing the merit panel.

No further request for change in social category status will be entertained after the stipulated time is over.

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ICA- N 366 (10)/2025

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NIT No.: MAO/2025-26/06 Date: 05.08.2025
E-Tender is invited for repairing and maintenance of bituminous road inside Jhargram 132 kV sub-station. Bid documents can be downloaded from **05.08.2025, 06:00 P.M.** and bids shall be submitted (online) up to **03:00 P.M., 28.08.2025.** ICA- T16528(2)/2025
Visit the following websites- www.wbtdenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
Central Sector National-Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Examination -2025
11,07,963/-
Central Sector National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Examination, 2025 will be held on 21.12.2025.

Online applications are invited from the meritorious students of Class-VIII studying in Government, Local Body and Government Sponsored or Government Aided schools or Madrasahs. Online application will be available in the School Education Department’s Scholarships portal <https://banglarshiksha.wb.gov.in/scholarships> on and from **07.08.2025** and last date of submission is **09.09.2025**. Willing students may visit School Education Department’s websites : <https://banglarshiksha.wb.gov.in> and <https://banglarshiksha.wb.gov.in/scholarships> for detailed information.

Sd/-
Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal

ICA- N 365(10)/2025

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Notice Inviting e-Tender
Ref No. WBPDC/Tend-Adv/25-26/CORP/CC-4029, Dtd: 01/08/25
NIT No. WBPDC/CORP/NIT/EE2101/25-26 Dtd: 30/07/2025
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by GENERAL MANAGER (M&C), Corporate Office, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/ Companies in 2 Part bid system for “**COMPLETE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING (SITC) INCLUDING OEM SUPPORT FOR 02 YEARS OF POLYCOM VC SETUP AT SGTPPP**”. Tender Document Download Start Date: 31-JULY-2025 01:00 PM, Bid Submission End Date: 05-09-2025 at 15:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Smt. Ayanika Sil, Sr. Manager (M&C). **Contact No.:** 9474973379. **E-mail:** asil@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA- T16556(3)/2025

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

Notice Inviting e-Tender
Ref No. WBPDC/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPPP/CC-4031, Dtd: 01/08/25
NIT No. WBPDC/SGTPPP/NIT/EE2101/25-26 Dtd: 29/07/2025
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, SGTPPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for “**Biennial Maintenance Contract for Operation & Mechanical Maintenance in Chlorination System and also Mechanical Maintenance of Acidulation system, SGTPPP**”. Tender Document Download Start Date: 06.08.2025 at 10:00 Hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 05.09.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA- T16558(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PHED TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, Northern Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte., Siliguri on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal invited e-Tender “WBPHED/EE/ NMD/Niet No. 11 of 2025-2026” having Tender ID :- 2025_PHEH 886207_1. 2025_PHEH 886207_44 for “Operation and Guarding of Pumping machinery of DIFFERENT W/GS SCHEME in the district of JALPAIGURI under Northern Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte.”. The Tender Document collection and submission from 06.08.2025, 10:00 A.M. to 18.08.2025, 2:00 P.M. For details visit on “<https://wbtdenders.gov.in>” The tender is also visible at departmental website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, NMD/P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T16573(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Name of the work:- Construction of drain cover slab at Karpurpur Sub Market Yard under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee. Tender ID :- 2025_WBSMB 880361_1. Tender Amount:-Rs. 7,67,476.00. Vide NIT No:-NZRMC/eT/SECY/09/2025-26, Dated -17.07.2025, The last date for submission of Tender is on :-18.08.2025 upto 12:00 p.m. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> and www.wbtdenders.gov.in Sd/- Secretary, Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee. ICA- T16530(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRIRDD. e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-M), Tamuk (A-M) Division, WRDD invites e-tender for Installation of New Mini River Lift Irrigation Scheme (Solar) at Raychak, Block-Kolaghat in the District of Purba Medinipur vide e-NIT No. WBWRDD/EE/TAM_eNIT_2Cal_25-26. Tender ID:-2025_WRDD_886385_1. Last date of bid submission is 18.08.2025, 6:30pm. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> from 01.08.2025 onwards for further details.
Executive Engineer (A-M) Tamuk (A-M) Division ICA- T16545(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Online Tender for Repair & renovation work of four nos Sub Centers (Dewanbosh, SC, Gosanihari SC, Nandina SC, Trimohini SC) for conversion into SKS under Dinhat-I & II Block in Coochbehar District, vide Tender ref No: DHFWS/CBR/Niet/CV/25/26/07/1 to 4, respectively in Coochbehar district. The tenders shall be invited in accordance with the undersigned. For details please visit the website [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](https://wbtdenders.gov.in) and www.coochbehar.gov.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in Any corrigendum will published in website only. Sd/- CMOH, Cooch Behar. ICA- T16523(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal State AIDS PREVENTION & CONTROL SOCIETY Swasthya Bhawan, 1st Floor, Wing B, GN-29, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091
NOTICE 2025-26 CALL
Online BIDS are invited vide No. HFW-28016(19)/11/2018-MS/E-NIT-06, 2 dated: 30/07/2025-2025 for display of rented hoarding with messages on HIV/AIDS and allied issues in strategic location in high and moderate prevalence districts in West Bengal for a period of two months. The Tender documents and all the information may be viewed at e-tender portal by opening e-procurement platform <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> As well as other amendments & corrigendum also available in above website. Sd/- Controller of Finance. ICA- T16519(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 14 of 2025-26. Online tender in two bid system is hereby invited for: (1) “Shifting and Repairing of pipeline from Bondanga canal par towards Bondanga bus stand” and (2) “Construction of PWD road, damaged due to widening of road in Prantik water supply scheme under SSDA.” Estimated cost for work: Rs. 18,38,799.00/-, Tender ID No. 2025_SSDA_885721_1. (2) “Boundary fencing with ornamental grill on both sides of Probhat Sarani” from SDO’s Office, Bolpur to Bus Stand, at Bolpur, Birbhum, West Bengal.” Estimated cost for work: Rs. 28,73,018/-, Tender ID No. 2025_SSDA_885769_1. (3) “Construction of 2 storied Market Complex along with high drain in front of “Arani” under the planning area of SSDA at Prantik, Birbhum, West Bengal (electrical work)” Estimated cost for work: Rs. 11,97,963/-, Tender ID No. 2025_SSDA_885742_1. Bid submission start date (online) 05/08/2025 at 11 AM. Bid submission closing date (online) 19/08/2025 at 01:00 PM. Details are available visit the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Officer, Sriniketan Santiniketan Development Authority ICA- T16533(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Name of the work: “Construction of Open Shed No. 02 for Retail Fruit & Vegetable Building with open shed and Internal Road near Gate No. 02 within at Karpurpur Sub Market Yard under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee”. Tender ID: 2025_WBSMB 882478_1, Tender Amount: - 6,44,148.00 Vide NIT No:- NZRMC/eT/SECY/10/2025-26, Dated -23.07.2025. The last date for submission of Tender is on :- 20.08.2025 upto 12.00 pm. The detailed information regarding e-NIT will be available on the <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Secretary, Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee ICA- T16541(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
S.E., Western Circle-1, P.W.D., invites online e-Tender for the works of: 1) “Construction of 2-Pump Fire Station for G-1 Storiad Building with provision of G/H/I Storied Foundation at Nalhati in the District of Birbhum”. Estimated amount : Rs. 4,75,05,266 /- 2) “Construction of 2-Pump Fire Station at Labpur in the district of Birbhum under Birbhum Division, P.W.Dte during the year 2025-26 (Civil/Electrical)”. Estimated amount : Rs. 13,15,824 /- Tender ID: 2025_PWD_886192_1 & 2 e-NIT No.-06 of 2025-26 Bid submission start date (online): 07.08.2025 at 3.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 29.08.2025 upto 1.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be provided in website only. Details of e-NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- S.E.W.C. I, P.W.D. ICA- T16538(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIT NO-DCH/2697 DATED 31.07.2025
Tenders are invited by the Principal of Dr.Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata; from reputed Firms for the “Procurement of various dental instruments” vide NIT No: DCH/2697 Dated 31.07.2025 Details will be available in www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbtdenders.gov.in after the date of publication. ICA- T16534(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
The Principal cum Superintendent, Burdwan Dental College & Hospital, Purba Bardhaman invites Tender vide NIT No. DCH/2697 DATED 31.07.2025 for Scavengers & Hossekeeping Service at Burdwan Dental College & Hospital. Last date of submission of tender is 29.08.2025, up to 5.00 p.m. Detailed information may be obtained from the website: www.wbhealth.gov.in or from www.bardhaman.gov.in or from the said office. ICA- T16538(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, Burdwan Divn., Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender NIT No. WBWPWD/SS/EE/BDN/NIT_06/2025-2026 for the work of Repair and Renovation of Surgery/CT Complex and Roof treatment work of OPD Building within the campus of Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Purba Bardhaman. Project ID :- 2025_PWD 8425000_1. Rs. 58,47,073.00, Tender ID :- 2025_WBPWD_886923_1. Bid submission start date (Online):- 11.08.2025, 01:30 P.M. Bid submission closing date (Online):- 22.08.2025, 3:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and tender Documents may be downloaded from : <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/BDN. DIVN/SS/PWD. ICA- T16580(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. On behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide NIT No. 13 of 2025-2026 and Tender ID :- 2025_PHEH 886292_1 to 7 for the work of Operation & maintenance of water distribution system including rising main and FHTC for different Piped Water supply Schemes in Township & Sanitary Block under Kaldipur Sub-Division of Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. (for one year). Details will be available in the website wbtdenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 20.08.2025 upto 03:00 PM. For details visit the website <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T16572(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Irrigation & Waterways Directorate e-Tender Notice
e-NIT No. -WBW/EE-II/LDCE/e-NIT-13 of 2025-26
Executive Engineer-II, Lower Damodar Construction Division, Fulsara, Uluberia, Howrah-71316 invites e-tender (online) for One (01) no. work vide e-NIT No. -WBW/EE-II/LDCE/e-NIT-13/2025-26. Tender ID:-2025 dated- 01/08/2025 of the EE-II/LDCE. Document Download start date is 05/08/2025 at 17:00 hours, Bid submission start date is 05/08/2025 at 17:30 hours & bid submission end date is 12/08/2025 at 15:00 hours. For details please visit the website <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Lower Damodar Construction Division. ICA- T16550(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRIRDD. e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-M), Tamuk (A-M) Division, WRDD invites e-tender for Installation of New Mini River Lift Irrigation Scheme (Solar) at Selmaabadi, Block-Bastan in the District of Purba Medinipur vide e-NIT No. WBWRDD/EE/TAM_eNIT_2Cal_25-26. Tender ID:-2025_WRDD_886346_1. Last date of bid submission is 18.08.2025, 6:30pm. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> from 01.08.2025 onwards for further details.
Executive Engineer (A-M) Tamuk (A-M) Division ICA- T16548(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Bidhanagar, P.H.E. Dte. On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. Niet No. 27 of EE/MO of 2025-2026 and ID :- 2025_PHEH 2025_PHEH 886109_1 to 12 for “Block Ashirwad in the District of Purba Medinipur vide e-NIT No. WBWRDD/EE/TAM_eNIT_2Cal_25-26. Tender ID:-2025_WRDD_886346_1. Last date of bid submission is 18.08.2025, 6:30pm. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> from 01.08.2025 onwards for further details.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-M) Tamuk (A-M) Division ICA- T16548(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abbreviated Tender Notice
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Lack of parking bays: Hindon airport hit

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Ghaziabad: What was emerging as NCR's interim second airport before the one in Jewar takes flight is now grappling with operational challenges. Hindon civil terminal, which has seen a 10-fold increase in passenger footfall since 2019, might have to reduce its flight services following a series of cancellations and parking constraints, according to industry insiders.

A senior Airports Authority of India (AAI) official said discussions were underway to curtail flights from the terminal. "Talks between AAI and airline companies have focused on reducing services to manage the load. While no final decision has been taken yet, we might reduce flights on certain routes," the official said.

The terminal, which currently handles 21 flights daily, has been stretched beyond its original capacity of 300 passengers an hour to accommodate a footfall of 430. With IndiGo's recent entry, the terminal is expected to handle 500 passengers per hour — its maximum manageable load.

Umesh Yadav, director of Hindon civil terminal, acknowledged the infrastructural constraints, but steered clear of making a comment on possible curtailment of flight services. Hindon terminal, which is essentially an Air Force facility, has several restrictions, including a bar on services between dusk and dawn.

"The dusk-to-dawn restriction and insufficient parking bays have been causing flight cancellations. We need at least two more parking bays in addition to the existing two," he said, adding that discussions were ongoing with the civil aviation and defence ministries, and the Air Force regarding expansion of the facility.

'No Proof Against Jain In PWD Hirings Case'

Delhi Court Accepts Closure Report Filed By Probe Agency

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New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday accepted the closure report filed by CBI in a case registered against former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain and others over allegations of irregular engagement of professionals in the PWD and payments made from unrelated project funds.

The court of special judge Dig Vinay Singh noted that despite several years of investigation, no incriminating evidence was found against anyone to support charges under the Prevention of Corruption (POC) Act, 1988, or any other offence.

"When the investigating agency has not found any incriminating evidence over such a long period to prove the commission of any offence, particularly under the POC Act, 1988, further proceedings would serve no useful purpose. Not every decision made in an official capacity—that does not strictly follow rules—warrants invoking the POC Act. There must be at least some material to justify applying the provisions of the POC Act, 1988. Mere neglect of duty or improper exercise of duty alone may not constitute a violation under the POC Act," the judge said.

"It is also worth noting that, even to charge someone, mere suspicion is not enough; at least strong suspicion would be necessary to proceed," the court observed.

The FIR was registered in 2018 against Jain, who was the

then PWD minister, and other PWD officials, based on a complaint from Delhi govt's directorate of vigilance. According to prosecution, Jain and PWD officials irregularly hired a 'creative team' of consultants, breaching recruitment and financial regulations.

The court said CBI found no evidence of pecuniary advantage, conspiracy, or corruption, and the protest petition does not provide any sufficient prima facie evidence from investigations or otherwise, warranting further inquiry. "Since the issues relate to administrative decisions without criminal elements, and more than six years have passed, further investigation is unwarranted. CBI requests the protest petition be dismissed and the closure report accepted," the court ruled. The judge said that if any fresh material is received against anyone, CBI would be at liberty to probe the matter further.

Other pending cases against Jain include CCTV project corruption case, a money laundering case and disproportionate case. In March 2025, a case was registered against Jain for allegedly accepting a Rs 7 crore bribe to waive off a penalty imposed on Bharat Electronics Ltd for delays in installing CCTV cameras in Delhi. In the money laundering case, he was arrested by ED in May 2022 for alleged money laundering. In Jan 2025, CBI informed a special court that it had secured approval from Delhi LG to prosecute Jain in a disproportionate assets case.



Satyendar Jain

'False' cases filed against us, truth prevails: AAP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party slammed the BJP on Monday for allegedly framing its functionaries in false cases and asked who would compensate the families for the emotional distress caused by the serious corruption allegations.

In a post on X in Hindi, former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said all cases filed against his party leaders were "false". "With time, the truth will come out in all these cases. False cases were filed against us, and we were sent to jail. Shouldn't those who filed these false cases, and those leaders who ordered these false cases, be sent to jail? We were smeared with mud—day and night, our families had to endure so much pain. What about compensating for all that?" the AAP supremo said.

Senior AAP functionary and former deputy CM of Delhi, Manish Sisodia, also posted on X: "Three things cannot remain hidden for long: the sun, the moon, and the truth. — Gautam Buddha. No evidence found against Satyendar Jain: CBI. The BJP put in all its might, but victory always belongs to the truth. Satyameva Jayate."

Leader of the opposition in Delhi Assembly, Atishi, said over 200 cases had been filed against AAP functionaries. "But when these cases go to court, it comes to light that AAP leaders have done nothing wrong," Atishi said. AAP's Delhi state president Saurabh Bharadwaj said the "conspiracy" of the BJP has been exposed.

Design tweaked, work on underpass at Pragati Maidan to be done in 8 months

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New Delhi: There finally is light at the end of the last of Pragati Maidan transit system's six underpasses. The Union housing and urban affairs ministry has cleared the Public Works Department's proposal to resume work and finish the project. This marks a breakthrough in addressing long-standing technical and administrative hurdles surrounding the road work.

A detailed proposal to restart work was sent to the ministry last month, which gave its nod for "immediate grouting under the box structures to stabilise the soil and prevent further settlement". Additionally, urgent stitching of boxes beneath the railway embankment will enable track strengthening and ensure structural safety. The adoption of the cast-in-situ construction method with revised width and height parameters was identified as the most technically viable solution in the current scenario.

PWD revealed that the step was made possible after a ground inspection last month by minister Parvesh Verma. The minister said, "This is not just a clearance but a green signal for speed, transparency and accountability. Every rupee spent on infrastructure must yield public value, and I am glad that this solution safeguards both engineering integrity and financial responsibility. Now, execution is our top priority, delay is not an option."

Murder case: 'Lady don', 7 others chargesheeted

New Delhi: A Delhi court recently took cognisance of a chargesheet filed by Delhi Police against "lady don" Zikra and seven others accused in the murder of a teenager. The chargesheet was filed for murder, criminal conspiracy and other offences. The court of judicial magistrate first class Anmol Nohria issued summons to six other accused—Zahida, Shahid, Anas, Anis, Nafees and Vikas—for the next hearing, which is scheduled for Aug 8. A 17-year-old boy was stabbed to death near his home in Seelampur on April 17. Zikra, 22, was arrested the same month. According to the prosecution, she was part of a gang led by Shoib Mastan, who is currently lodged in jail. A mother of a two-year-old, Zikra does not live with her husband. She used to make videos on her Instagram profile named 'Sher ki Sherni'. TNN

Pawsome! Six tiger cubs born at city zoo, largest litter in 20 yrs



SET TO ROAR SOON!

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New Delhi: Six tiger cubs have been born at the Delhi zoo, much to the delight of animal lovers. It is the largest litter of tiger cubs born at the zoo in almost two decades. Their mother, Aditi, a normal-coloured female Royal Bengal Tiger, gave birth on Monday morning, and their father is Vijay, a white tiger.

Sanjeet Kumar, director of National Zoological Park, said, "Aditi, who is aged around 7 years, sired by white tiger Vijay, gave birth to six cubs on Monday between 9 and 11am. It is her first litter." This successful birth comes more than two years after another tigress, Siddhi, also welcomed cubs.

Aditi, a tigress of wild origin, came to the zoo in 2021 from the Gorewada rescue centre in Nagpur. "The tigress is taking care of the cubs so far. We are monitoring the mother and her cubs 24x7 through CCTV cameras. We have also deployed dedicated staff in shifts in the enclosure for constant monitoring," said Kumar.

He added that before the birth, the zoo had six white tigers and seven normal-coloured tigers. "Though white tigers appear different, they are the same species as Royal Bengal Tigers," said Kumar. Their white coat is a result of a lack of pigment pheomelanin.

In 2023, the Delhi zoo saw the birth of five Royal Bengal Tiger cubs to Siddhi, who also came from Gorewada. This was the zoo's first successful birth of the species in nearly 18 years. However, only two of them survived, with three being still-born. This mirrored a similar event in 2005, when a litter of six was born, but only two survived. In 2022, white tigress Sita gave birth to three cubs, and two survived. In 2015, five white tiger cubs were born. "Vijay is also the father of the 2022 white tiger litters," said a zoo official.

The zoo has been attempting to breed Aditi since 2023. "An attempt was made in 2023 to mate Aditi with Karan. After it was unsuccessful, we tried to mate her with another Royal Bengal Tiger, Hari, but that also failed. We then attempted breeding with Vijay. We received confirmation of Aditi's pregnancy on May 26 from Indian Veterinary Research Institute in Bareilly," said the official. He added that the zoo was monitoring the cubs as the first 48 hours were crucial for any litter.

Sirsa in Norway to study model e-waste facility for city eco park

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With Delhi soon to set up its first e-waste eco park, industries and environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa visited the internationally acclaimed Revac e-waste processing facility in Norway's Revet on Monday to look at its infrastructure and understand its functioning.

The minister's office said the visit was a key milestone in Delhi govt's plan to develop the first-of-its-kind e-waste eco park at Holambi Kalan and establish Delhi as a national leader in sustainable industrial development. The park, to be built with an investment of Rs 150 crore, will process 51,000 metric tonnes of electronic waste annually.

According to officials, the Norway facility was selected as a global model due to its proven track record in eco-friendly e-waste management and geographical and operational similarity to the proposed Delhi site. Spread over 1.1 lakh square metre, the Revac plant processes approximately 1.1 lakh metric tonnes of e-waste annually, making it one of the largest and most advanced facilities of its kind in Europe.

Build on best environmental practices, the facility specialises in responsible recycling, material recovery and pollution-free operations. It also exports finished recycled materials to Indian manufacturers, reinforcing a sustainable cross-border circular economy. Sirsa undertook a technical inspection of the facility's infrastructure, from safe dismantling and segregation processes to advanced extraction of reusable materials and eco-conscious waste treatment systems. He also interacted with Revac's senior engineers and operational heads to discuss technological adaptation, compliance and community integration.

Sirsa said Delhi was committed to balancing ecology with industry. "As the minister for both environment and industries, I will not allow either to suffer because of the other. Our goal is integrated progress."

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Traders At Chandni Chowk Protest Wall Of Indifference

To Continue Their Hour-Long Daily Agitations Until Aug 14

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New Delhi: A group of traders from Chandni Chowk organised a peaceful protest march on Monday, moving from Sunheri Masjid to Red Fort, expressing dissatisfaction over issues such as congestion, encroachments, poor law enforcement, inadequate maintenance, and unauthorised hawkers on the main road.

Despite efforts to secure redevelopment funding for this historical marketplace, the substantial investments proved ineffective due to oversight and poor maintenance by authorities, claimed traders. This situation persists despite multiple Supreme Court and Delhi High Court rulings aimed at restoring Chandni Chowk's former grandeur through systemic improvements.

The traders' association announced that they would continue their hour-long daily protests until Aug 14, criticising authorities and highlighting court orders. "Our objective is to combat corruption and establish proper public order. Delhi Police and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) are wishfully and wilfully not implementing several SC and HC's strict orders. The protests intend to 'name and shame' the administration for its failure to implement the rule of law in the area and for making a mockery of the court's directions," said Sanjay Bhargava, president of Chandni Chowk Vyapaar Mandal.

Traders referenced various judicial orders, including the HC directive from Nov 7, 2023, instructing agencies to maintain the area's redevelopment and beautification works. They also highlighted the HC's direction from Dec 20, 2023, mandating strict compliance with the Special Task Force's Dec 7, 2023 decisions concerning street vendor management. The last HC order from Nov 22, 2024, required MCD and Delhi Police to address deficiencies and illegal activities within two weeks. "The judiciary asked for submission of a status report within a fortnight. But except for Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation, no other agency has submitted the status report so far. This is because they have done nothing," said Bhargava.

"The 1.3 km-stretch developed after spending Rs 140 crore is poorly maintained. It lacks basic sanitation, so the question of deep cleaning of stone work done in the market area doesn't arise," added Deepak Jain, secretary of the traders' association.

Traders pointed out the Supreme Court's 2007 ruling designating the area as a no hawking, no squatting zone and ordered the removal of illegal occupants. "MCD, which is responsible for sanitation, toilets, controlling loading and unloading in restricted hours, prevention of unauthorised construction on the main road, have totally ignored the directions of the courts. Similarly, Delhi Police and Delhi Traffic Police have ignored removing illegal hawkers or squatters," said Ajay Mittal, a trader and association member.

CONGESTION, ENCROACHMENTS & MORE

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KEY ISSUES RAISED

- Encroachments and presence of unauthorised street vendors
- Severe traffic congestion
- Ineffective law enforcement
- Neglect of redevelopment and maintenance work



'Court Orders Ignored'

Nov 7, 2023 | HC ordered authorities to maintain redevelopment and beautification efforts

Dec 20, 2023 | It directed strict compliance with STF's Dec 7 decisions on vendor regulation

Nov 22, 2024 | HC gave MCD and Delhi Police two weeks to act on illegalities; sought a status report

2007 Supreme Court ruling | Declared the area a no hawking, no squatting zone, ordered removal of encroachments

15-year-old girl shot dead in market; boyfriend suspect

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 15-year-old girl was shot allegedly by her 20-year-old boyfriend in a market in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri on Sunday night. The youth is absconding.

According to police, the girl was shot around 8.10pm in front of a clinic near D block, causing panic in the busy commercial area. "Our initial inquiry says the girl had stepped out with a friend to have snacks at the D-E block market. While they were walking near a clinic, the man allegedly approached them with another friend and opened fire on her at close range," a senior officer said. Her friend was unharmed.

The accused fired four rounds, said police. The girl, who bled profusely, was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead. Her body has been preserved for post-mortem.

Initial investigations indicate that the youth was in a relationship with the victim. The motive, however, remains unclear, said investigators. "We are examining personal angles and possible disputes that may have led to the attack. The accused has been identified," the officer said.

A case of murder has been registered and multiple teams have been deployed to trace the accused. Several eyewitnesses are being questioned, said police. CCTV footage from nearby shops and the clinic is also being collected to piece together the sequence of events. Investigators said the friend who accompanied the girl was being treated as a key witness in the case.

The victim's family lives in a jhuggi in Jahangirpuri, not far from the site of the attack. Her mother works as a house-help while her father stays in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad.

In June, a 29-year-old woman was assaulted and strangled to death inside a hotel room in central Delhi's Paharganj, allegedly by her 31-year-old boyfriend who stayed with her body during the night.

Polls for Delhi school mgmt panel on Aug 19

New Delhi: Elections for reconstituting school management committees (SMCs) in Delhi govt and govt-aided schools have been postponed due to administrative reasons and will now be held on Aug 19.

Earlier, the SMC elections were scheduled for July 7.

According to a revised schedule issued by Directorate of Education (DoE), parents and guardians who could not submit their nomination forms earlier can now do so by Aug 11.

The scrutiny of nomination forms and preparation of the final list of candidates will be completed by Aug 13, followed by the preparation of the voting sheet a day later.

The election will be conducted on Aug 19 in two shifts—from 8 am to 11 am for the morning or general shift and from 1 pm to 4 pm for the evening shift. Results will be declared on Aug 20, the circular said.

It mentioned that the online application link for social workers interested in joining the SMCs has also been reopened. It is active on the directorate's website from Aug 2 to Aug 11. [PTI](#)

UNSAFE CAPITAL ROADS CUT PRECIOUS LIVES SHORT

Out-of-control bus kills auto driver... ..Delivery boy dies in hit-and-run case

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New Delhi: A 63-year-old autorickshaw driver died after his vehicle was struck by a DTC bus in east Delhi's Shakarpur on Monday. At least six vehicles that were parked on the roadside were also crushed after the bus driver lost control of the vehicle. The deceased was identified as Mohammad Heen, a resident of Shaheed Nagar in Ghaziabad.

Police received information regarding the accident near Vikas Marg Mangal Bazar red light around 9.30am. A team from the Shakarpur police station reached the spot where it found the bus and the autorickshaw in accidental condition. At the same time, the cops also received information from Hedgewar Hospital regarding the man who was brought dead.

There were passengers present inside the bus at the time of the incident, however, no one was injured. The driver was arrested and further investigation was underway. "While the bus driver claimed that he was having epileptic seizures at the time of the accident, his claim is still being verified," said a senior police officer. The driver of the bus was identified as Narender, a 27-year-old resident of Sector 63 in Noida.



ON RAMPAGE: Six vehicles were damaged in the incident

TOI did not receive a comment from DTC on the accident.

In a video of the aftermath of the incident, the busy street is visibly choked with traffic as commuters struggle to move past the crushed autorickshaw between the divider and the bus. The autorickshaw is further seen lodged against a leaning street lamp that the vehicle had rammed against.

On July 27, a 25-year-old man was killed in a hit-and-run incident after a speeding DTC bus allegedly rammed his motorcycle near Anand Vihar Bus Terminal. The bus driver and conductor abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene following the collision. On the same day, a 78-year-old woman was also crushed to death by a private bus near Pagarahi Metro Station in Paschim Vihar.

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New Delhi: A 40-year-old delivery executive died in a hit-and-run incident after the scooter he was riding was struck by a negligently driven SUV on Nelson Mandela Marg in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj on Monday. The deceased was identified as Rajkumar, a resident of Munirka.

An eyewitness said that the car struck Rajkumar's scooter from behind, causing severe injuries to his head, ear and nose. The impact of the accident was such that the rear of the vehicle had been mangled by the crash. The delivery executive was not wearing a helmet at the time of the incident, police said.

"Rajkumar was on his way to collect items from a store in Masoodpur for work when the accident occurred. We received information about the accident around 6.30 am. He was declared dead at AIIMS Trauma Centre. The driver is absconding with the vehicle and efforts are on to trace him," said a senior police officer.

Rajkumar came from a humble background in Manipur and had moved to Delhi around three years ago. He had studied up to the Xth standard and worked as a farmer in his hometown before seeking better opportunities elsewhere. Over the years, he had lived and worked in Bangalore and Saudi Arabia before finally settling in Delhi. His wife, Pooja, runs a salon here.



The accident took place in Vasant Kunj in southwest Delhi

Rajkumar's relative, Bijay Basnet, said that Rajkumar had contacted him when he first arrived in the city, and though they had planned to meet, it never happened.

Nirmala Bhujel, a close friend, said Rajkumar and his wife had been working tirelessly to save money to build a house. "He took good care of his wife and they wanted to build a future together," she said. Bhujel remembered him as a hardworking man who would leave for work as early as 6 am and return around 10.30 pm. The last time she saw him was on July 16, when he and his wife joined her to celebrate her birthday.

DPCC set to revive real-time source apportionment study

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New Delhi: Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has planned to revive the supersite of the real-time source apportionment study in partnership with Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. Previously, IIT Kanpur operated the site until their contract concluded in 2023.

The real-time source apportionment study was conducted by DPCC in association with IIT Kanpur from Nov 2022 to 2023. The methodology of the study was found to be "unsatisfactory" by DPCC. Last year, the committee took over the infrastructure and equipment, including the supersite (lab) at Rouse Avenue and a mobile van that can collect data from various locations.

"The board directed that CAQM be pursued to develop a well-validated methodology through national-level experts. The board desired that the environment department be kept informed about the progress. It was decided that the running of the supersite and mobile lab be expedited in consultation with all at the earliest," according to the latest minutes of the DPCC's board meeting, which was held on July 18.

The environment department has been informed about the progress.

DPCC has also decided to conduct an audit of five-star hotels in the national capital to assess the actual usage of groundwater.

TOI earlier reported that data analysis of 40, mostly five-star hotels, by DPCC showed that out of 7,708 KLD of wastewater being treated at the respective STPs of these hotels, 760 KLD of treated water was being discharged into the sewer. However, the remaining treated water was utilised for non-drinking purposes, including flushing and horticulture.

"Ground reality needs to be verified. Hotels may not have separate pipelines for flushing, etc., which need to be checked during inspection," stated the minutes of the meeting.

Anil Gupta, a member of the DPCC's board, said, "The entire wastewater from the hotels should be utilised so that there is zero liquid discharge."

Man in court for FIR over 'murder & rape' of daughter

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The biological father of a girl has moved court seeking the registration of an FIR for the murder, rape, sexual harassment and other offences allegedly committed against her. The court of judicial magistrate first class Ayushi Saxena called for a status report from the station house officer of Jagatpuri police station.

The complainant's wife deserted him eight years ago along with their two minor children, a son and the deceased daughter. The father said his wife started living with a Muslim man and converted to Islam along with her two children. He alleged that

The complainant's wife deserted him eight years ago along with their two minor children, a son and the deceased daughter

his daughter was subjected to sexual harassment, physical assault, rape and murder by the man with whom her mother was living. The matter has been listed for hearing on Aug 7.

Advocates Amita Sachdeva and Parth Yadav, appearing for the complainant, submitted that the man came to know from one of his relatives about the alleged murder. He visited the mortuary where the body was kept and noticed the injuries on it, the plea alleged.

He claimed that when he approached the accused, requesting him to hand over the body of his daughter so that he could perform the last rites as per Hindu norms, he was threatened with murder. The body was buried by the accused and his relatives, the man claimed.

The man told the court that he had approached police on July 31 and also sent an email to SHO and DCP, but no action was taken. He has also requested the court to direct the SHO to find out where the body was buried.

19-yr-old shoots caretaker after tiff over closed gate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 37-year-old man was allegedly shot dead in the early hours of Monday by a 19-year-old youth following a heated argument over the closing of a property gate in south Delhi's Dera village.

The deceased was identified as Santlal, a resident of Baba Mohalla in Dera village. He was working as a caretaker for a local property and also took up gardening jobs in the area.

The police received a PCR call around 2am regarding the incident. "Upon reaching the location, officers found a man lying unresponsive near the cremation ground. He had suffered a gunshot wound in his chest and was declared dead," a senior officer at Fatehpuri Beri police station said.

During an initial inquiry, it was found that the alleged shooter was a local youth, Piyush Yadav. Police said the motive appeared to be an ego clash that escalated into a violent altercation over whether the property gate should remain closed.


The district crime team and a forensic unit from FSL Rohini collected samples from the scene, recovering an empty cartridge from the spot. The victim's body was sent for post-mortem examination.

"The accused, who works as a real estate agent in Chhatarpur Phase 2, was arrested shortly after the incident. The weapon used in the crime was recovered from his residence," the officer added.

A case was registered under Section 103 (murder) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

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- Sardega-Bhalumuda: 37 km – **₹21,282 crore**
- Boridand-Ambikapur doubling: 80 km – **₹776 crore**
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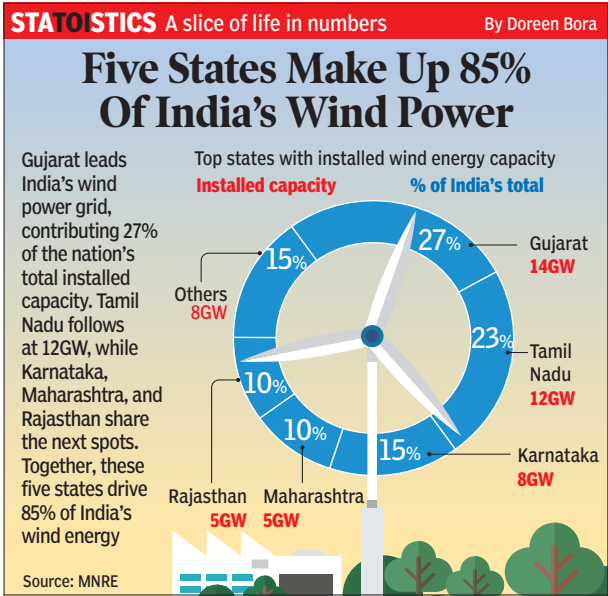


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Less than 15% of youth skilled under govt scheme placed

Times News Network

New Delhi: As unemployment continues to be a concern, govt data shows that over 1.6 crore youth across India have been trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since 2015, though only about 24.3 lakh secured job placements — less than 15% of the total youth trained.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, skill development minister Jayant Chaudhary said that while placement tracking was done under the first three phases of PMKVY (2015-2022), the current phase (PMKVY 4.0) focuses more on empowering candidates to pursue varied career paths and provides orientation support through platforms like Skill India Digital Hub.

The platform connects trained individuals with potential employers and apprenticeship opportunities, with Rozgar Melas and National Apprenticeship Melas providing additional placement support. However, employment outcomes remain modest. Of the 56.89 lakh certified candidates in Short-Term Training (STT) between 2015 and 2022, only 24.3 lakh were reported placed — around 43%. Analysts say the low employment ratio reflects a continued gap between training curricula and industry requirements. Govt acknowledged the need to align skill-

ing with local demand and industry trends and has started district-level skill gap studies and state-specific training programmes.

To support self-employment, youth are being linked with financial schemes such as PM Mudra Yojana (Rs 35.13 lakh crore sanctioned), PM Vishwakarma (Rs 3,920 crore), and DAY-NULM (Rs 8,775 crore to nearly 9.8 lakh urban poor). Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh lead in both training enrolment and loan assistance. Efforts to improve quality outcomes include training through accredited centres, on-the-job training, the National Credit Framework, and regular third-party evaluations. A third-party assessment of PMKVY 4.0 is currently underway to guide policy corrections.



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Parl stalled, Rijiju says may press for bills' passage without debate

Minister Says This Will Be In 'Nat'l Interest'

Times News Network

New Delhi: The govt would be compelled to press for the passage of bills in "national interest" without discussion if Parliament proceedings are disrupted, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju warned on Monday, as the opposition continued its protest over the revision of Bihar's electoral rolls, with Lok Sabha failing to take up two key proposed legislations related to sports. Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the day as a mark of respect following the death of sitting MP and JMM founder Shibu Soren.

On Parliament complex, Rijiju told reporters that the opposition had agreed to a two-day discussion over the National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 and National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025. "These were important keeping in view India's bid for the 2036 summer Olympic games but opposition members disrupt-



Rijiju made it clear that a debate on Bihar SIR cannot take place in Parliament

Parties yet to file Bihar claims, objections

Booth level agents (BLAs) of political parties in Bihar were yet to submit any claim or objection, seeking inclusion or exclusion from the draft electoral roll, on the fourth day of its publication, reports **Bharti Jain**. However, the number of individual electors seeking additions or deletions to the draft roll has been steadily rising, with 1,927 claims and objections received till 3 pm on Monday. There is also a surge in newly eligible electors applying for fresh enrolment: 10,977 of them have submitted their application in Form 6, complete with the mandatory declaration on their or/and their parents' citizenship. The BLAs were handed over the list of 65 lakh electors set to be excluded from the draft roll way back on July 20. "So, they have had a longer window of 14 days to point out any wrongful exclusions," an EC official said. There are still 26 days to go for electors and parties (through their BLAs) to file claims and objections on the draft roll.

ed proceedings, he said. Govt would be "compelled to press for the passage of the bills from Tuesday in 'national interest' as the proposed legislations are important for gov-

ernance", the minister said. The two sports-related bills were listed for discussion and passing on Monday. BJP member Jagdambika Pal, who was chairing proceedings in the afternoon when LS assembled after the first adjournment, reminded the opposition that since the Monsoon session began on July 21, not even a single bill has been passed by the House due to repeated disruptions.

Before adjourning the House for the day, Pal said this is the third week when proceedings have been disrupted by sloganeering by opposition members. Both Rijiju and sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya echoed similar views. Rijiju made it clear that a debate on special intensive revisions of Bihar's electoral rolls cannot take place in Parliament as the exercise is part of the Election Commission's administrative action and functioning. Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla, he noted, had cited a ruling by former speaker Balram Jakhar, a late Congress veteran, that Parliament cannot discuss the functioning of a constitutional body like EC.

Abhishek named TMC LS leader, Kalyan quits as party chief whip

Times News Network

Kolkata: Bottled rivalry within Trinamool Congress imploded in spectacular fashion Monday, with the party's Lok Sabha chief whip Kalyan Banerjee resigning after a public bout of name-calling with fellow MP Mahua Moitra that overshadowed the appointment of Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee as the party's new LS leader.

The decision to have Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek replace ailing party veteran Sudip Bandyopadhyay as TMC's Lok Sabha face came at a 15-minute meeting involving Mamata and her 41 parliamentarians. Sources said Mamata took the opportunity to tick off "two to three MPs" for allegedly tarnishing TMC's image, saying the "party's interest is above everything". Serampore MP Kalyan, already sulking after a nasty exchange with



Mamata and Abhishek Banerjee

Krishnanagar MP Mahua over the latter allegedly alluding to him in an interview as "a pig", stepped down as chief whip when the meeting ended.

Kalyan, a lawyer by training, said he received a call from Abhishek within minutes of his resignation, prompting him to wait until Thursday "to speak on this further". Mahua's alleged remarks about her colleague were made on Sunday in response to an India Today interviewer asking her about Kalyan's "deeply problematic" campaign against a woman CPM candidate (Dipsita Dhar) contesting the 2024 LS polls.

"You do not wrestle with a pig because the pig likes it and you get dirty," Mahua said.

"...But, like I said, there are deeply misogynistic, sexually frustrated, depraved men in India, and obviously, they have their representation in Parliament. And that is across all parties."

Kalyan responded Monday by blaming Mahua's "insecurity" for her outpourings on TV. "When a public representative stoops to name-calling and coarseness, it reflects not strength but insecurity... Labelling a male colleague 'sexually frustrated' is not boldness; it is outright abuse. If such language were directed at a woman, there would be nationwide outrage, and rightly so," he said.

During Monday's meeting, which Kalyan attended virtually from Delhi, Mamata purportedly "referred to lack of coordination among LS MPs". "It was a task I was assigned to manage. It reflects my failure. There are MPs who come dressed up and leave Parliament at 11am. But since I am to blame, I take responsibility," he said while announcing his decision to quit the chief whip's post.

Do not defame Abhishek until Aug 19, court tells Suwendu

Kolkata: A court here on Monday ordered BJP's Suwendu Adhikari to not make defamatory statements against TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee till Aug 19.

Alipore court also asked Adhikari to appear in court on Aug 19 and instructed him to show cause within 15 days as to why a temporary injunction should not be granted against him. The Diamond Harbour MP had moved court accusing Adhikari of defamation, referring to a press conference on June 26 in which Adhikari allegedly made personal attacks directed at him.

Banerjee alleged Adhikari had falsified evidence of orchestrating electoral malpractices in Diamond Harbour by misusing public funds and of being involved in criminal activities. Banerjee also claimed Adhikari attempted to associate him with a broader criminal nexus, of control over corrupt administrative practices and violent political intimidation in the region. Banerjee said Adhikari's statements were untrue, unfounded, and the allegations irresponsible, wild, reckless and malicious.

The court said: "As plaintiff (Banerjee) has a prima facie case and his reputation is in question for the alleged act of the defendant, the balance of convenience and inconvenience is in favour of the plaintiff." The BJP MP has not publicly commented on these developments so far. **TNN**

Externment notice served on Ahd man for teen son crimes

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Ahmedabad: A 50-year-old auto-rickshaw driver from Bapunagar, Ahmedabad, has been served a 'tadipar' (externment) notice directing him to leave city limits despite having no criminal record. Mohammed Ali Rajput said he was shocked when he began receiving notices and later realised that the summons was linked to offences committed by his son, Mohammed Faizal Khan, now 18 years old.

Khan, who works as a loading rickshaw driver, faces two criminal cases — one for assault and another for theft. Both were registered last year when he was a minor. Rajput said, "I didn't understand when I began getting notices about externment and summons over offences. Later, I realised they were regarding my son. I don't know whether he committed the crimes, but I should not be punished for someone else's acts. I just want police to show me some relief."

A senior police officer acknowledged the possibility of a mistake. ACP Hiren-dra Chaudhary said, "There could be a mix-up while issuing the notice as both the father and son have the same



A senior police officer in Ahmedabad said there was a possibility of a mix-up while issuing the notice as both the father and son have the same initial name.

The externment notice, signed in April and issued on July 31, states the action is based on a proposal submitted by Bapunagar police station. It states Rajput was instructed to present himself on May 19, 23, and 30 as well as on June 9 this year. Finally, he was asked to be present on July 21. However, he failed to appear on all occasions. "As a result, externment proceedings are facing unnecessary delays," the notice states.

Number of hospitals empanelled under Ayushman drops

Times News Network

New Delhi: Only 2,113 hospitals were empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat-PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in 2024-25, govt data has shown.

In 2022-23 and 2023-24, the number of hospitals empanelled under the health assurance scheme was 3,124 and 4,271, respectively.

Minister of state for health Prataprao Jadhav shared the information in a written reply to a Parliament question last week. A total of 31,466 hospitals have been empanelled under AB-PMJAY, including 14,194 private hospitals, Jadhav said. "Under AB-PMJAY, the health benefit packages have been revised and rationalised five times since the launch of the scheme. Health Benefit Package (HBP) 2022 comprises 1,961 procedures across 27 medical specialties," he added.

On the issue of delayed settlement of claims, the minister said claims settlement is an ongoing process under AB-PMJAY and claims are settled by respective state health agencies. "National Health Authority has laid down guidelines for payment of claim to hospitals within 15 days of claims




Healthcare associations say low package rates and delayed payments were key reasons behind the lukewarm response

submission for the intra-state hospitals (hospitals located within state) and within 30 days in case of portability claims (hospitals located outside state). Claim settlement is monitored at the highest level and it is ensured claim is settled within defined turnaround time."

But many healthcare associations say low package rates and delayed payments are key reasons behind the lukewarm response to govt schemes from the private sector, especially large corporate hospital chains.

Recently, the Haryana branch of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) said private hospitals in the state were intent on withdrawing from the scheme over delayed payments.

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HON'BLE JUSTICE S. P. TALUKDAR ONE MAN COMMITTEE
5 Council House Street, Kolkata - 700 001

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES RELATING TO PAILAN/MPS/VIBGYOR/TOWER INFOTECH/MULTIPURPOSE BIOS INDIA/PINCON/RAMEL/KOLKATA WEIR INDUSTRIES/ANNEX INFRASTRUCTURE INDIA/WARIS/GBC INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION GROUP OF COMPANIES

Justice S. P. Talukdar One Man Committee, High Court, Calcutta is going to hold public auction (e-auction) of some properties of Waris Finance International Group of Companies, Annex Infrastructure India Limited Group of Companies, MPS Group of Companies, Pincon Group of Companies, Pailan Group of Companies, GBC Group of Companies, Vibgyor Group of Companies, Kolkata Weir Industries Limited Group of Companies, Ramel Industries Limited, Multipurpose BIOS India Group of Companies and Tower Infotech Group. Interested persons are requested to visit www.justicesptalukdarcommittee.com or 'Auction Notice under Recovery Proceedings' in 'Enforcement' tab on www.sebi.gov.in, or www.quikrealty.com for details.

Place: Kolkata
Date: August 5, 2025

Securities and Exchange Board of India
(on behalf of Justice S. P. Talukdar One Man Committee)


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

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
MPIDC/CE/Tech-RFP/2025/236
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 work :

NIT No.	Name of Work	District	Probable Amount of Contract (in Rs. Cr.)
236	Construction of Approach Road to Welspun Industries in Gram Jamuniya Khejda, dist. Raisen	Raisen	8.12

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement Portal- <https://mptenders.gov.in> - MPIDC HO shortly
M.P. Madhyam/121417/2025

CHIEF ENGINEER

O-526
**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA
No: 2757 Date: 31.07.2025

e-Procurement Notice for Road, Bridge & Building works
1. Name of the work : Construction of Road Works - 03 Nos. , Construction of Bridge Works - 04 Nos.
2. Class of contractor : Construction of Building Works - 09 Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : Various From Rs.109.78 Lakhs to Rs.885.12 Lakhs (Approximately)
4. Details projects as per Annexure attached :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD-Online - 10/ 2025-26	08.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	29.08.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	26.08.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.	30.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately
	CCERWCSBD-Online - 11/ 2025-26	08.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	29.08.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	26.08.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.	30.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the website <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda
OIPR-25182/11/0069/25-26

Boards ignore SC order, say no to disabled who cleared NEET

Appellate Body Not Yet Set Up, No Forum To Seek Redress

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Several candidates with disabilities who cleared the NEET in 2025 have been rejected by many of the 16 medical boards across India as being ineligible to do MBBS due to their disability. The candidates complained that the boards seem to be unaware or poorly trained in the new interim guidelines on “functional assessment” of persons with disabilities issued on July 19. With no appellate body being constituted by the National Medical Commission (NMC) or the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), as directed by the Supreme Court, the candidates are left with no forum for redress other than courts.

According to the National Testing Agency, 753 of the 8,842 candidates with disabilities who sat for the NEET have cleared it. The interim guidelines state that legal and policy developments collectively emphasise the prioritisation of “functional competency



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over rigid percentage-based disability thresholds”. They talk about facilitating reasonable accommodations, revisiting eligibility norms and adopting evaluation criteria focused on individual capabilities.

Yet, according to a wheelchair-using candidate who was rejected, the board asked the person to perform seven physical activities including walking, standing and climbing stairs. Another candidate with missing fingers was rejected by a board in Tamil Nadu but went to Kerala for counselling for the All-India quota and was selected.

The NMC has failed to identify at least one assessment centre in each state though the apex court order in Oct last year stated that

“the availability of medical boards should be increased so that there is minimum one medical board in each state and union territory for proper medical examination of students who have passed the examination”. With just 16 centres in 11 states, candidates are forced to spend considerable amounts on travelling, food and lodging.

“There appears to be very poor sensitisation in the boards on how to deal with candidates with disabilities. A board in Chennai referred to the candidate as “patient” while rejecting her saying that she is “wheelchair bound”. How will they select when they see her as a patient?” said Dr Satendra Singh, founder of Doctors With Disabilities: Agents of Change, India’s largest net-

work of health professionals with disabilities.

This is despite the Supreme Court order stating: “To enable members of the Disability Assessment Boards to effectively apply the functional competency test, they must be adequately trained by professionals and persons with disabilities or those who have worked on disability justice”. It further mandated that each disability assessment board include at least one doctor with a disability.

Although counselling commenced on 21 July 2025, no training schedule for members of the disability assessment boards has been published and no directive has been issued mandating the inclusion of a doctor with a disability on the boards.

“The NMC had agreed in court to change the name of the boards from Disability Assessment Boards to Ability Assessment Boards to reflect the change in the focus of the assessments, but that term is nowhere there in the interim guidelines. Candidates with disabilities are paying the price and not everyone can afford to go to court,” said Dr Singh, who has written to the NMC and the DGHS. He added that the interim guidelines were inadequate, though NMC’s expert committee had taken nine months to frame them in time for the 2025-26 academic year.

Centre: No plan to let states conduct medical entrance test

New Delhi: Amid persistent opposition from several states and allegations of irregularities in this year’s National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Centre has ruled out any plans to restore state autonomy in conducting medical entrance exams, affirming NEET as the uniform admission test across India.

In his reply in Lok Sabha, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday cited SC judgments upholding NEET as a constitutionally valid, reasonable and proportionate regulatory mechanism to eliminate malpractices in medical admissions. He said NEET, conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), ensures fairness and uniformity in medical admissions across the nation.

This year’s NEET-UG was conducted for over 22 lakh candidates across 5,468 centres in 552 Indian cities and 14 international locations on May 4. The results were declared on June 14.

Responding to concerns over paper leaks and irregularities, the minister said Centre has already acted on the recommendations of the High-Level Committee of Experts, set up in June last year. Based on its Oct report, a high-powered steering committee headed by former IAS chairman K Radhakrishnan is overseeing examination reforms. **TNN**

PM’s Pariksha Pe Charcha creates Guinness record in engagement

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi’s pioneering initiative Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2025 has set a new Guinness World Record for “most people registered on a citizen-engagement platform in one month”, with 3.53 crore valid registrations on MyGov. This recognition marks a significant global endorsement of India’s growing digital civic participation and its unique approach to education-led dialogue.

The official certificate was conferred at a ceremonial event in the capital by Rishi Nath, adjudicator from Guinness World Records, in the presence of education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, MoS Jitin Prasad, school education secretary Sanjay Kumar, MyGov CEO Nand Kumarum.

Since its inception in 2018, the PM under PPC engages with students, parents and educators on topics such as academic stress, digital distractions and time management. The initiative has evolved in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, aiming to reimagine exams not as a burden but as a celebration of learning.

Pradhan called the record a testament to the programme’s widespread appeal and its role in fostering an inclusive, holistic educational ethos. “PPC-2025 not only achieved 3.53 crore regis-



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trations but witnessed over 21 crore viewership across media platforms — highlighting public trust in PM Modi’s message of positivity and well-being in education,” he said. He recalled it as the second Guinness recognition during his tenure, the first being for the Pahal LPG subsidy scheme.

Vaishnaw hailed PPC as a forward-looking initiative that creates space for meaningful interaction in this Amrit Kaal. “It’s not just a record, but a reflection of the trust & emotional connection

students and families have with the PM,” he added. Prasad praised MyGov’s tech-driven outreach, saying the record reaffirms the power of digital platforms in fostering participatory governance.

With tools like Skill India Digital Hub and a curriculum focus on critical thinking and experiential learning, PPC continues to bring NEP-2020 to life. Its stress-free approach to exams, practical advice from the PM, and wide accessibility make it a cornerstone of youth engagement.

Biz circles agree with Centre’s criticism of Trump’s latest diktat

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Business circles in New Delhi agreed with the Centre’s criticism of Trump’s latest diktat.

“India’s oil trade with Russia has taken place with full transparency and broad understanding with the US. One of the key reasons India stepped up Russian oil purchases was to help stabilise global oil markets after Western sanctions disrupted traditional supply chains. By maintaining diversified and affordable energy access, India contributed to preventing a global oil price shock. Trump’s decision to raise tariffs on India citing oil trade is not only unjustified — it ignores market realities, misrepresents trade data, and undermines a key strategic partnership in the Indo-Pacific,” trade research body GTRI said in a note.

Interestingly, Trump’s sudden bid to arm twist India into abandoning purchase of Russian crude follows declining purchase from Moscow because of sheer logic of

INDIA’S CRUDE OIL IMPORTS			
Supplier	in US\$ Billion		
	FY2024	FY2025	% Growth
Russia	46.5	50.3	8.2
World	139.3	143.1	2.7
Supplier	in US\$ Billion		
	May 2024	May 2025	% Growth
Russia	10.2	9.2	-9.8
World	29.1	28.4	-2.6

markets. In May, India’s crude petroleum imports from Russia fell almost 10% to \$9.2 billion.

Trump’s latest comment is expected to create fresh uncertainty among American buyers, who are in talks with Indian exporters for placing orders for the busy Christmas season.

Govt’s firm stand on farm and dairy is seen to have come as a blow for Trump, who had gone public over a dozen times claiming that India had agreed to slash tariffs. Shaken by the govt’s steadfast opposition

to blocking genetically modified American corn and soybean as well as its public rebuttal of claims over the US mediating a ceasefire during Operation Sindoor have hurt Trump’s claim to have brokered several peace deals — one in each month of his second term as president.

During the talks, negotiators had indicated the govt’s willingness to step up purchases of American oil, gas, fertilizer and defence equipment to improve the trade balance which is tilted in India’s favour.

Anger over Pjb land-pooling plan including soldiers’ plots

Jagraon: Land granted to soldiers killed or disabled in wars in a village near Ludhiana has been earmarked by the Punjab govt for its controversial land-pooling scheme, sparking outrage among residents, reports Sharqi Majeed.

The village, renamed Rachhpal Singh Nagar after 1965 war hero Second Lt Rachhpal Singh Garewal, has seen 22 of 30 acres granted to his family brought under the scheme. Garewal was commissioned into the 14 Rajput Regiment in 1964 and died in battle near Chawinda in Pakistan on Sept 20, 1965.

His cousin, Surjeet Garewal, said, “It is unfortunate the govt is trying to take martyrs’ land. We will not allow this.” Land given to the families of other soldiers — Babu Singh, who died in WW-II, and Naib Subedar Mewa Singh, disabled in 1946 — has also been included. Kulwant Singh, 75, son of Babu Singh, said, “Govt is trying to take 20 acres of the 30 given to us. This land symbolises my father’s sacrifice.”

Balwinder Singh, son of Mewa Singh, added: “We earn livelihood from this land. The compensation is far less than what we get from farming.”

Hardeep Singh Laali, husband of sarpanch, said gram panchayat has resolved not to give any land to the scheme.

Punjab police stop teacher from joining anti-govt protest

Bathinda: Police personnel, in uniform, entered the pre-primary classroom of a govt school in Bathinda town on Monday to stop a teacher from going out to participate in an anti-govt protest in Ludhiana, 150km away, reports Neel Kamal.

Teacher Veerpal Kaur Sidhana said the police party landed up at her residence around 6am and trailed her to school at 8am. Three police personnel, including two women, stayed put in the classroom for 6 hours, till the last bell at 2pm, without a care for whether their presence would unsettle the three-to-six-year-olds, she said.

Several teachers lodged a protest with Bathinda SSP Amnereet Kondal. “There was no direction to cops to reach the school. They went there and entered classroom on their own. Stern action will be taken against police personnel, including the SHO,” the SSP said.

Sidhana said she had no plan to participate in any protest at Ludhiana where Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann addressed a meeting. Policemen kept demanding she hand over her phone, but she refused. Sidhana has termed the police presence in uniform in her classroom a “direct attack on her life and democratic rights”

MEA: Nations slamming India themselves trading with Russia

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It is revealing that the very nations criticising India are themselves indulging in trade with Russia. Unlike our case, such trade is not even a vital national compulsion,” said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

The official also recalled that the US had in 2022 encouraged Indian imports from Russia as it helped stabilise the global energy market.

Trump’s blunt and open threat, which came on top of the 25% tariffs and unquantified penalty he has already announced last week, did not specify if there would be more or higher tariffs than he has already rolled out. But what seems certain is that he is angered by India’s obduracy in not concluding a trade deal on his terms and its insistence on continuing to buy discounted Russian oil.

In a message he posted on his “Truth Social” platform, Trump also accused India of not caring “how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine”. Trump surrogates have alleged that India and China are virtually bankrolling the war because they are among the world’s top two oil importers, and revenue from hydrocarbons is what is funding the Russian military.

The charge that New Delhi is re-selling Russian oil for profit appears to be a distortion, twisting India’s large refining capacity that makes Russian oil suitable for export, including to Europe.

Trump is also irked by

India’s repudiation of his repeated claim that he used the bait of trade to stop the India-Pakistan war, a claim he has made nearly 30 times in several fora. Unable to end the Russia-Ukraine war on “Day One” of his presidency as he had pledged, Trump is talking up his claimed role in the India-Pakistan cessation of hostilities in a transparent bid for a Nobel Prize, including gratuitously canvassing for it with anyone who listens.

The extraordinary threat by the US president, who has

hi appears to be in as defiant a mood in the face of Trump’s belligerence, potentially risking what some experts have said could be a 2% blow to its GDP growth (currently clocking around 6.5%), but which some govt surrogates say could be as low as 0.2%.

“India has been targeted by the US and the European Union for importing oil from Russia after the commencement of the Ukraine conflict. In fact, India began importing from Russia because traditional supplies were diverted to Europe after the outbreak of the conflict. The United States at that time actively encouraged such imports by India for strengthening global energy markets stability,” said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

Such reactions by India were limited earlier to calls by the Europeans to shun trade with Russia. The ministry also said that the EU in 2024 had a bilateral trade of Euro 67.5 billion in goods with Russia. In addition, it had trade in services estimated at Euro 17.2 billion in 2023. This, added the official, is significantly more than India’s total trade with Russia that year or subsequently.

“European imports of LNG in 2024, in fact, reached a record 16.5m tonnes, surpassing the last record of 15.2m tonnes in 2022,” Jaiswal said, adding that Europe-Russia trade includes not just energy, but also fertilizers, mining products, chemicals, iron and steel and machinery and transport equipment.

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Website : www.ircon.org CIN : L45300DL1975GO0008171

e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender No.: IRCON/205916-TENDER/25-26/CGRP/RAIL/BSP-68 Dated: 04.08.2025
e-Tender for and on behalf of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL) is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of “Manufacture, Supply, Transportation and delivery of Prime Rail (13M) 60 kg of grade RS-1209, R-260-60 E1 in connection with the construction of New BG Electrified Single Railway Line for Chhattisgarh East Rail Corridor Phase-II from Unga (Km 0) to Dhamrajaigarh (KM 62) via Bhaismata station, Dongaama, Dhinara, Dhaskamunda, Hati and Khadgaon including ROR and Y-connectivity in the state of Chhattisgarh over South East Central Railway.”
Estimated Cost of the Work Rs. 97.37 Crore (36.04)
Last Date & Time of Bid Submission 25.08.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs. (IST)
For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.
1st Floor, The ARK, Link Road, Opposite Zudio, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh-495001

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Notice Inviting Bid
(A) Bid No. BN-9018002524 (UBN: VPN2526WLOB01281) for Construction of various transmission elements (01 nos. 220 kV & 03 nos. 132 kV Transmission lines) for 220 kV GSS Lamba Jatan (Upgradation) (Distt. Nagar) including survey, supply of all Equipments/Materials, Erection (including civil works), Testing and Commissioning (On Turnkey basis) are invited from interested bidders up to 04:00 PM on 09.09.2025.
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state; and <http://energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvpnl> departmental website.
Superintending Engineer (Contracts-I), Jaipur
Raj.Samwadi/C/25/7406 RRVPN/TR-7036/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for the information of general public at large that our client is contemplating to deal with plot bearing number FC-13 admeasuring 1,410.47 square meters, situated in Sector 16-A, Film City, Noida, district Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh (“Said Plot”), currently under the leasehold rights of Vidisha Tradex Private Limited (“Vidisha Tradex”) along with its absolute ownership rights and interests in the building constructed thereon having total covered area (with basement) admeasuring 2,233.024 square meters, across basement (556.256 square meters), ground floor (556.256 square meters), first floor (556.256 square meters) and second floor (556.256 square meters) (“Said Building”) (collectively, “Said Property”), together with all liberties, privileges, advantages and rights of easements, patent or latent, appurtenant thereto, the right of way and access enjoyed thereon, together with any and all fittings, furniture and fixtures forming part of or attached to the immovable property, electricity and water connections, as well as all rights and privileges associated with the enjoyment and use of such immovable property including and not limited to security deposit submitted for obtained electrical, water, gas and other utility connections, etc., applicable therefor.
Any person(s) or entity(s) including but not limited to any bank or financial institution having or claiming or asserting to have any demand and/or objection and/or any right/ title/ interest/ estate of Vidisha Tradex in respect of the Said Property or any portion thereof including by way of mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, entitlement, sale, agreement for sale, transfer, assignment, lease, agreement to lease, sub-lease, agreement to sub-lease, tenancy, license, sub-license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, compensation claims, gift, lis-pendens, exchange, share, beneficial interest, possession, release, relinquishment, partition, power of attorney, contract/ agreement, will, bequest, inheritance, FAR, FSI, development rights, family arrangement/ settlement, partnership, possession, allotment, order or decree or direction of any court of law or any other statutory or adjudicating authority or acquisition by government or any entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect to the Said Property or by way of any other method or otherwise howsoever (“Claims”), or have already filed any suit, dispute, petition, appeal or other proceedings or sent any demand notice or obtained any decree, judgement, award or other order concerning the Said Property or any part thereof, are hereby called upon and are required to give notice of any such Claims or objections, if any, in writing to the undersigned within 21 (twenty one) days of publication of this public notice, together with copies of all relevant documents supporting their Claim(s)/ interest(s)/ right(s)/ title/ demand(s)/ estate interest, failing which, it will be construed that such claimants have relinquished/ waived their Claim(s)/ interest(s)/ right(s)/ title/ demand(s)/ estate interest in the Said Property and there exists no Claim(s)/ interest(s)/ right(s)/ demand(s)/ estate interest against the Said Property, and Vidisha Tradex shall be free to deal with the Said Property in the manner as it deems fit.
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ADMISSION NOTICE [Advt. No. PR-13 of 2025]
[DEB (UGC) Approved/ Entitled Programmes]
Online Applications are invited for admission to the following Programmes for the Academic Session July-August, 2025-26 (First Year) :
A. Open and Distance Learning Programmes

S. No.	Name of Programmes
1.	Bachelor of Arts :
2.	Bachelor of Commerce
3.	Master of Arts : (i) Hindi (ii) English (iii) Sanskrit (iv) Political Science (v) Public Administration (vi) Economics (vii) History (viii) Journalism & Mass Communication.
4.	Master of Library & Information Science
5.	Master of Commerce
6.	Master of Science (Mathematics)
7.	Certificate Course in Food Truck Operations

B. Online Programmes

S. No.	Name of Programmes
1.	Master of Commerce (General)
2.	Master of Science (Mathematics)
3.	Bachelor of Arts
4.	Master of Arts (i) Hindi (ii) Political Science (iii) Public Administration (iv) Economics (v) History
5.	Certificate Course in Food Truck Operations
6.	Certificate Course in Professional Skills

Admission Schedule	Date
Last date for submission of online application (without late fee)	31.08.2025
Last date for submission of online application (with late fee Rs. 1,000/-)	05.09.2025
Last date for submission of online application (with late fee Rs. 2,000/-)	10.09.2025
Last date for submission of online application (with late fee Rs. 3,000/-)	15.09.2025

Visit University Website <https://mdu.ac.in> for Prospectus 2025-26 and <https://ddemduadm.samarth.edu.in/jan25/index.php> for Online Admissions.
Issued through: DPR, Haryana/Advt. No. 37312/04.08.2025

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Lenin Center, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520002 (A.P.)
E PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTICE - (SECOND CALL)
NIT No. 64/MAU61-PLG/AUD/7/2025-IFR/2nd call, Dt. 04.08.2025
Name of Work: RFP for selection of consultant for Comprehensive architectural services (Site planning, Architecture, Interiors, Landscape, Structures, MEP, Safety, Primary survey and investigations, etc) for the Honourable Governor residence and camp office at Amaravati. The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from 05.08.2025 to 13.08.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs. Due date for submission of Bid is 13.08.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs. Technical bid opening 13.08.2025 @16.00Hrs. For further details Please refer to www.approcurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in

Central Board of Irrigation and Power & Indian National Hydropower Association (INHA)
CBIP Building, Plot No. 4, Institutional Area, Malcha Marg, Chankyapuri, New Delhi-110021 (India)
Invites Tender
Dated: 05.08.2025
Sealed tender in QCBS, are invited for Conducting Hydropower Impact Assessment Study of selected projects. Detailed Tender Document is available on www.cbip.org
Last Date for Submission: 28th August 2025
Contact: Vishan Dutt, vishandutt@cbip.org, Mob: 9811431554

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU BHAWAN,
23-D JANPATH, NEW DELHI-110011

Ministry of External Affairs invites applications from interested candidates for engagement as Consultant in RRC Division of the Ministry on contractual basis.
Detailed advertisement along with the process of submission of application is available at Ministry's website www.mea.gov.in, under the heading – Careers → Vacancies → 2025 (web link <https://www.mea.gov.in/vacancies.htm>) with the Title 'Advertisement for engagement of a Consultant for the RRC Division.'
Last date for submission of applications is 18th August, 2025 (1730 Hrs).
CBC 14101/11/0010/2526

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT LIMITED
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National Highways Logistics Management Limited invites applications for appointment to below mentioned position.
ADVISOR RAILWAYS - 1 Post
The terms of contract are initially for a period of 02 years, which may be extended based on performance, mutual consent & requirement.
For details and application process, please visit the Careers section on NHLML official website (<https://nhlml.org/current-openings>)
Last date to submit your application is 30th Aug 2025.
Please scan the QR Code for the online application form →
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कार्यालय – सचिव, संस्कृत शिक्षा विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन, देहरादून
पत्रांक संख्या-252/XLII.1/2025-06 (05/2018, वैश्वदूतः दिनांक 04 अगस्त, 2025)
विज्ञप्ति (संशोधन)
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Sahitya Akademi invites books for Yuva Puraskar 2026 from publishers and young Indian writers of age 35 and below as on 1st January 2026 in all the 24 languages recognized by Sahitya Akademi. The award carries a cash component of Rs.50,000/-. The books along with the attested copy of the Date of Birth certificate must be submitted latest by 31 August 2025. Books without the attested date of birth certificate will not be accepted. For details about the award, kindly visit our website at www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in.
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(Secretary)
Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi

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EOI NOTICE
Invitation of EOI
for
Empanelment for Manufacturer of Water Treatment Unit

- Expression of Interest regarding Empanelment of manufacturers of Water Treatment Unit is being invited by the Engineer-in-chief-cum-Special Secretary (Head Quarter), P.H. Engineering Department, Bihar, Patna on behalf of Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Government of Bihar for eligible agencies (as per eligibility criteria mentioned in the EOI document) for empanelment of manufacturers of Water Treatment unit, the Terms of Reference is attached in subsequent sections.
- Prospective agencies may visit office mentioned in 4(viii) for details of terms and conditions of EOI documents, eligibility criteria, empanelment procedures, scope of work etc.
- Earnest money deposit in the form of Bank Guarantee shall be duly pledged in the favor of Engineer-in-chief-cum-Special Secretary (Head Quarter), P.H. Engineering Department, Bihar, Patna should be uploaded online and agencies shall submit the original EMD of INR 10,00,000.00 (Ten Lakh only) at the time of signing of agreement for empanelment.
- Details of Work**

SN	Name of Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money	Cost of EOI document (Non- refundable)	e-proc 2.0 processing fee	Service Contract Period
1.	Empanelment of manufacturers for Supply of suitable Capacity Water Treatment Unit to Registered Contractors of the Department for removal of excessive (Arsenic/ Fluoride/ Iron) present in water of High yield tube wells of water Supply Scheme to be Executed by Contractors under Mukhyamantri Gramin Peyjal Nishchay Yojana (Quality Affected Area) throughout the State	10,00,000.00	10,000.00	5900.00	Initially Five (05) years from the date of agreement + extension based on service performance and mutual agreement

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(iii) The EMD may be forfeited:
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b. If it fails to supply/install within stipulated time after purchase order from the concerned contractor.
c. Complaints are received from the department/ Divisions / offices for not following the terms and conditions of EOI.
d. Other conditions as specified in the EOI.

The Schedule for EOI
(i) Date of issue of invitation of EOI: 31.07.2025 (ii) Place of sale of EOI Documents: e-proc 2.0 (iii) Period of Sale of EOI documents: From 05.08.2025 to 19.08.2025 (iv) Last date and time for submission of EOI: 20.08.2025 up to 3:00 PM (v) Date and place of pre bid meeting: 11.08.2025 at 3:00 PM in the office of Engineer-in-Chief cum Special Secretary (Head Quarter) (vi) Date of opening EOI: 21.08.2025 (vii) Period of Bid validity: 180 days (viii) Office inviting EOI: Engineer-in-Chief cum Special Secretary (Head Quarter) Public Health Engineering Department, Bihar, Patna

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SC pulls up Punjab Police officers in Colonel assault case

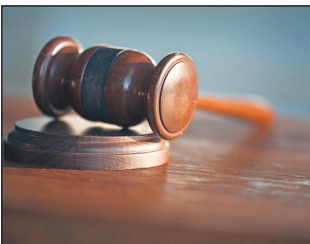
Upholds HC Order For CBI Probe Into Case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday came down heavily on the Punjab Police officers who had allegedly assaulted a serving Army Colonel and his son during an altercation over parking at an eatery when they were travelling from Delhi to Patiala, and reminded them that they were sleeping peacefully because Army men were protecting the borders in adverse conditions.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Satish Chandra Sharma dismissed the appeal filed against the Punjab and Haryana HC directing an investigation by CBI in the case. The court said that the HC order was well-reasoned and rejected the plea of the police officers.

"When war is going on, you glorify these Army officers... Have respect for Army people. You are sleeping peacefully in your house because that man is serving at the border at -40 degrees (Celsius)... We are going to dismiss this with heavy cost. This kind of lawlessness is not acceptable. Let CBI look into



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this... They go and defend you, and they come back wrapped in a national flag," the bench said.

HC had ordered a CBI probe into the alleged assault of Army Colonel Pushpinder Singh Bath by Punjab Police personnel in Patiala. It had allowed the plea of Colonel Bath accusing the SIT of "shielding" the accused cops. According to the Colonel, who is currently serving as deputy secretary at the cabinet secretariat, he was a hapless victim of extreme brutality and high handedness of Punjab Police.

HC asks Punjab DGP for list of serving cops facing FIRs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chandigarh: The Punjab and Haryana high court has asked Punjab DGP to file an affidavit detailing all police officers still in service against whom FIRs have been registered.

The court directed the DGP to give the name and designation of such officers, their present place of posting, details of FIRs, alleged offences, and the police station concerned. He must also provide the status of investigation or trial, whether any departmental action was taken against such officers, the status of disciplinary or departmental proceedings, and the date of reinstatement of such officers in Punjab Police.

Justice N S Shekhawat passed these orders while taking note of a bail petition filed by an accused in a drugs and Arms Act case. During the hearing, HC was informed that an inspector, Vijay Kumar, earlier dismissed from service, was reinstated. The court was told that the officer faced a criminal case under Prevention of Corruption Act, yet he was retained in service and posted at Police Lines, Barnala.

Expanding the scope of the petition, the court then directed the DGP to give details of all police officers facing criminal charges. The next hearing in the case is on Aug 25.

Court bins mercy pleas of ex-encounter cops, slams moral bankruptcy

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Those convicted and sentenced are former SSP Bhupinderjit Singh, former DSP Davinder Singh, ex-inspector Suba Singh, and ASIs Gulbarg Singh and Ragbir Singh. They were sentenced under various IPC sections, including murder, criminal conspiracy, causing disappearance of evidence, and fabricating records.

The convicts had filed mercy pleas citing old age and health issues, but the court rejected any leniency on those grounds. In its scathing observations, the court said, "There is no doubt regarding the sheer venality and callousness with which the convicts acted, reflecting an utter disregard for human dignity and life. Their conduct was not only unlawful, it was morally bankrupt and profoundly inhuman. However, in view of their advanced age and the prolonged agony endured during the course of trial, this court refrains from awarding capital punishment."

The victims' counsel, advocate Sarabjeet Singh Verka, said the judgment comes after a protracted legal battle that spanned three decades. "Justice has been delayed, but not denied," Verka said, adding that five other co-accused in case died during trial.

The case pertains to the killing of seven young men from Ra-

ni Willa village in Tarn Taran—SPOs Shinder Singh, Sukdev Singh and Desa Singh, Balkar Singh, alias Kala, Sarabjit Singh, alias Saba, Harwinder Singh, and Mangal Singh. According to the CBI investigation, the victims were abducted by police teams in June-July 1993 and killed in two fake encounters, on July 12 and July 28, 1993.

The court accepted CBI's findings that the killings were not genuine encounters but planned executions involving abduction, illegal detention, torture, and the eventual staging of deaths to pass them off as militant killings. The investigation revealed that in-

FAKE ENCOUNTER CASE

spector Gurdev Singh, then SHO of Sirhali, led the abduction of four victims on June 27, 1993. The other three were abducted by Veroval SHO Suba Singh in July.

CBI prosecutor Anmol Narang said the prosecution cited 67 witnesses, but 36 died during trial. Only 28 witnesses testified.

Kin expected death sentence:

Family members of the fake-encounter victims wept on hearing the verdict. "It's a moment of justice we thought would never come," said one of the relatives outside the courtroom. They expected the death sentence but are satisfied with the verdict.

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Eight militants arrested in Manipur raids

Guwahati: Eight militants linked to four banned outfits were arrested in coordinated raids by Manipur Police and central forces across Imphal West, Imphal East, and Bishnupur districts Sunday, officials said Monday. Among those arrested are five active cadres of KCP (PWG), one from KCP (Taibanganba), one PREPAC member, and one allegedly associated with KCP (Noyon). The raids are part of a crackdown against outlawed groups, illegal weapons smuggling and militancy-linked extortion in Manipur. TNN

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And whereas the aforesaid case is fixed for hearing on 28.08.2025 at 11:00 a.m. before Joint Registrar (Judicial) of this Court and 05.12.2025 at 10:30 a.m. before the Hon'ble court. This Citation is issued in terms of Section 283 of the said Act to all persons claiming to have any interest in the property/properties of the said deceased to come to this Court, file objections, if any and take part in the proceedings on the date specified above for the grant of Probate.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, in terms of the orders dated 21.07.2025.

Assistant Registrar (O)
For REGISTRAR GENERAL

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This is to inform the general public that pursuant to directions by the Hon'ble Commercial Court of District Gurugram, Haryana, in Case No. ARB-66-2025 the parties namely :-

- Baani Hospitality Services Pvt. Ltd. ("Lessor/Owner" of the building "The Statement", Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana) (Petitioner),
- Gigantic Huge Restaurants LLP ("Lessee operating a restaurant under the brand name NOME") (Defendant No. 1),
- Ashish Kumar ("Designated Partner of Gigantic Huge Restaurants LLP") (Defendant No. 2) and
- Pardeep Kumar ("Designated Partner of Gigantic Huge Restaurants LLP") (Defendant No. 3)

were directed vide order dated 27.05.2025, 18.07.2025 and 02.08.2025 to maintain status quo sought by the Petitioner with respect to the existing position of the property i.e. Unit no. G-01 situated at the building "The Statement", Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana.

Any act to alter, assign, sub-lease, transfer, encumber, create any third party rights or interfere/part with the lawful possession, usage, or structural condition of the said property shall constitute a wilful violation of the Hon'ble Court's directions and is bound to attract penal consequences, including but not confined to initiation of proceedings for commission of contempt of court. Through this public notice, we hereby caution and advise all members of the public, including prospective purchasers, banks, financial institutions, and any other stakeholders, not to enter into any agreement, transaction, or arrangement of any nature which directly or indirectly changes the existing position with respect to the above-mentioned property with the Defendants.

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Bageshwar going Jyotirmath way due to unregulated mining, says govt panel

Lists Hazards Of Slope Instability, Spring Depletion, Land Subsidence

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Dehradun: Unregulated mining in Bageshwar has triggered slope instability, spring depletion and land subsidence, creating conditions that mirror those seen in Jyotirmath (earlier Joshimath) before its collapse, a technical committee told National Green Tribunal on July 30. The expert panel, constituted by govt, warned that the region faced an impending disaster unless immediate corrective measures were taken to prevent further ecological and geological damage. The committee included experts from Geological Survey of India, Uttarakhand Landslide Mitigation and Management Centre, department of geology and mining, and Indian Institute of Remote Sensing. It surveyed 61



The panel surveyed 61 soapstone mines and found unsafe excavation practices such as vertical cutting without benches, direct dumping of mining debris into natural drainage, and encroachment near homes

there was inadequate documentation of slope modifications and no mapping of water resources, making regulation difficult and ineffective. Residents of Kanda-Kanyal valley, where a concentration of mines operates, had reported recurring landslides, cracks in houses, declining crop yields and drying of water sources. The team observed ground deformation and found several springs had either deteriorated in quality or stopped flowing altogether. Satellite data confirmed ground shifts near mining sites. In some locations, mining activity extended within metres of houses and farmlands, violating environmental norms and compounding the risk of slope failure during monsoon. The panel recommended mandatory slope stability assessments, scientific monitoring using local seismic networks and satellite data, digitisation of mining leases, and mapping of local water sources. It also suggested enforcement of buffer zones between

mines and human settlements, and holding leaseholders accountable for violations. NGT said that mining must not resume in geotectonically sensitive areas unless a seismic study is completed and reviewed by a competent body. In Dec 2024, a court-appointed inspection team had flagged “official obstruction” during its visit to Bageshwar. The commissioners informed Uttarakhand HC that officers attempted to interfere with their inquiry, offered bribes and discouraged villagers from speaking. Following this, HC stayed all mining activity in Bageshwar and later summoned DG of mines safety in Feb to explain why heavy machinery had been permitted despite court orders. Cops later seized 124 excavators, and the state pollution control board suspended clearances for over 100 mines while issuing notices to 54 operators. During a hearing on June 9, HC directed GSI and the Central Ground Water Board to conduct a field inspection.

Chhattisgarh gives nod to open-cast mine in Hasdeo forest

Rashmi.Drolia@timesofindia.com

Raipur: Chhattisgarh forest department recommended diversion of 1,742.6 hectares of forest land having a coal block for a proposed open-cast mine and integrated washery project in the ecologically sensitive Hasdeo forest in Surguja district, leading to protests by opposition Congress and environmental activists.

The recommendation, which was put on hold by the earlier Congress govt, now awaits nod from the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC). The recommendation — for Kente Extension coal block in favour of Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited — was made by Surguja DFO, based on a site inspection carried out on June 26. The recommendation was uploaded on July 7 on the MoEFCC website.

Bhupesh Baghel, former chief minister of Chhattisgarh, accused the BJP govt of betraying tribal communities and forest protection pledges by recommending forest clearance in Hasdeo.

Taking to social media on Monday, Baghel said, “The BJP govt that once raised the slogan ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ is now clearing the way to cut down 6 lakh trees in Hasdeo’s dense forests.”

The former Chhattisgarh chief minister said the forest clearance, which was withheld under his govt, has now been “permitted to benefit corporate interests”.

Baghel pointed out that the Kente Extension coal block spans 1,760 hectares, of which 1,742 hectares (99%) is dense forest and also part of the Chornai river catchment area, vital for local water security and biodiversity.

TOI sought the state govt’s response on these allegations, but it has not responded yet.

MAN & MACHINE KEEP NAT’L FABRIC TOGETHER



All hands on the floor of a stitching unit get busy putting together the National Flag to cater to the high demand ahead of Independence Day, in Mumbai on Monday

SC to Baghel, son: Move HC to challenge ED chargesheet

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New Delhi: Disappointing former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel and his son, Supreme Court on Monday asked them to move high court to challenge Enforcement Directorate’s allegedly illegal practice of filing incomplete chargesheets in money laundering cases to keep the probe open-ended, and keep them apprehensive about their possible arrest at any time.

Baghel said since 2019, there had been six ECIRs filed by ED under PMLA relating to Nagrik Apurvi Nigam (PDS), income tax, District Mineral Fund, coal levy, Mahadev betting and Chhattisgarh liquor cases. In all these cases, there was a constant threat of his arrest, he said.

Appearing for him and his son, senior advocates A M Singhvi and Mukul Rohatgi told a bench of justices



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es Surya Kant and Joyimalya Bagchi that filing of multiple incomplete chargesheets, on the specious ground that the probe was ongoing, was illegal since it was mandatory for ED to take permission of the magistrate to carry out further investigation.

The bench said, “This abnormality of rushing directly to Supreme Court is becoming chronic, especially when cases involve affluent and influential people. If you are seeking quashing of the FIRs or

chargesheets on grounds of irregularity on part of the agency, then you must move the HC.” Singhvi and Rohatgi withdrew their petitions.

In another petition by Baghel, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told the bench that the former CM was challenging the constitutional validity of PMLA sections 50 and 63. “The framework u/s 50(2) and 50(3) of PMLA infringes upon the fundamental rights against self incrimination guaranteed under Article 20(3). The aforesaid provisions permit ED to summon any person and compel answers and production of documents under a threat of penalty u/s 63 of the Act and arrest under Section 19 of the Act,” Sibal said.

Appearing for ED, additional solicitor general S V Raju said these petitions were not maintainable as the former CM had not been named in any of the ECIRs.

AI apologises, ‘deep cleans’ after roaches found on flight

New Delhi: Air India has apologised for cockroaches on last Saturday’s San Francisco-Mumbai (via Kolkata) flight due to which seats of some flyers had to be changed. The aircraft, a relatively new ex-Delta Boeing 777 (VT-AEH), was “deep cleaned” during its technical halt in Kolkata and the airline will initiate “a comprehensive investigation to determine the source/ cause of this incident and implement measures to prevent recurrence.”

The aircraft had taken off from San Francisco at 8.28pm (local time) on Aug 2. The cockroach trouble happened as it flew to Kolkata, where it arrived after about 16 hours. “...Two passengers were unfortunately bothered by the presence of a few small cockroaches on board. Our cabin crew, therefore, relocated the two to other seats...,” an Air India spokesperson said.

“During the flight’s scheduled fuel stop in Kolkata, our ground crew promptly conducted a deep cleaning process to address the issue. The same aircraft subsequently departed in time for Mumbai. Despite our regular fumigation efforts, insects can sometimes enter an aircraft during ground operations... We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused,” the spokesperson added. TNN

ED raids not tied to company ops, Axis MF clarifies

Axis Mutual Fund has clarified that “the recent investigation by ED on a former employee bears no connection to Axis AMC’s current operations. None of the search or seizure actions involve any of Axis AMC’s offices or premises. This matter pertains entirely to the alleged actions of an individual, whose employment was terminated by us in May 2022 following a suo motu investigation and does not reflect on the current operations or investment processes of Axis AMC”. TNN

Amid deadlock, PM to address NDA Parl party meeting today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid the ongoing logjam in Parliament, PM Narendra Modi will address the BJP-led NDA parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday, a get-together of the alliance’s MPs that is being held after a considerable gap, and the first during the current session of Parliament.

The NDA meeting also holds significance as filing of nomination papers for the election to the vice-president of India’s post begins from Aug 7. The BJP-led bloc will have to announce its candidate — whose election to the post will be a certainty due to the alliance’s majority in the electoral college — by Aug 21, the last date of nomination-filing and the monsoon session of Parliament.

The electoral college for the vice-president poll includes MPs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, and its current strength is 782. If the opposition also names a candidate — a distinct possibility — then the poll is scheduled to be held on Sept 9.

The meeting comes in the middle of a session which has been a washout so far, except for a two-day discussion on the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor, due to a united opposition’s continuous stir against SIR



Opposition MPs protest in Lok Sabha on Monday. The NDA meeting comes in the middle of a Parliament session that has been a washout so far, due to a united opposition’s continuous stir against SIR

cept for a two-day discussion on the Pahalgam attack and Operation Sindoor, due to a united opposition’s continuous protest against the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar by Election Commission.

PM Modi is expected to speak on a host of issues as the opposition has been raising the heat over the poll body’s alleged partisan conduct favouring govt, and the terror attack and Operation Sindoor. Sources said Modi may ask alliance MPs to counter the opposition’s narrative and also boost the ‘Tiranga Yatra’ being organised in view of Independence Day.

The parliamentary party is also likely to felicitate the PM for the success of Operation Sindoor and neutralisation of the terrorists involved in the attack.

Since the 2024 LS elections, when BJP lost its majority but comfortably crossed the halfway mark with allies, the meeting of the party’s MPs every session was expanded to include its allies. Before the last national elections, the PM used to address weekly meetings of the BJP parliamentary party during Parliament sessions.

Father’s murder sparked Shibu’s war on ‘injustice’

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President Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi visited the hospital soon after Hemant Soren announced his father’s death around 8am. “The demise... is a big loss in the space of social justice,” Murmu posted on X.

Modi also met Hemant and his MLA wife, Kalpana, before the JMM founder’s body was flown to Ranchi.

Born on Jan 11, 1944, in Nemra village of undivided Bihar’s Hazaribag district, Shibu found his calling as a champion of the underprivileged, especially tribal communities, after his father was allegedly murdered by moneylenders. The tragedy ignited in Shibu, who was 15 at the time, the determination to embark on a lifelong battle against whatever he believed was exploitation or injustice.

At 18, he established Santhal Navyuvak Sangh and, in the late 1960s, founded an ashram in Dhanbad’s Tundi. By now, his presence was enough to strike fear in moneylenders and landlords accused of exploiting tribals.

As his influence grew, especially among the ST and SC communities, Shibu’s mission extended to chasing “dikus” (outsiders) from the tribal heartland. On Jan 23, 1975, he allegedly led a mob of tribals to Chirudih village in Jamtara district, leading to violence in which 11 lives were lost. A murder case was registered in which he was named as an accused, leading him to go underground for a while. A Jamtara district court acquitted him later, citing lack of evidence.

In 1972, Shibu joined forces with A K Roy, Binod Bihari Mahato and others to form JMM and become its general secretary. He was elected to Lok Sabha for the first time in 1980 as an Independent candidate from Dumka in Santhal Parganas. In 1986, he became JMM president, a position he held for 39 years until April 15 this year, when son Hemant succeeded him. Shibu contested the Lok



PM Modi commiserates with Hemant Soren at Delhi’s Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on the demise of his father

Visionary who fought for tribal rights: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge called JMM founder Shibu Soren a ‘visionary’ who fought for the state of Jharkhand and for the ‘jal, jungle, zameen’ of tribals, leading the party in paying tribute to the veteran on his passing.

Kharge and Rahul Gandhi visited Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren in hospital to pay their condolences to the family.

Rahul cancelled a press conference he was scheduled to address on Monday afternoon. Congress general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala said the party’s protest against alleged electoral fraud in Bengaluru, that Rahul was to lead on Tuesday, had been put off till Friday.

Rahul called Soren “a strong voice of tribal society” who fought for tribal rights and interests throughout his life. Venugopal said, “His departure has left behind a massive void in our fight for social justice, Adivasi empowerment and poverty upliftment.” Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh, who was minister for environment and forest, and rural development, in Manmohan Singh govt, said he made immense contributions to enactment of the Forest Rights Act and Land Acquisition Act. TNN

Sabha election from Dumka 11 times, winning on eight occasions — in 1980, 1989, 1991, 1996, the 2002 bypoll, 2004, 2009 and 2014. His last electoral loss, in 2019, was to BJP’s Sunil Soren.

Shibu’s first major political setback came when he, along with three other MPs, was charged with accepting bribes to vote in favour of the P V Narasimha Rao-led Congress govt during a trust vote in 1992. The JMM bribery case remains a political hot potato.

In 2004, Shibu became coal minister in the then Manmohan Singh govt, only to resign soon after when a warrant linked to the Chirudih killings was issued against him. He rejoined the Union Cabinet in Oct that year, continuing till March 2005. He stepped down to take over as CM of Jharkhand, but failed

to prove his majority. Shibu returned to the Union Cabinet in 2006, but the stint didn’t last long this time either. In Oct that year, he was convicted and sentenced to life for the murder of his personal secretary, Shashinath Jha.

Delhi high court acquitted him in 2007, and he was also cleared in the Chirudih case for lack of evidence.

Shibu’s three stints as CM were all for less than a year, with the first one in 2005 lasting a mere 10 days. The second term lasted from Aug 27, 2008, to Jan 19, 2009, and the third from Dec 30, 2009, to June 1, 2010. He was also a member of Rajya Sabha and close to RJD president Lalu Prasad, with whom he snapped political ties after the latter opposed the move to create Jharkhand.

‘Kartavya Bhawans’ to house ministries, central govt depts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The new Common Central Secretariat buildings along Kartavya Path, which will house ministries and central govt departments, will be known as Kartavya Bhawans, and the first such building will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

Kartavya Bhawan-3 will house the home, petroleum and natural gas, external affairs and rural development ministries, besides departments of personnel and land resources, among others. Shifting of the home ministry and personnel department from North Block at Raisina Hills to the new address gains huge significance since these have operated from the iconic structure for nearly 90 years.

In the next couple of months, the finance ministry will shift from North Block to another Kartavya Bhawan, and at a later stage, offices of the defence ministry and PMO will also move out from South Block to



Govt plans to build 10 Kartavya Bhawans along Kartavya Path

pave way for Yuge Yugeen Bharat museum. Govt has proposed building 10 new Kartavya Bhawans along Kartavya Path as part of the Central Vista revamp programme. Two of these buildings are expected to be completed by next month, which will pave way for shifting of more ministries and departments to these new office complexes.

In a statement, PMO said Kartavya Bhawan was a state-of-the-art office complex spanning an area of around 1.5 lakh sq metres across two basements and seven storeys, including the ground floor. The building is designed to use 30% less

energy. Solar panels on the roof of Kartavya Bhawan-3 will generate over 5.3 lakh units of electricity every year, and charging stations for electric vehicles are also provided, it said.

The new facility will reduce repair and maintenance costs, boost productivity, improve employee wellbeing and enhance overall service delivery, govt said. It added the building would exemplify modern governance infrastructure featuring IT-ready and secure workspaces, ID card-based access, integrated surveillance and a centralised command system. These will also promote eco-consciousness.

Principal suspended for ‘forcing’ kids to learn Urdu

Bijnor: The principal of a govt composite school in Bijnor district was suspended on Monday following allegations of religious discrimination and pressuring students to learn Urdu, reports Harveer Dabas.

The action was taken after videos of a student protest were widely circulated on social media, prompting basic shiksha adhikari (BSA) Yogendra Kumar to order an inquiry. Block education officer Indrapal Singh later submitted a report “confirming” the claims. Based on the findings, principal Mohammad Salauddin was suspended with immediate effect and attached to a primary school in Jahanabad Khobra.

“There were allegations against Salauddin that he was forcing children to study Urdu and he was getting students beaten up by others from a particular community,” said BSA Kumar. Salauddin said, “All the allegations against me are baseless and fabricated by a man whose son studies in the same school... A fair investigation should be conducted.”

SC proposes panel to manage Banke Bihari temple till HC decides on UP ordinance

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday proposed an interim committee, headed by a retired high court judge and comprising the district collector and Goswamis (pujaris), for management of Banke Bihari temple in Vrindavan till Allahabad HC decides the validity of UP govt’s ordinance for all-round development of the temple area to provide facilities to pilgrims.

A bench of justices Surya Kant and Joyimalya Bagchi asked additional solicitor general K M Narataraj to seek state govt’s response by Tuesday morning, when it will take up a batch of petitions that have questioned the manner in which state govt, prompted by an SC order, had come out with a temple development project



SC proposed that a retired high court judge head the committee

proposed to be implemented at a cost of Rs 500 crore.

The Goswamis, through senior advocate Shyam Divan, said taking over of the temple through an ordinance was extraordinary as the issue was not before constitutional courts, which were only dealing with alleged mismanagement of Gururaj temple. In the guise of better management of temples in the ‘Braj area’, the SC passed an order without even hear-

ing temple Goswamis, which prompted the state to issue the ordinance, they said.

The bench agreed that such an order without hearing the Goswamis could not have been passed. However, the Justice Kant-led bench said, “It is only for development of the temple and its surroundings. The state’s intention does not appear to siphon out temple funds but to spend it on providing facilities to pilgrims.”

Divan said Banke Bihari temple was a private temple and any law brought about by govt or any order passed by courts could not have been without hearing the Goswamis, who have been managing it for centuries.

The bench saw a point in Divan’s argument and said, “The state cannot be seen coming to the court in a clandestine manner and getting

an order set aside in a case which had nothing to do with Banke Bihari temple. We will set aside that part of the order, set up an interim committee to manage the temple and permit the HC to decide the legality of the ordinance.”

However, the bench was in favour of development around the temple to provide space for parking and places to stay for pilgrims with all facilities. “Religious tourism is assuming great importance. It can also be a big revenue earner and help in job creation. But there has to be adequate facilities to handle pilgrims,” it said.

The interim committee may also have to induct representatives of Archaeological Survey of India as well as independent architects proficient in ancient building restoration to protect the temple, the bench said.

HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

Bids are invited from eligible recruitment Agencies for conducting the process of recruitment for the post of ‘Legal Assistant’ in the High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

Tender document containing the Scope of Work/ Services to be performed by the Recruitment Agency, is available on the Official website of the High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi i.e. www.jharkhandhighcourt.nic.in, under the heading –“Tender”.

Opening date & time for submission of Tender Document : 04.08.2025 (10:00 A.M.)

Closing date & time for submission of Tender Document : 20.08.2025 (05:00 P.M.)

Dated: 30th July, 2025

Sd/-
Registrar General



NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER

TENDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISION, MONITORING & CO-ORDINATION (SMC) AGENCY FOR THE WORK OF SUPERVISION OF COAL RAKES MOVEMENTS, COAL QUANTITY & QUALITY MONITORING, LOADING OF QUALITY COAL AND MOVEMENT OF SIZED COAL FOR VARIOUS TPS OF MAHAGENCO FROM WCL.

TENDER NO.: CE/FM/E2/SMC/WCL/2025/60666 Rfx No. 3000060666

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd. is state power generation utility. Mahagenco invites online Bids (Two bid system i.e. Separate bid for technical/commercial & price bid) for appointment of Supervision, Monitoring & Co-ordination (SMC) agency for Work of Supervision of Coal Rakes movements, Coal quantity & quality monitoring, loading of quality coal and movement of sized coal for various TPS of Mahagenco from WCL.

The Bid specification will be available for downloading from 05.08.2025 (16.00 Hrs.) on website <https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in> after completion of online vendor registration process. Registration fee is Rs. 5000/- + Taxes Extra & Tender fee is Rs. 5000/- + Taxes Extra.

1) Period of Contract : 1 year

2) Estimated Quantity : 2,57,37,300 MT

3) Sale of tender from : 05.08.2025 (16:00 Hrs.)

4) Prebid Meeting : 19.08.2025 (from 11:00 Hrs.)

5) Last Date of payment of tender fees On: 09.09.2025

6) Due date of Submission of bids : 10.09.2025

(up to 16:00 Hrs.)

(up to 13:00 Hrs.)

(up to 10:09.2025

(up to 15:00 Hrs.)


7) Due date for opening of techno-commercial bids : 10.09.2025 (up to 15:00 Hrs.)

Detailed tender can be viewed on <https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in>

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CHIEF ENGINEER (FM)

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(Regd Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq. No. 653/P-1/EMPW-13086 dated 02.08.25

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_146360_1 for Providing and laying 20 mm thick open graded Premix Carpet including tack coat, seal coat, Water Bound Macadam Grading-II (Without screening) with Surface Dressing on roads of Power Colony & road from petrol pump to CHP Railway Yard, GGSSTP Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 02.08.25 from 05.00 PM onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

RTP-90/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/1906

राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी

(ई-निविदा सूचना)

राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, हल्द्वानी एवं डॉ। सुप्रीम राजकीय चिकित्सालय, हल्द्वानी में “गार्डनिंग/लॉन मैन्टीनेंस” के कार्यों हेतु इच्छुक निविदादाताओं से जिनके पास उत्तराखण्ड के राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज/राजकीय चिकित्सालय इत्यादि में गार्डनिंग/लॉन मैन्टीनेंस इत्यादि के कार्यों 03 (तीन) वर्ष का अनुभव हो से “अनुबन्ध” के आधार पर “वार्षिक” रिनुवल करते हुए अधिकतम 03 (तीन) वर्ष के लिए निर्धारित “शर्तों एवं प्रतिबन्धों” के अन्तर्गत “ई-निविदा” आमंत्रित की जाती है। अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी बैकसाइट <http://uktenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है, जिन्हें दिनांक 05.08.2025 (अपरह्न 5.30 बजे) से दिनांक 18.08.2025 के पूर्वार्ह्न 12.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड (Download) किया जा सकता है।

प्राचार्य,
राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज,
हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल)

Advt. No.- 407 Date 04.08.2025

SH. ATUL AHLAWAT
Special Judge, NDPS Act.
Room No. 35, P-1, P.BUILDING
Patiala House Courts
New Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS (See Section 84 BNSS)
NCB Vs LOVEPREET SINGH

1) Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mr. Lovepreet Singh S/o Jagvir Singh R/o H.No 252, Makhu Majra, P.O- Baragoan, Distt-Karnal, Haryana 132023 has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 8(c), 18 (C) and 23 of NDPS Act 1985 and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest therupon issued that the said Mr.Lovepreet Singh S/o Jagvir Singh cannot be found and whereas it has shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mr.Lovepreet Singh S/o Jagvir Singh has absconded, (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

2) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the day of **08-09-2025**.

Sd/xxxx
Special Court, NDPS Act
Patiala House Courts

CBC 19126/11/0075/2526

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Kamla Devi

Her Physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 46 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Frock Suit and Grey Color Slipper in her feet.


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

Phone No. : 011-24368638, 011-24368641 | **Fax no. :** 011-24368639

Email id : clc@cbi.nic.in | **Website :** <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO
P.S – Nangloi, New Delhi
DP/10211/OD/2025 **Phone : 011-25949470, 9811055130**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION




General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** 50 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5 feet 7 inch, **Wearing:** Gray pant, gray shirt, brown banyan and brown underwear, was found semi conscious and admitted in Apollo Hospital, where he was died during the treatment, Delhi on **dated 30.07.2025 at 11:00 am** under area of **P.S. Sarita Vihar, Delhi**.

In this regard a **FIR No.532/25 dated 30.07.2025 u/s 281/125(a)/106(1) BNS**, has been Lodged at **P.S. Sarita Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Sarita Vihar, Delhi
DP/10330/SE/2025 **Ph.: 011-26825553, 8750870921**



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Commissionerate of Stationery and Printing, Chennai-2
Cte.No.12/8349/2025 TENDER NOTICE Dated : 01.08.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, E-tenders are invited along with required samples for fixing Annual rate contract for the purchase of Special varieties of Papers & Boards, Clothlined covers & papers and purchase of Machines as follows: **A) Paper and Boards B) Machines** from Manufacturers/Distributors and Authorized dealers as per the following schedule.

Sl. No.	Groups & Items	Tender Form can be accessed	Tender opening date and time
1.	Group X – M.G.Ribbed Kraft Paper 62 x 88 cm 90 gsm	From 05.08.2025-11 am To 08.09.2025-11 am	09.09.2025 11.30 a.m.
2.	Group XI – Special Varieties of Colour Papers		
3.	Group XII – Special Varieties of Art Papers		
4.	Group XIII – Special Varieties of Art Boards and Flat File Cases		
5.	Group XIV – Special Varieties of Pulp Boards		
6.	Group XV– Special Varieties of Clothlined Covers & papers		
7.	Drop on demand (DOD) Piezo Inkjet System CSPL 34 CE Print Head (34mm X.2 Heads) For Variable Data Printer		
8.	Double Wire Binding Machine and Hydraulic Punching Machine		
9.	Sheeter Unit for Orient 2HI Tower-1 Web offset Machine		

Tender documents can be accessed from <https://tntenders.gov.in>
Chennai-2, Dated: 01.08.2025 DIPR/ 4094 /TENDER/2025 **COMMISSIONER**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	21/25-26/WE
Name of Work with its location	Construction of a boundary wall to prevent encroachment in a densely populated areas in the section of Sr. DEN/Estate.
Approx. cost of work	Rs. 4.69,73,093.58
EMD Amount	Rs. 3,84,900.00
Completion period of work	12 Months
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Closing date of tender on 26.08.2025 at 15:00 hrs.
Website particular notice board details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
No.:	128-W/269/O.E./NIT No. 21/25-26/WE/Dated:- 04.08.2025 2371/2025

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Office of the Principal, Autonomous State Medical College, Lakhimpur Kheri, U.P.

Applications are invited for various Regular faculty Positions of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in various departments of ASMC Lakhimpur Kheri, viz Letter No ASMC/Lakhimpur Kheri/Advertisement/2025-26/261 dated 16.06.2025. The last date of application has been extended till 20.08.2025 by 05:00 PM Rest terms and conditions of advertisement will remain the same. For detailed information and Application form visit college website www.asmclakhimpurkheri.in and DGME Website <http://dgme.up.gov.in>



TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUMALA HEALTH OFFICE, TTD, TIRUMALA

"E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE"

Health Office, TTD, Tirumala is inviting online bids from the suppliers /manufacturing firms for supply of Insecticides Items consisting of 7 items i.e., Fly Act power Pellets, (Granules), Malaria Larvicide oil, Neem Oil(Neem Kavach (PL) Odo Serve Fly Away, Pyrethrum Extract 2%, Solomom (Bayer), Fly Sticky roll(Fly roll trap)" for further details see online e-tender document through below mentioned portal for the year 2025-26. Date of upload of Tender document 04/08/2025 and last date of submission of Tender document 22/08/2025. For tender document log on to the web site <http://www.tirumala.org> and <http://tender.aeprocurement.gov.in>. For further details contact Phone No:0877-2263686 & 9866132451 and mail tdthealthoffice@mgm.com during office working hours.

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 153), Date : 04-08-2025 Executive Officer



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MFP-PARC/TENDER/2025/2022 Date : 04.08.2025


NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDER

- Herbal Raw Material
- Industrial Accessory/Machinery
- Building Materials
- Electric and Sanitary Items
- Packaging Materials
- Appointment of Agency for Revamping of Brand
- Appointment of Agency for Design of Product Labels

MFP-PARC is engaged in manufacturing and supplying Ayurvedic & Herbal Products under the brand name of "Vindhya Herbals".

Tender documents will be available online on <https://mftenders.gov.in> from 05.08.2025 at 5:00 PM.

M.P. Madhyam/121403/2025 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)

Head Office : A-13, Sector-1, Noida-201 301 (U.P.)

Tender for Design, Construction, Supply, Testing and Commissioning of 10 Nos. 20 Pax Hybrid Electric Passenger Ferry

Online Tenders/Bids from reputed Consulting firms in two cover systems for **subject work**. Date of download of Tenders is **04.08.2025 to 06.09.2025**. Last date of online submission of e-tender: **06.09.2025 till 1800 hrs.** Date of opening: **08.09.2025 at 1130 hrs. Detailed eligibility criteria and tender document along with Instruction to the Bidders can be seen at IWA's website i.e. www.iwai.nic.in and <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.**

Chief Engineer (ONNs)

कार्यालय उपजिलाधिकारी (सदर) देहरादून


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संख्या-674/एसओपीएच-लौएसओ/ दिनांक 04/08/2025

सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण (SIA) के लिये लोक सुनवाई हेतु सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जनपद देहरादून में बिन्दाल 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 05.08.2025 को निर्धारित थी। इसको अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित करते हुए अब यह जनसुनवाई 07.08.2025 को प्रात 11:00 बजे निर्धारित की जाती है।

(हर गिरी)
उपजिलाधिकारी सदर देहरादून



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Anpara Thermal power project

E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Short Term E-Tender Notice No: 01/HQ/FFSD-I/ATP/ 2025-26, Online e-Bids are invited for "Insurance of assets of various UPRVUNL plants for period of one year under mega risk insurance policy." Short Term E-Tender Has been uploaded on **01.08.2025** on <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Estimated cost: **Rs. 98,00 Crore only, Peeriod: One Year, E.M.D cost: Nil,** Last date of Tender: **18.08.2025 till (12:00 Hrs.)**. Total quality of work/supply, Tender specification and other term & condition is as per tender document available on the E-tender portal.

Concerned Officer reserves the right to cancel the e-bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, 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.

पत्रांक: 2121 / मुअमिह(स्तर-1) / अलतापच / कला अनुगु दिनांक: 04 / 08 / 2025

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T. Notice No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRY/JE-Tender Notice/2025/571 Date : 02.08.2025

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/Spl/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders are as under:

T. No. : 230-TRD-WC-961-2025	Advertised value : Rs. 1,35,96,810.36
Description of work : Modification in 132 KV 3 phase double circuit transmission lines due to less clearance from DFCCIL track at new Khurja station of DFCCIL over Prayagraj division of N. C. Railway.	
Bid Security : Rs. 2,18,000.00	Completion Period : 12 Months
Bidding system : Single Packet Tender Closing date & Time : 25.08.2025 & 14:00 Hrs	
Tender opening date & Time : 25.08.2025 & 15:00 Hrs	
Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website www.ireps.gov.in 21 days prior to the date of opening of the tender. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. 3. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website or IREPS may be approached. 1378/25 (C)	
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In motor accidents, claims not restricted to third party, says SC

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New Delhi: Motor vehicle insurance protects a policyholder against claims made by a third party for damages due to the policyholder's actions, but what about the claim against injury/death of the policyholder themselves in a road accident? Holding that family members of such a policyholder can also claim compensation, Supreme Court has referred the issue to a larger bench since there are contradictory verdicts of the apex court on the matter.

While hearing the compensation plea of a minor girl who lost both her parents in a car accident in which her father was on the driving seat, a bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and K Vinod Chandran said section 163A of the Motor Vehicles Act could be invoked for such a claim, as it is a special provision which overrides not only all the provisions of the Act but also any other law in force for the time being.

In this case, the minor was awarded compensation by the insurance company for the death of her mother but not



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for her father as he was himself the insured party.

The bench said: "... a claim under section 163A, as per the words employed in the provision, according to us covers every claim and is not restricted to a third party claim; without any requirement of establishing the negligence, if death or permanent disability is caused by reason of the motor accident. This would also take in the liability with respect to the death of an owner or a driver who stepped into the shoes of the owner; if the claim is made under section 163A dehors the statutory liability under section 147 or the contractual liability as reduced to writing in an insurance policy".

The insurance company, however, took the stand that the petitioner, having suc-

ceeded to the estate of the owner of the vehicle who died in the accident cannot at the same time be the person who has the liability and is the recipient of the compensation.

"It would override the provisions under sections 147 & 149 along with the other provisions of the Act and the law regulating insurance as also the terms of the policy confining the claim with respect to an owner-driver to a fixed sum. This according to us is the intention of incorporating the non-obstante clause under Section 163A providing for no-fault liability claims, the compensation for which is restricted to the structured formula under the 11nd Schedule. It is a beneficial piece of legislation brought in, keeping in mind the enhanced chances of an accident, resulting from the prevalence of vehicles in the over-crowded roads of today. It was a social security scheme, brought about considering the need for a more comprehensive scheme of 'no-fault' liability for reasons of the ever-increasing instances of motor vehicle accidents and the difficulty in proving rash and negligent driving," the bench said.

In twist to Odisha immolation case, 2 ABVP members held

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Bhubaneswar/Balasore: The probe into a college student's self-immolation in Odisha's Balasore last month over alleged inaction on a sexual harassment complaint against a teacher took an unexpected turn Monday after two ABVP members were arrested for allegedly abetting her suicide. The duo includes one who had been lauded for trying to rescue her.

ABVP, which is RSS's student's wing, described the arrests of Jyoti Prakash Biswal (19) and Subhra Sambit Nayak (22) in the BJP-governed state as "biased and politically motivated". ABVP national general secretary Virendra Singh Solanki decried the action as a "deep political conspiracy" and "an attempt by the police to shield the real political masters". ABVP claimed that the victim was its member.

Crime branch investigations revealed that Biswal and Nayak had allegedly instigated the 20-year-old student to take the drastic step after the college administration failed to act on her harassment complaint against her head of department (HoD). While Biswal studies in her college, Nayak is an ex-student. The HoD and the college principal were arrested days after the July 12 tragedy. "We arrested the two (ABVP) persons after getting strong evidence of abetment to suicide against them," IGP S Shyni of women's crime wing told TOI.

Investigators suggested that Biswal, who had claimed to have suffered burns while trying to save the victim, was actually injured by the flames while filming the immolation on his mobile phone from a close range. "Multiple clips of the incident (girl on fire) were recovered from his phone," a crime branch official said. Biswal had claimed in hospital, while being treated for 15% burns, that he had rushed towards the girl when she lit the match. "But the flames spread instantly, burning my face and clothes before I could reach her," he had said.

Protesting against the college administration's inaction on her harassment complaint, the victim had poured petrol and set herself on fire outside the principal's office. Investigators are trying to find out how she procured the petrol and matchstick. She succumbed to 95% burns at AIIMS Bhubaneswar two days later on July 14.

Opposition scoffed at the ABVP arrests, with former CM Naveen Patnaik-led BJD describing them as an "eye-wash". "The arrested ABVP members are minnows. Govt is trying to protect some big fish who conspired in her (student's) death," BJD MLA Goutam Buddha Das said.

Every patriotic Indian sought answers after Galwan: Cong

New Delhi: Asserting "the Modi govt is behind the biggest territorial setback to India since 1962", Congress Monday said every patriotic Indian has sought answers about the Chinese "invasion" post-Galwan, starting with PM Narendra Modi's "clean chit" to the belligerent neighbour, but govt has chosen to distract. It said the BJP dispensation is preferring "normalisation" with a country that gave support to Pakistan during Op Sindoor in the form of weapons systems and live surveillance inputs.

Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said, "The Modi govt is pursuing 'normalisation' with a country that gave support to Pakistan during Op Sindoor in the form of weapons systems and live surveillance inputs."

Congress functionaries and MPs Randeep Surjewala and KC Venugopal, without naming Supreme Court, questioned its remarks about Rahul, insisting that asking govt about Chinese occupation is a national duty. Surjewala said, "If this is 'contempt', I, an Indian Citizen, must commit 'My Lord', for this is the test of being a true Indian and a patriot. Hold me and millions of Indians in 'contempt', but let's take our territory back from the Chinese." TNN

20 peacocks found dead in Karnataka; probe ordered

Bengaluru: After the national animal, it's the national bird that met a gory end in Karnataka. A month after the killings of five tigers at MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary near Mysuru, 20 peacocks were found dead in Tumakuru, 120km from Bengaluru, over the weekend, reports, reports Pavan Kumar Pateel.

Eshwar Khandre, state forest minister, ordered a high-level inquiry into the incident reported from Hanumanthapura village in Midgeshi hobli of Madhugiri taluk Saturday.

Noting that the Karnataka govt has taken serious note of the incident, which is "the third such killing of wildlife with poison in a month", the minister said the probe will find out whether miscreants used pesticide to kill peacocks or the birds consumed insecticide sprayed on crops.

G Shashidhar, deputy conservator of forests (DCF), Tumakuru district, told TOI they lodged a case under the Wildlife (Protection) Act. "We recovered three male and 17 female peacocks, and their samples were sent for forensic test. The cause of their death is unclear for now, though theories doing the rounds include consumption of poisonous feed or seeds sown in the fields."

Rahul drew SC fire for his Rafale, Savarkar remarks too

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Supreme Court's rebuke on Monday for Rahul Gandhi was not the first time that the Congress leader had attracted criticism from the apex court because of exuberant utterances reflecting his desire to corner the Modi govt.

Rahul was first reprimanded when former BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi had filed a contempt petition against him for his false public claim that SC had found 'chowkidar', a reference to PM Narendra Modi, to be the 'chor' in the Rafale deal. Appearing for Lekhi, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said misrepresentation of SC's order can have serious consequences. "In India, people have immense faith in SC and when something is attributed to the apex court, the public believes in the statement. There has to be some limit to Rahul Gandhi's cavalier attitude," he contended.

SC had concurred and refused to accept Rahul's explanation forcing him to tender an unconditional apology. Though this spared him contempt proceedings, the apex court faulted his conduct. "It is unfortunate that without verification or even perusing as to what the order passed (by SC), the contemner (Rahul) deemed it appropriate to make statements as if this court had given

Were you there on the border, SC asks Rahul

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The bench said, "Tell, Dr Singhvi, how do you get to know that 2,000 sqkm of Indian territory was occupied by the Chinese? Were you there? Do you have any credible material? Why do you make these statements without any... If you were a true Indian, you would not say all this if there is a conflict at the border."

The senior advocate responded by saying it was also possible that a true Indian would say that 20 Indian soldiers were beaten up and killed as it was a matter of concern for the country.

Singhvi argued that while some people may not agree with the statement, it was not prohibited under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, which pertains to the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. He underscored that public interest was involved in the issue and it would be unfortunate if a leader of opposition could not raise and highlight such an issue.

"Whatever you have to say, why don't you say it in Parliament? Why do you have to say this in social media



posts," the bench asked.

Challenging the defamation case proceedings, Singhvi said it was done to harass Rahul, and he also pointed out that the trial court did not follow section 223 of BNSS which said prior hearing of the accused was mandatory before taking cognisance of a criminal complaint. The court, thereafter, issued notice on Rahul's plea and stayed the proceeding in the case, despite senior advocate Gaurav Bhatia, appearing for the complainant, opposing the stay order. The bench asked him to file a response.

Rahul moved Supreme Court after Allahabad high court on May 29 rejected his plea for quashing of summoning order passed in Feb by a court in Lucknow. The HC observed that freedom of speech and expression did not include the freedom

to make statements which defame the Indian Army. The complaint was filed by former Border Roads Organisation (BRO) director Uday Shankar Srivastava against Rahul for making the allegedly derogatory remarks in Dec 2022 during his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"People will ask about Bharat Jodo Yatra, here and there, Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot and what not. But they will not ask a single question about China capturing 2,000 sqkm of Indian territory, killing 20 Indian soldiers and thrashing our soldiers in Arunachal Pradesh. But the Indian Press doesn't ask a question to them about this. Isn't it true? The nation is watching all this. Don't pretend that people don't know," Gandhi had said at a press conference during the yatra.

Rahul should apologise for his irresponsible behaviour: BJP

New Delhi: Latching on to Supreme Court's observations on Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the Indian Army after a clash between the Indian and Chinese armies in the Yangsi region of Arunachal Pradesh in 2022, BJP Monday said for the first time, the apex court had made such a remark about a leader of opposition, who owed an apology to the country for his "irresponsible behaviour".

"Today, the entire country is hurt by this anti-national mentality and expects an apology from Rahul Gandhi and Congress," Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

"Rahul Gandhi and Congress have a history of insulting the Army — whether it is the surgical strike or Operation Sindoor; they have questioned the sacrifices of our brave soldiers at every opportunity," Pradhan said. "Their loyalty is not to the nation but only to one family, which is why respect for the nation is not even part of their fundamental thinking," Pradhan added.

Parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju also hit out at Rahul, saying the Congress leader must stop irresponsible remarks. "He is the leader of opposition, he should say every sentence responsibly," the Union minister said. TNN

CAD-ODISHA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
Panthanivas, (Old Block), Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-14
No. 1690 **Date: 04.08.2025**
1st Corrigendum to Tender Call Notice No. BP -1/17/2025-26 dt. 25.07.2025
The tender for the following works invited vide Tender Call Notice No. BP -1/17/2025-26 dt. 25.07.2025, published in "The Times of India", and Odia daily "Sambad" on 27.07.2025 are rescheduled as below:
1. Bid documents such as DTCN/BOQ etc. can be seen/ downloaded from tender website i.e. **www.tenderorissa.gov.in** from **Dt. 12.08.2025 to 17.00 Hours of dt. 26.08.2025.**
2. **Online** bids shall be received till **17.00 Hours** of dt. 26.08.2025.
3. The technical bids will be opened at **11.30 Hours** of dt. 29.08.2025 in the office of the Superintending Engineer, O.T.D.C. Ltd., Bhubaneswar.
4. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
5. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can be seen in the Govt. Websites.
All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
O.T.D.C. Ltd. Bhubaneswar
OIPR-37002/11/0106/25-26

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार
सूचना एवं जन सम्पर्क विभाग
(फोटो-फिल्म शाखा)
संख्या:- 922/सूएवंजअसंवि0(फो0फि0)-18/2024
लखनऊ: दिनांक: 04 अगस्त, 2025
ई-निविदा सूचना
सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग द्वारा पूर्व के महानुभावों से संबंधित वीडियो कवरेज डाटा विगत कई वर्षों से यू-मैटिक, बीटाकैम, डिजीबेटा, वीएचएस, एसवीएचएस, मिनी डी0वी0, एचडीवी0, एचआई-8, कैसट, सी0डी0 आदि में संग्रहित है, जिसके डिजिटलीकरण कार्य कराये जाने के लिए अनुभवी एवं दक्ष फर्म/एजेंसियों के चयन किये जाने हेतु Quality And Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) के आधार पर ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा <http://tender.up.nic.in> वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 05.08.2025 से दिनांक 19.08.2025 के सांय 3.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदादाता द्वारा निविदा मूल्य ₹0 29,500/- (रूपये उन्तीस हजार पांच सौ मात्र) का डिमान्ड ड्राफ्ट तथा अर्नेस्ट मनी ₹0 4,00,000/- (रूपये चार लाख मात्र) का एफ0डी0आर0, जो कि किसी भी शेड्यूलड कार्मरिशियल बैंक से निर्गत हो, के रूप में निदेशक, सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग, लखनऊ के नाम देय होगा।
उक्त निविदा की प्री-बिड बैठक दिनांक 11.08.2025 को अपरान्ह 02.00 बजे पं0 दीनदयाल उपाध्याय सूचना परिसर, सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग, लखनऊ, उ0प्र0 में आहूत की जाएगी। दिनांक 20.08.2025 को अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तक अपलोड की गयी तकनीकी बिड प्रपत्र/अभिलेख, निविदा मूल्य तथा अर्नेस्ट मनी मूल रूप से जमा करना अनिवार्य है। ऑनलाइन प्राप्त समस्त निविदाओं की तकनीकी बिड निविदादाताओं की उपस्थिति/अनुपस्थिति में दिनांक 20.08.2025 अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। तकनीकी बिड में अर्ह पायी गयी फर्म/एजेंसियों का ही प्रस्तुतीकरण कराया जायेगा।
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Train shooting case: Sacked RPF constable found fit to stand trial

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Mumbai: Trial in the quadruple murder case against dismissed RPF constable Chetan Singh began after a five-month delay as the accused, who claimed to have mental health issues, was deemed fit to stand trial. Singh allegedly gunned down his senior and three passengers with his service rifle on the Jaipur-Mumbai Superfast Express in 2023.

Resuming his deposition before Dindoshi sessions court Monday, dismissed RPF head constable Narendra Parmar (60), an eyewitness, said that one of the victims, Asghar Shaikh, pleaded with Singh for mercy moments before being shot twice in the chest in the S6 compartment. Parmar recalled how Shaikh said, "Mai aam mulazim hoon. Main bhai bhagwan ko monta hoon... Bhagwan and Allah ek hai..." (I am just an ordinary employee. I also believe in God. God and Allah are one). Parmar was dismissed along with RPF constable Amey Acharya for failure to discharge their duty.

On July 31, 2023, Singh allegedly gunned down his se-

An eyewitness said one of the victims, Asghar Shaikh, pleaded with Singh for mercy, moments before being shot twice in the chest in the S6 compartment

nior, assistant sub-inspector Tikaram Meena, in B5 coach of the train, followed by a passenger, Kadar Bhanpurwala, in the same coach between Vaitarna and Mira Road stations. He then went to coach B2, where he allegedly took another passenger, Syed Saifuddin, to the pantry car at gunpoint and shot him. Singh then allegedly shot Shaikh in S6 coach and gave a communally charged speech while standing next to the body.

Parmar said he wanted to stop Singh, but feared that if he tried to restrain him, more passengers would be shot, or he would be shot himself.

Parmar said before Shaikh's murder, he followed Singh into S6 coach. He said he saw Singh holding the rifle in a "ready position", while passengers looked on in fear.

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Advt. No. Admin-I/SR/25/04 **Dated: 05/08/2025**

Opening Date 05/08/2025 Closing Date 19/08/2025

Under the residency scheme of Govt. of India, **108 Senior Residents (Non-Academic)** are to be recruited for AIIMS Nagpur. In this regard, application is invited by the Executive Director, AIIMS Nagpur.

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	Number of Vacancy					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total
1	Anaesthesiology	3	3	-	-	1	7
2	Anatomy	1	-	1	-	-	2
3	Biochemistry	-	1	1	1	-	3
4	Burns & Plastic Surgery*	1	1	-	-	-	2
5	Cardiology*	2	-	-	-	-	2
6	Cardiothoracic Surgery*	-	1	1	1	1	4
7	Community Medicine	-	1	-	-	-	1
8	Dentistry (Paediatric & Preventive Dentistry)@	-	-	1	-	-	1
9	Dentistry (OMFS)@	-	-	-	-	1	1
10	Dermatology	1	-	1	-	-	2
11	Endocrinology*	1	-	-	-	-	1
12	ENT	-	-	1	-	-	1
13	General Medicine	1	2	-	2	1	6
14	General Surgery	1	2	2	1	-	6
15	Hospital Administration	-	1	-	-	-	1
16	Medical Gastroenterology*	2	1	1	-	-	4
17	Medical Haematology*	2	2	-	1	-	5
18	Microbiology	-	-	-	1	1	2
19	Nephrology*	2	1	-	-	-	3
20	Neurosurgery*	-	1	1	-	-	3
21	Nuclear Medicine	1	1	-	1	-	3
22	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1	1	-	-	1	3
23	Ophthalmology	-	1	-	-	1	2
24	Orthopedics	1	1	2	1	-	5
25	Paediatrics Surgery*	1	1	-	-	-	2
26	Paediatrics	-	-	1	-	-	1
27	Pathology	2	1	-	-	1	4
28	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	-	-	1	-	-	2
29	Psychiatry	1	-	1	-	-	2
30	Pulmonary Medicine*	1	-	-	1	-	2
31	Radiodiagnosis	3	1	-	-	1	5
32	Radiotherapy	-	-	1	1	-	2
33	Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology*	-	1	-	-	1	2
34	Surgical Gastroenterology*	1	1	1	-	-	3
35	Surgical Oncology*	1	-	-	-	-	1
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Stat Of The Nation

Trump's sacking of a govt data official sends an awful message that all democracies must heed

Convention demands that emperors don't shoot messengers, but Trump sacked Erika McEntarfer on Friday after her Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS) revised US jobs data for May and June downwards. Those were the first full months to reflect the impact of Trump's 10% baseline tariff. Initially, BLS had reported 144,000 new jobs in May, and 147,000 in June, suggesting that fears about the impact of tariffs were overblown. Now, it says only 19,000 and 14,000 jobs, respectively, were added in the two months. Initial data for July looks even weaker, with only 73,000 jobs added. Post-revision, it might turn out to be a month of net job loss.

Suddenly, Trump's tariff project is looking weak when high country-specific tariffs are about to take effect from Thursday. He's reacted predictably, alleging data was manipulated: "In my opinion, today's jobs numbers were RIGGED in order to make the Republicans, and ME, look bad." But as former US treasury secretary Larry Summers says, the charge is preposterous because the data is compiled by "hundreds of people following detailed procedures". The job numbers are off the mark every month simply because a third of the 121,000 employers BLS surveys don't send their responses on time.

Trump could have asked for better data gathering. It's a fair demand, given that investors and the Fed, with which he has a running feud, base their decisions on such indicators. But Trump's cost-cutting – remember Elon Musk's Doge? – is among the culprits here. His personal attacks on officials and sackings will only weaken global confidence in US. If he manages to "control" data somehow, he will push US into the league of dictatorships that are known to fudge economic data all the time. In 2018, University of Chicago researcher Luis Martinez made an interesting observation using satellite images: a 10% increase in nighttime lights was correlated with a 2.4% GDP increase in democracies, but 2.9-3.4% increase in authoritarian countries.

India passed Martinez's test well, but our data framework isn't strong either. The delayed Census is a blemish, and even after improvements, getting a final estimate of GDP growth takes two years. There are questions about the accuracy of PLFS data also. To improve policy formation, and to attract more investment, we must improve our data collection and reporting. And if the data is sour, spare the messenger.

Control All & Delete

Kremlin's new law restricting online search is a chilling new low

For at least 15 years, Moscow has tightened controls on the internet using centralised routing, deep surveillance, bans on websites and social media, throttling websites critical of Moscow and so on. Its latest restriction – in a new law expected to kick in Sep 1 – hits a new low, the most chilling of all. For the first time, internet users will be penalised simply for search queries govt deems are 'extremist'. And fined for using VPNs that help users bypass censorship. That's practically making reading an offence. The new law says users will be held accountable for "knowingly searching for and accessing extremist materials", including through VPN services. Moscow's digital development minister reportedly said "ordinary users will not be affected" by the new law. How that will be possible is unknown – analysts have called it a vaguely worded legislation.

Three points. First, justice ministry's list of 'extremist' materials stretches to more than 500 pages. Those banned in Russia for 'extremist activities' include entities associated with Kremlin critic and opposition politician, late Alexei Navalny. So, Putin's playing strictly by the Chinese playbook. Second, how this'll be monitored is unclear – will internet providers be expected to pass on browsing data and searches or will govt surveil? How will 'systems' differentiate those searching material for purposes of research? Third, the obscure language serves a purpose. The outcome is already as desired – creation of fear and self-censorship. Russians, reports say, are already unsubscribing from certain channels and deleting apps. Uncertainty the loosely worded law has unleashed has little to do with Moscow's claim of digital sovereignty – unlike China, it barely has the wherewithal in terms of funds, engineers or infra to do so – and everything to do with a crackdown on both Russian public and any attempts at political opposition.

Fiscal fitness

Mansplaining Donald Duck is my superpower

Anil Abraham



Nobody is focusing on fiscal fitness, I said to Kamala as we walked briskly round our neighbourhood park. She narrowed her eyes as she realised I was talking about money, then confessed she didn't understand money.

Most Indians know how to make money and hoard money but are clueless about the Budget or things like American tariffs and what impact these have on our daily lives. Our basic fear is that everyone, including banks, netas, the markets and every person who calls on the phone, is trying to loot our hard-earned money.

I puffed my chest out to mansplain money matters: Imagine if you had a friend – a very rich, important, delusional friend – who runs a chain of veggie shops. Imagine if you grew tomatoes in your farm and you wanted him to buy these tomatoes and sell them on...

I could see I was losing Clueless Kamala so I tried to make it even simpler: If this close friend, based on his friendship alone, was charging you 25% more to sell your tomatoes in his shop, it would make tomatoes costlier in his shop while creating a glut of tomatoes in your farm.

Kamala looked confused but I continued: Imagine if this friend saw you buying Kerosene from Puttaniah and levied a penalty because he didn't like that. Plus, this friend tells everyone that he also stopped the fight we had last weekend and that we would be divorced by now if not for him.

She perked up: 'Were we fighting with our neighbor Pakkath Mane Parvathi because her sons kept lobbing balls into our compound and creating destruction every time they jump over the compound wall? But we are still playing cricket with them.'

Kamala was finally getting the hang of international affairs. I had made the whole thing as logical as *The Kerala Story* getting the national award. She sat down on the bench and gave me a withering look: "This friend of yours sounds like a bully. I don't think he is anyone's friend."

I hummed an old Shammil Kapoor song: *Tariff karoon kya uski jisne usse banaya*. I told her he was a self-made man so we couldn't blame God or Nehru for this situation. Donald Duck used to be a harmless cartoon without pants when we were growing up. He still is – but the world is not laughing anymore.

Where There's A Gill...

The new Team India proved it's a squad of unrelenting fighters in tough English conditions. Now, management must give the young talents a longer rope

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It happened again at the Oval. This is where Ajit Wadekar's men had carved out India's historic, first-ever away victory over England in 1971. Nearly five-and-half decades later, Shubman Gill's young and fiery side produced a wondrous win in a Test where both the game's fate and the spectator's emotions swayed to unbearable extremes. Memories are made of this. The victory, by a T20-like margin of six runs which levelled the series 2-2, came from a position when all looked lost. The new Team India is a squad of unrelenting fighters.

What made this five-Test series an affair to remember is that neither side yielded an inch. England, under lynchpin-leader Ben Stokes and Ollie Pope for the fifth Test, were equally indefatigable. Stokes bowled with a grade three shoulder muscle tear. Woakes walked out to the pitch arm under a sling, wincing in pain. Bashir with a finger fracture produced a match-winning decisive delivery. Indians also battled past the pain barrier. Pant batted with a fractured foot, even struck an outrageous boundary off paceman Archer. At times cricket felt like a heavyweight boxing duel: bodies bruised, spirit unyielding.

While runs flowed, sledges also rained. The intensity of the contests acquired a negative undertone when England, frustrated at being foiled by a gritty Indian batting, turned petulant. Social media rightfully exploded in the fourth Test. It only added to the engrossing human drama which has been intrinsic to the series.

Few believed Team India had the class and the stomach to take on coach Brendon McCullum's pugnacious Bazball boys in the post-Rohit/Kohli era. The away series was meant to be part of a painful transition. But new India delivered serendipity to the billion-plus nation.

Captains often wilt under pressure. Gill flowering as a batter. His 754 runs, highest ever by a visiting captain in Test history, showcased hunger and an

upgradation of skills. But as a captain, he remains a work in progress. His management of resources, bowling changes and field placements were reactive. But this was his first series. He will learn, improve.

Team India's performance was collective. If Gill was most prolific, Jaiswal took another giant step to attaining cricketing manhood. His aggression set the tone of India's 'never step back' approach in the first two Tests. Rahul stood tall, became India's new wall, and produced the finest series of his career. The duo has become a reliable opening pair.

Pant was the most thrilling and the bravest. His calculated unpredictability stunned England. He is a rare cricketer who endears himself even to rival fans. The world needs cricketers like him. Jadeja was India's most consistent batter. He (along with Washington) saved the fourth Test and could have won the third with a little more tactical nous. Washington was India's biggest gain of the tour. He has both technique and temperament.

Tennis legend Billie Jean King once said, "Pressure is privilege." Washington thrives on it. The magical, mystical show in the final hours of the fifth Test aside, bowling

worked only in fits and starts. The pace attack failed to deliver as a pack; at least one of them often bowling great deliveries, but not great spells.

Bumrah, world's finest paceman, couldn't be the stand-out bowler India wanted him to be. But slipshod catching is partly to blame. India grassed five catches off him in the first Test. That India won both its Tests without him speaks hugely for the team's bench strength. Siraj admirably filled his missing boots, especially in the last Test, bowling with heart and fire. He is a warrior-hero.

In the final Test, Prasidh Krishna also demonstrated that he has the making of a fine bowler. Akash Deep's 10 wickets in flat Birmingham won India the Test. It would have raised Gill's stature as a leader had he shared the Player of the Match award with him as Harmanpreet Kaur did with newbie pacer Kranti Goud in a recent women's ODI.

The prime reason for the two defeats can be attributed to eight dropped catches in the first Test and the nervy second innings batting collapse in the third Test. These Tests were lost from winning positions. But India was also shackled by coach Gautam Gambhir's 'safety first' approach which translated to packing the team with all-rounders and leaving out Kuldeep Yadav, the world's finest wrist spinner today.


Washington and Jadeja toiled gamely but both lacked the deception and craft of Kuldeep which could have hustled spin-wary England. Excluding Kuldeep from every Test was both strange and tragic. The management has also displayed a lack of patience. Bowlers have been fast-forwarded into the team – Harshit Rana in Australia and Anshul Kamboj in England – with abandon, dumped with alacrity. The making of a Test cricketer is a process, neatly exemplified by Ishant Sharma, whose best came in the last five years of his Test career. You cannot bypass it.

Yet this has been a memorable tour. The feeling that India should have won this series indicates how well this young team has played. Kohli, Rohit, Ashwin were brilliant in their time but Indian cricket has plenty to look forward to. The future isn't just bright. It has arrived.

Mahadev To Shamsheer, Indian Army Names To Inspire

Unlike Pakistan which largely sticks to Islamic symbolism, our military relies on myth, morale and maps to christen operations

Syed Ata Hasnain



A recent public debate triggered by the naming of 'Operation Mahadev' – launched by Indian army special forces in coordination with Jammu & Kashmir police – has raised questions about the symbolism and perceived religiosity in the naming of military operations. The operation, executed with precision over 12 days, led to the elimination of three terrorists now confirmed to be involved in the heinous Pahalgam massacre. Yet, many chose to focus less on the operation's success and more on its naming, raising concerns about communal undertones and ideological symbolism.

As someone who has observed, lived, and led within the ethos of Indian army for over six decades, I find the controversy misplaced. It is a symptom of how little is understood about the military's traditions, its internal cohesion, and the layered symbolism it deploys – not to divide, but to inspire.

Start with Operation Mahadev. While media outlets widely referred to the location of the operation as Dachigam forest, ground reality was more nuanced. The action was undertaken in a remote, rugged area lying between Dachigam and a high ridge locally known as the Mahadev Ridge – a towering formation on the north-western flank of the 48km pilgrimage route from Chandanwari to the Amarnath cave.

To soldiers and locals alike, the name 'Mahadev' is a geographic reference, one that helps pinpoint the operational zone. The term obviously comes from the proximity of the holy shrine of Lord Shiva.

Similarly, Indian army has long designated the broad security effort for Amarnath yatra as Operation Shiva. In maps, situation reports, and operational briefings, this term anchors security deployments to a known context. It's about orientation and clarity, not theology.

Critics often overlook the fact that Indian army uses a wide spectrum of naming conventions, only occasionally referencing mythology. Operational names are just as often drawn from formation emblems,

motivational ideas, or even logistical codenames.

For example, the Bhopal-based Strike Corps consistently refers to its major training activity as Exercise Sudarshan Shakti, named after its formation emblem – Sudarshan Chakra. This name embodies speed, force, and strategic punch. It is no more religious than naming a unit after a tiger or a thunderbolt. The focus is on capability and culture, not creed.

Perhaps the most iconic example comes from the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington, where army, navy, and air force officers participate in a rigorous 15-day wargame called Exercise Kurukshetra. Despite



its mythological origins, this exercise is held up as the gold standard of joint operational planning. Officers across faiths recall it with pride – not as a religious expression, but as a symbol of strategic challenge and decision-making under stress.

Coming from Garhwal Rifles, a regiment composed solely of troops from Uttarakhand's Garhwal region, I can attest to how important faith is – not in a communal sense, but in a traditional and motivational one. Our regimental deity is Lord Badri Vishal, and our war cry is 'Badri Vishal Lal ki Jai'. This is not imposed religiosity – it is a source of cohesion and morale for the men who serve.

During my years of command, I would occasionally

name small-scale operations or training modules as Operation Badri Vishal. Troops appreciated the symbolic power of invoking their presiding deity, particularly in moments that tested courage and cohesion. As a Muslim, I fully embraced and encouraged this regimental tradition. Before launching a patrol or ambush in the lethal terrain of the Wanni jungles of Sri Lanka, I would ask my soldiers to invoke Badri Vishal silently, three times. That was our ritual – not to assert a religion, but to affirm trust in each other and in our shared legacy.

In contrast, I also participated in an operation in Sri Lanka called Operation Shamsheer. The term 'Shamsheer' is derived from Persian, denoting a curved sword, often associated with martial valour. While it has Islamic connotations, it was used purely for its association with courage, not religion. That's the subtlety and maturity with which the Indian military treats symbolism – it draws strength from everywhere, while imposing ideology nowhere.

It is instructive to contrast this with Pakistan's naming culture, which more overtly embraces religious symbolism in its military nomenclature. Prominent Pak operations and exercises include Zarb-e-Momin (Strike of the Faithful) and Zarb-e-Azb (Strike of the Prophet's Sword), both laden with explicitly Islamic references.

While such names may rally religious sentiment in Pakistan's unique politico-military context, they also underscore a fundamental difference from the Indian army's approach. India's military ethos is inclusive and layered. Even when names are drawn from mythology or cultural tradition, they do so with a universal lens. India has consistently separated faith from force projection in both doctrine and practice.

Indian army is neither dogmatic nor doctrinaire in its naming conventions. It names to inspire, not to indoctrinate. It uses symbols to motivate, not to marginalise. The strength of Indian army lies in its diversity – in the fact that all fight shoulder to shoulder with respect and faith in one another.

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Calvin & Hobbes



Healing, Uplifting Soul Gardening Busts Stress

Narayani Ganesh

A former colleague in a new job found she had to commute two plus two hours daily, a total of four hours, just to get to her workplace and back, taking three different modes of transportation, leaving home at 7:45 am and returning after 9:00 pm. Initially distressed and tired, she soon found a way to boost her spirits. In her modest home in Delhi, on the rooftop, she began to grow flowering and other plants in pots, tending them either before leaving for work or after reaching home late at night. Flowers are restless to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts, points out Sigmund Freud.

The transformation was revelatory. No more sagging shoulders, no more frowning. All smiles and full of information about plant species, their attributes and behaviour. Learning their botanical and popular names, she began documenting every flower,

creating folders that she would browse through when tired. She would search online for more information. She found it therapeutic, inspiring and creative. Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden, asks Robert Brault.

The New York Times reports that in Sweden, there is a growing trend among old and young, to rent or buy a small garden patch, even if postage stamp-size, near their urban dwelling. Called kolonitradgardar, this practice of gaining access to garden allotments is said to have contributed a great deal to help them grow fresh produce, connect with nature and community. "The garden programmes were specifically designed to improve the mental and physical health of city dwellers," says Fredrick Bjork, lecturer at Malmö University who specialises in



Sacred space



As far as you can avoid it, do not give grief to anyone. Never inflict your rage on another. If you hope for eternal rest, feel the pain yourself; but don't hurt others.

Omar Khayyám

season, the wonder of creation and the natural world. For me, gardening and gratitude go hand-in-hand," says Gretchen Champoux, who runs a garden consultation company in Seattle. She views gardens as sacred spaces that assist her on her spiritual journey.

Gardening is akin to worship. You are in close touch with Mother Earth. You are in divine partnership with the master creator, working towards nurturing and sustaining life as you engage in regenerative agriculture that is sustainable, healing and productive. The earth is a garden, the Lord its gardener, cherishing all, none neglected, says a verse in the Adi Granth. House plants are said to recognise their owners from two km away. Plants are sentient beings; they respond by perking up when the plant owner returns after going out. "The person who planted me is coming back!" they seem to say. Gardens are enchanted places, let's enjoy them.

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Train in this Punjab village is late by 40 years

Hurdles like land acquisition, environmental clearances, and relocation of utilities in Punjab have slowed the completion of the railway line — from Nangal Dam to Talwara — making it one of the longest-pending projects in the country

“I was very young when the railway survey was conducted in 1976. We were so excited that we would accompany the survey teams all day. Now, I am 62, and still waiting to benefit from the project that started in my youth

— JATINDERPAL SINGH (62) | BRINGALI VILLAGE, TALWARA



“My family gave the highest amount of land — 5 kanals (1 kanal is 1/8 of an acre) — for this project. My father passed away waiting for this rail line to be completed. Now I'm 70, and the project still isn't done. I just hope I live long enough to see the first train pass through

— KRISHAN KUMAR PARMAR (70) | AMROH VILLAGE



“If the govt had compensated us 25 years ago, we could have bought land elsewhere at a reasonable rate. But now, the amount being offered doesn't even get us half of what was acquired. The current rate is just Rs 8,500 per marla (1 marla is around 25.3 sqm) for cultivable land and Rs 2,340 per marla for 'khud' land — this is unfair and inadequate

— DEVINDER SINGH (63) | BHOL KALOTA



“We are not asking for much — just land pooling in exchange, so we can develop the land and make something of it. Right now, what we are getting is neither fair nor useful

— HAVILDAR BACHHITER SINGH (66) | BRINGALI VILLAGE



Dipak Dash & Barinderjit Saluja | TNN

Can you tell us when the train will come?” Jatinderpal Singh, 62, asks, with the leaden tone of one who knows the answer. After all, he was a boy when he first asked this question. His village, Bringali, situated on the banks of the Beas in Punjab's Talwara, some 200km from Chandigarh, is a dusty dot on a nearly four-decade-old railway plan.

Sanctioned in 1981-'82 and initiated in the summer of 1985, the central govt project involves laying a new broad-gauge railway line from Nangal Dam to Mukerian via Talwara.

At an estimated cost of over Rs 2,000 crore, the project aims to provide seamless rail connectivity in the hilly regions of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Progress has crawled to 87% after four decades, making it one of the longest-pending projects in the country. Hurdles in land acquisition, environmental clearances, and relocation of utilities in Punjab have taken the steam out of the work. Now, there is a renewed attempt to pump some energy into the project. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has himself reviewed the project and warned against further delays even as

residents remain sceptical. At present, it is stalled in the Mukerian-Talwara range due to problems in obtaining permission for digging in Punjab.

Need Of The Hour

For the project's completion, Punjab needs to expedite the acquisition of approximately 72 hectares of land. Additionally, the railways, the state govt, and the environment ministry must accelerate forest clearance for the extraction of earth in the state. Sources say the railway ministry has taken up the issue with the environment ministry. While the paperwork drags on and the project crawls, another generation has filled the gap years, and a new set of youngsters is hearing of the train that will come someday.

Dream Deferred

Jatinderpal, whose family has stayed in Bringali for 300 years, says: “Our hopes were raised when surveys were conducted in 1976 to acquire land for the construction of an elevated rail corridor from Daulatpur Chowk in Himachal to Talwara. I was so young, and we were so enthusiastic about the project that each day we used to accompany the project teams to watch them work on de-



Sanctioned in **1981-82**, the project is now only **87%** complete

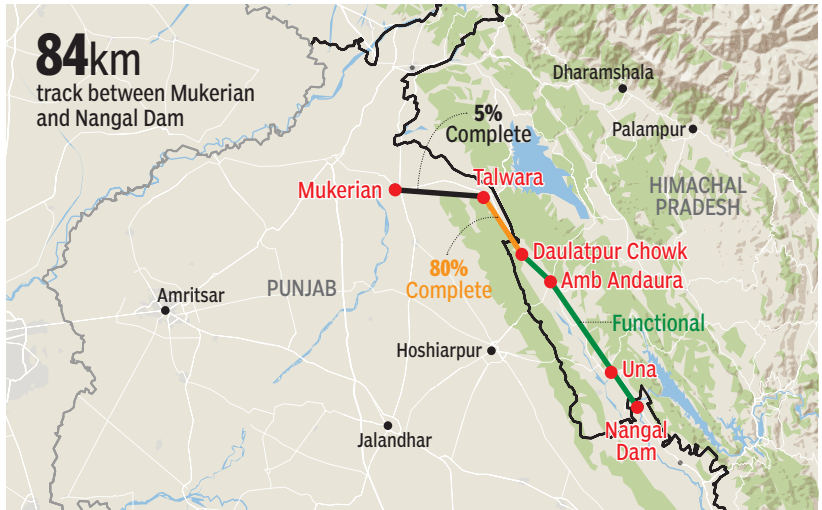
marcation lines. We can still point out the spots,” he told TOI.

Point pillars were installed back then to demarcate the land, and the project was formally notified in 1981. “The project was to be initiated in 1985, and some construction started, but look around, and look at me. I am 62 years old and still waiting for the train to arrive,” he said.

So far, a 60km section from Nangal Dam has been completed and is operational up to Daulatpur Chowk. Work is progressing rapidly on the remaining 23.7km elevated corridor between Daulatpur Chowk and Talwara, which is almost 50% complete. However, sources in the railways ministry confirmed that a critical 2.5km to 3km stretch of land near Talwara is still pending acquisition, posing the final hurdle to the project.

For many, the rail line is not just infrastructure — it's a dream deferred. “I'm nearly 70, still waiting to ride the train through my village,” said a local landowner.

Photos: **Pritam Thakur**



'Unequal Terms'

Dissatisfaction over compensation remains a sore point. Many landowners allege they were paid far below fair value for their property. “In Himachal, land was acquired at Rs 1 lakh per marla (25.3 sqm), while in Punjab we were offered only Rs 8,500 per marla,” said a landowner. Several residents have refused to accept the compensation and have moved acourt, demanding either higher payouts or land pooling in exchange.

While some payments have already been disbursed, residents from villages near Talwara are pressing for a more equitable settlement. “We are not against the project,” said a farmer, “but we want justice. Give us land against land or pay us fairly.”

Wait May End Soon

The rail link is being built by three major construction firms — NP Jain Construction Company, RKC Company, and HMM Infrastructure — with RKC handling the bulk of the elevated corridor. Despite delays and disputes, officials

remain optimistic that the railway line will be completed by Dec 31, 2027. Those who have waited four decades say they can wait two more years, but you can sense the scepticism in their tone.

In the last monthly Pragati meeting, a web-based platform aimed at ensuring the timely implementation of govt initiatives, PM Modi reviewed this project along with two others — the North Koel Reservoir Project in Bihar-Jharkhand, and the 5th Stream Refinery Expansion at Nalco's plant in Odisha, delayed by six years and one year, respectively. In the meeting with secretaries at the state and central level, the officials concerned were directed to expedite the projects, said sources. The PM underlined that delays in project execution came at the “dual cost of escalating financial outlays and denying citizens timely access to essential services and infrastructure.”

Officials said that unhappy with the inordinate delay, the Prime Minister would take a separate review of the project this month.

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For and on behalf of the President of India, the Principle Chief Materials Manager, Rail Coach Factory invited e-tenders for supply of the following items:

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	14251094A/27/08/2025	Stress Relieving, Shot Blasting, painting & Machining & Transportation of Bogie Frame for IR-FIAT Bogies.	357 Nos.	4,76,020/-
2.	05251578/27/08/2025	One Rake Set of Cutway Sealing	16 Sets.	3,85,300/-
3.	05251564/25/08/2025	Set of integrated WTCC	440 Sets.	15,91,470/-
4.	05241277B/26/08/2025	Supply of Axle Mounted Disc Brake System & EP Assist Brake System (2 Types)	264 Set	50,00,000/-
5.	02251065A/25/08/2025	10 Types of Switch Plate Assemblies	2269 Set	9,28,450/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 01 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 02 to 05 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS helpline at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpline at 011-23378658. Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against 1) **Tender No. 17251354** for Procurement of Design, Supply & Installation of Complete Furnishing of Oscillation Monitoring System Carcoaches in which Due date to be read as 14.08.2025 instead of 04.08.2025. 2) **Tender No. 17251194** for Procurement of Set of Seat Attachment profile for L.H.B AC CC & Non AC CC Coaches in which Due date to be read as 12.08.2025 instead of 05.08.2025, Tender Qty Revised (PL Nos. 33600132 & 33600570) & Estimated value Revised of Tendered items (For PL Nos. 33600132 & 33600570) 3) **Tender No. 14251077** in which Pre Bid Conference Required to be read as Yes instead of No & Pre Bid Conference Time to be read as 08.08.2025 at 11:00 Hrs. 4) **Tender No. 14251082** in which Due date to be read as 23.08.2025 instead of 06.08.2025, Pre Bid Conference Required to be read as Yes instead of No & Pre Bid Conference Time to be read as 13.08.2025 at 11:00 Hrs.

T. No.: 56-S/2025-26 Dated: 04.08.2025

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SABVGM/PS/2025/2096 Date - 01-08-2025
Advt. No. SABVGM/Rect/2025/14 Closing date: 14.08.2025

CORRIGENDUM

This is in reference to advertisement no. SABVGM/Rect/2025/14 for the vacant posts of faculty to be recruited on contractual basis at Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Medical College, Chhainsa, Faridabad. It is informed that the closing date for submission of application is extended till 14.08.2025 (4:00 PM).

New applications for the above mentioned recruitment are invited however those who have already applied need not to resubmit their applications.

For details please refer to institute website i.e. www.sabvgmcfbd.edu.in.

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भर्ती सूचना/RECRUITMENT NOTICE

मा.रा.रा.प्र., प्रतिनियुक्ति आधार पर निम्नलिखित पद के लिए भर्ती हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है :-

NHAI invites applications for recruitment to the following post on Deputation basis:-

Post	No.	Pay Scale
महाप्रबंधक (विधि) General Manager (Legal)	02	पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल-13 में (र. 123100-215900) Level-13 in the Pay Matrix (Rs.123100-215900)

2. मा.रा.रा.प्र. की वेबसाइट (<https://www.nhai.gov.in>) पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विज्ञापन में दी गई प्रक्रिया के अनुसार आवेदन दिनांक 04.09.2025 (सायं 6:00 बजे तक) ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करना सुनिश्चित करें।
The applicant is required to ensure submission of online application as per the procedure indicated in the detailed advertisement, available on NHAI website (<https://www.nhai.gov.in>), by 04.09.2025 (upto 6:00 PM).

3. आयु सीमा, योग्यता मानदंड, अन्य शर्तों आदि से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण मा.रा.रा.प्र. की वेबसाइट पर देखे जा सकते हैं।
Details regarding age limit, eligibility criteria, other conditions etc. may also be accessed on NHAI website.

4. इस विज्ञापन के संबंध में शुद्धिपत्र / अनुरोध / निरस्तीकरण, यदि कोई होगा तो, उसे केवल मा.रा.रा.प्र. की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।
Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only.

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BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR 2026

Sahitya Akademi invites books from Indian writers, well-wishers of the writers and publishers for Bal Sahitya Puraskar for the year 2026 in all the 24 Indian languages recognized by it. The book should be meant for the target readership of 9 to 16 years' age group, and first published in the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (i.e., between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2024) will be considered. The award carries an amount of Rs.50,000/- and a plaque. One copy each of the book along with the application form must be submitted latest by **31 August 2025**. For further details about the award, please refer to the Bal Sahitya Puraskar Rules available on our website www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in

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DONALD TRUMP SAYS SYDNEY SWEENEY'S APPAREL CAMPAIGN IS 'FANTASTIC' AFTER LEARNING SHE IS A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN

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— MAYA ANGELOU



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China Rejects Threats On Oil Buy From Russia, Iran

Coercion Won't Achieve Anything, Will Defend Our Sovereignty: China To US

Washington: US and Chinese officials may be able to settle many of their differences to reach a trade deal and avert punishing tariffs, but they remain far apart on one issue: the US demand that China stop purchasing oil from Iran and Russia. "China will always ensure its energy supply in ways that serve our national interests," China's foreign ministry posted on X Wednesday, following two days of trade negotiations in Stockholm, responding to the US threat of a 100% tariff. "Coercion and pressuring will not achieve anything. China will firmly defend its sovereignty, security and development interests," the ministry said. The response is notable at a time when both Beijing and Washington are signalling optimism and goodwill about reaching a deal to keep commercial ties between the world's two largest economies stable. US treasury secretary Scott Bessent, emerging from the talks, told reporters that when it comes to Russian oil purchases,

the "Chinese take their sovereignty very seriously". "We do not want to impede on their sovereignty, so they would pay 100% tariff," Bessent said. Gabriel Wildau, managing director of the consultancy Teneo, said he doubts President Trump would actually deploy the 100% tariff. "Realising those threats would derail all the recent progress and probably kill any chance" for Trump and China President Xi Jinping to announce a trade deal if they should meet this fall, Wildau said. In seeking to restrict oil sales by Russia and Iran, the US wants to reduce their funding. A 2024 report by the US Energy Information Administration estimates that roughly 80% to 90% of the oil exported by Iran went to China. Beijing also is an important customer for Russia. In April, Chinese imports of Russian oil rose 20% over the previous month to more than 1.3 million barrels per day, according to the KSE Institute, an analytical centre at the Kyiv School of Economics. AP



US has threatened China with separate 100% tariff for buying Russian oil

EU to delay retaliatory tariff on US by 6 mths

The EU will suspend its two packages of countermeasures to US tariffs for six months following a deal with US President Trump, a Commission spokesperson said on Monday. The EU-US agreement leaves many questions open, including tariff rates on spirits, and Trump's executive order last week setting tariffs on most EU goods at 15% did not include carve-outs such as for cars and car parts. EU officials have said they expect more executive orders to follow soon.

Swiss ready 'more attractive' offer for US

The Swiss govt is ready to make a "more attractive offer" in trade talks with Washington, the cabinet said on Monday, after a crisis meeting aimed at averting a 39% US tariff on Swiss imports that could hammer the export-driven economy. The Federal Council it was determined to pursue discussions with the US, if necessary beyond the Aug 7 deadline that Trump has set for the tariff to come into effect. The statement did not give any details on what the Swiss govt may offer. REUTERS

US may require \$15k bonds for some tourist/biz visas

Washington: The US could require bonds of up to \$15,000 for some tourist and business visas under a pilot programme launching in two weeks, a govt notice said on Monday, an effort that aims to crack down on visitors who overstay their visas.



The move, to be effective from Aug 20, aims to crack down on visitors who overstay their visas

The programme gives US consular officers the discretion to impose bonds on visitors from countries with high rates of visa overstays, according to a Federal Register notice. Bonds could also be applied to people coming from countries where screening and vetting information is deemed insufficient, the notice said. President Trump has made cracking down on illegal immigration a focus of his presidency. He issued a travel ban in June that fully or partially blocks citizens of 19 nations from entering the US on national security grounds. Effective Aug 20, the new visa programme will last for approximately a year, the govt notice said. Consular officers will have three options for visa applicants subjected to the bonds: \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000, but will generally be expected to require at least \$10,000, it said. The funds will be returned to travellers if they depart in accordance with the terms of their visas, the notice said. A similar programme was launched in Nov 2020, but it was not fully implemented due to the drop in global travel associated with the pandemic, the notice said. The state department was unable to estimate the no. of visa applicants who could be affected by the change. REUTERS

Kremlin plays down US' submarine order, urges caution on nuke rhetoric

Moscow: Russia said on Monday that everyone should be "very, very careful" about nuclear rhetoric, responding to a statement by US President Trump that he had ordered a repositioning of US nuclear submarines. In its first public reaction to Trump's comments, the Kremlin played down their significance and said it was not looking to get into a public argument with him.



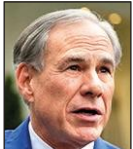
Asked what Witkoff's message for Russia would be, Trump said: 'We've got to get to a deal where people stop getting killed'

Deadline looms but Russia shows no sign of making concessions

The coming week could mark a pivotal moment in the war between Russia and Ukraine, as US President Trump's deadline for the Kremlin to reach a peace deal approaches — or it could pass without consequence. Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff is expected in Moscow, just before Trump's Friday deadline for the Kremlin to stop the killing or face potentially severe economic penalties from Washington. Witkoff is expected to land in the Russian capital on Wednesday or Thursday, according to Trump, following his trip to Israel and Gaza. "They would like to see (Witkoff)," Trump said Sunday of the Russians. "They've asked that he meet so we'll see what happens." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Monday that officials are happy to meet with Trump's envoy. "We are always glad to see Witkoff," he said. "We consider (talks with Witkoff) important." Trump said Sunday that Russia has proven to be "pretty good at avoiding sanctions." AGENCIES

Texas gov vows to replace Dems absent at Mon redistricting vote

Texas: Governor Greg Abbott has vowed to replace Democratic lawmakers who left the state over the weekend unless they return by Monday to vote on a Republican plan to redraw its congressional districts. More than 50 Democratic members of the Texas legislature left the state on Sunday to deny Republicans the quorum necessary to vote on the plan to redraw the map of districts, which President Trump has championed, and which he and his Republicans hope will protect the party's narrow US House majority in next year's midterm elections. Republicans hold a 219-212 majority in the US House of Representatives. Abbott in a statement late on Sunday cited a Texas attorney general opinion that district courts may determine whether legislators have forfeited their offices "due to abandonment," saying that empowered him to "swiftly fill vacancies." Abbott said he would use that power against any Democrats who were absent when the Texas legislature reconvenes. A White House official said that Trump supports Abbott's threat to remove absent lawmakers and wants "whatever is necessary" done to get the map passed. REUTERS



Aus lifts foreign student cap to 295,000

Sydney: Australia will raise its cap on foreign students by 9% to 295,000 next year and prioritise Southeast Asian applicants, govt said Monday. Limits on places were announced last year as a way to rein in record migration that had contributed to a surge in housing prices, with 2,70,000 places made available for 2025. An additional 25,000 places were being granted in 2026 as the policy was successfully bringing down "out of control" international student numbers, govt said. "This is about making sure international education grows in a way that supports students, universities and the national interest," education minister Jason Clare said in a statement. Australia granted nearly 6,00,000 student visas in the



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140+ migrants feared dead off Yemen after boat sinks

Ismaeel Naar & Abdi Latif Dahir At least 74 African migrants were missing after their boat capsized off Yemen, the UN migration agency said Monday, adding to fears that the disaster may have left more than 140 dead. Yemen is at the crossroads of the Arabian Peninsula and the Horn of Africa. The country has long been a transit point for migrants, mostly from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia,

trying to reach the rich Persian Gulf states to the north. The journey, known as the Eastern Route, is among the most perilous in the world. Abdusater Esoev, the head of the International Organization for Migration in Yemen, said Monday that 12 people had survived but 68 bodies had been recovered since the disaster Saturday night. At least 74 migrants were still missing, as their vessel tried to cross the sea from the Horn of Africa to Yemen.

"We know that most of the migrants on board were Ethiopians," Esoev said. Local officials in Yemen said search-and-rescue operations were continuing, even as worries grew that many more had not survived. "Many of the bodies have been found scattered along various parts of the coastline, raising fears that more victims remain missing at sea," authorities in Abyan, a southern Yemeni province, said in a statement posted on Facebook. The post included images that showed many of the dead had not been wearing life vests when their bodies washed ashore. Esoev said overcrowding and a lack of safety equipment were likely factors. "The underlying cause of boats capsizing in the Eastern Route is due to smugglers filling boats over capacity and not providing enough life vests on board," he said. Many of these migrants are fleeing conflict and poverty. NWT

Larger, public universities would need to demonstrate domestic and international students had "access to safe and secure housing" and recruit more students from Southeast Asia to increase their individual allocations, govt said. It was important "for Australia's soft power that we bring the best and brightest from our (Southeast Asian) neighbours to have a bit of Australia with them for the rest of their life", Hill said. Relations with Southeast Asia have been a focus of PM Anthony Albanese's govt as it looks to reduce Australia's economic dependence on China. Universities in Australia welcomed the "sensible" increase in places. Australia has one of the highest shares of international students globally. REUTERS

B'desh witnesses detail protest violence in trial against Hasina

Dhaka: Witnesses in the trial of Bangladesh's fugitive prime minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday detailed horrific violence and denial of medical treatment, speaking on the eve of the anniversary of her ouster on Monday. Philosophy student Abdullah Al Imran, 25, said his left leg had been blasted "wide open" by gunshot during the protests, describing how it had been left "barely attached to the rest of my body by a thin layer of skin". Imran told the court how, when Hasina visited the hospital ward where he was recovering, he told her he had been shot by the police. He said he overheard Hasina give the order of "no release, no treatment", referring to injured protesters. "I didn't understand the meaning of the order at first, but later I did — as my surgery was repeatedly delayed," Imran said, adding he was not given the right antibiotics, and his parents were blocked from moving him to a private hospital. Prosecutors have filed five charges against Hasina — including failure to prevent mass murder — which amount to crimes against humanity. Hasina is defended by a state-appointed lawyer, but she has refused to accept the authority of the court. AGENCIES

B'desh's former army chief found dead in Chittagong

Dhaka: Bangladesh's former army chief Lt Gen (ret'd) M Harun-Ar-Rashid was on Monday found dead in a room at the Chittagong Club, according to media reports. The 77-year-old Harun arrived in Chittagong from Dhaka on Sunday to attend a court hearing, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported, quoting the police. The cause of the former army chief's death is not yet clear. An official of the Destiny Group, of which Rashid was the president, confirmed his death, the bdnews24.com news portal reported. His body was found after he did not appear in court and did not respond to phone calls, the official said. "Club officials went to his room and found him dead," he said. Harun served as Bangladesh's army chief from 2000 to 2002. He was in Chittagong regarding a case of financial irregularities involving Destiny Group, according to the report. PTI

Chinese woman charged with foreign interference in Aus

Sydney: A Chinese woman appeared in court in Australia's capital Canberra on Monday after police charged her with "reckless foreign interference" for allegedly monitoring a Buddhist group in the city on behalf of a Chinese security agency. It is the third time charges have been brought under foreign interference laws introduced in Australia in 2018, and the first time a Chinese national has been charged under the legislation. The woman, who is also a permanent resident of Australia, faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment if she is convicted, the Australian federal police said in a statement on Monday. The Chinese embassy in Canberra is yet to comment. Two previous foreign interference cases involved Australian citizens alleged to be working with Chinese intelligence agencies. REUTERS

STORM FLORIS BATTERS SCOTLAND



Authorities in Scotland cancelled trains, closed parks and warned people to tie down backyard trampolines as an unusually strong summer storm toppled trees, felled power lines and disrupted travel across northern Britain. The UK's Meteorological Office on Monday issued an "amber" wind warning in Scotland for Storm Floris, meaning there is potential risk to lives and property, especially from large waves in coastal areas. Network Rail Scotland said wind gusts of up to 145kmph had brought down trees and damaged overhead wires

Tesla grants Musk \$29bn in stock as 'good faith' award

Tesla granted shares to Elon Musk worth around \$29 billion, the company said on Monday, describing it as a "good faith" award to help retain the car maker's chief after his previous multi-billion-dollar pay package was struck down by a judge. The company approved a grant of 96 million shares for Musk, which he could tap after two years of service in a "senior leadership role" at Tesla. The mercurial billionaire, whose business empire includes rockets, artificial intelligence, brain implants, hinted last month that he wanted more shares in Tesla, on top of his 13% stake, to prevent his ouster by "activist" shareholders. The package amounted to an extraordinary pay raise for Musk when Tesla sales and

profit are falling and the company is losing market share. The action by Tesla's board of directors is likely to fuel criticism that the members are failing to act as a check on Musk. In a regulatory filing, the board did not impose any conditions on him except that he remain in a senior leadership role for two years. Typically, executive pay is tied to performance. Tesla also appears to be taking advantage of the company's decision last year to move its corporate domicile to Texas from Delaware, where a judge struck down his previous pay package. Tesla has appealed that decision and said Musk would not "double dip" and receive the second pay package if a higher court reinstates the original compensation plan. NWT



Serving for 50 yrs, Macron to honour Paris' last newspaper hawker with medal

Paris: A 73-year-old newspaper vendor originally from Pakistan is set to receive one of France's most prestigious honours after more than 50 years of selling dailies on the terraces of cafes and restaurants in Paris' fashionable Latin Quarter. Ali Akbar began hawking newspapers after moving to France in 1973, employing a blend of humour and energy to charm locals. In Sept, France's president Emmanuel Macron will make him a knight of the National

Order of Merit, which recognises distinguished service to France in a civilian or military capacity. A native of Rawalpindi in northern Pakistan, Akbar began by hawking copies of the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo to students in the Sorbonne and neighbouring institutions. Kerb-side newspaper sellers were already a dying breed in Paris in the 1970s as television steadily replaced the printed word as the main source of news — a process that

only accelerated with the advent of the internet. But Akbar, the last remaining newspaper vendor still walking the streets of the French capital, has managed to keep the tradition alive with his ready smile, cheeky sense of humour and sheer dedication. "I just love the feel of paper," Akbar said. "I don't like tablets and all that kind of stuff. But I do like reading. Whatever the type. Real books. But never on screens." "I have a certain way of selling



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newspapers. I try to make jokes. So people laugh. I try to be positive and I create an atmosphere... I try and get into people's hearts, not their pockets," he said. But the job has become harder in the era of digital publishing. "I sell about 20 copies of Le Monde in eight hours. Everything is digital now. People just don't buy newspapers," he said. Despite such challenges, Akbar intends to sell newspapers as long as his health permits.

In a district where high-end fashion boutiques and eateries have replaced the bookstores that once nourished some of the world's most renowned 20th century philosophers, many locals say he's one of the things that keeps the Latin Quarter genuine. "Ali is an institution. I buy Le Monde from him every day. In fact, we do a little more than buying Le Monde for him. We have coffee with him, sometimes we have lunch too," said a customer, Marie-Laure Carriere. REUTERS

DAILY PLANET



DOGS' DAY OUT: Pets chill at a pool to beat the heat in Barcelona

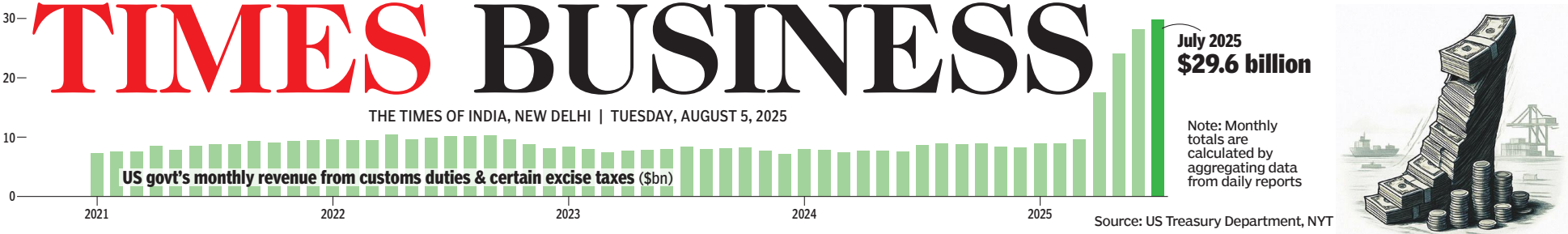
114-year-old doctor who carried an Oly torch in '21 becomes Japan's oldest person

Shigeko Kagawa, a 114-year-old retired physician from Nara Prefecture, has become Japan's oldest living person, following the death of 114-year-old Miyoko Hiroyasu, according to Japan's ministry of health, labour and welfare. Kagawa, a symbol of Japan's extraordinary longevity, graduated from medical school before WWII, served at a hospital in Osaka during the war, and later ran her family's clinic as an obstetrician and gynecologist. She retired at 86. At 109, Kagawa became one of the oldest torchbearers in

Olympic history during the Tokyo 2021 torch relay. She is not doing anything out of the ordinary to stay healthy, a local television MBS News said last week, quoting her family. She keeps a regular routine, going to bed and waking up at set times and she eats small portions but always has three proper meals a day.

Denmark zoo asks people to donate their small pets as food for captive predators A zoo in Denmark is asking for donations of small pets as food for its predators. The Aalborg zoo said it is trying to mimic the natural food chain of the animals housed there "for the sake of both animal welfare and professional integrity" and offers assurances the pets will be "gently euthanized" by trained staff. The zoo points to guinea pigs, rabbits and chickens as possible donations.

US president **Donald Trump**, in his quest to reorder the global trading system, has **imposed steep tariffs** on America's trading partners, with bulk of those set to go into effect on Aug 7. Even before the latest tariffs kick in, **revenue from taxes** collected on imported goods has **grown dramatically** so far this year



Rupee plunges to record low of 87.67/\$ amid tariff turmoil

Asian Peers Like Yuan Gain | Re Under Pressure Until Clarity On Trade

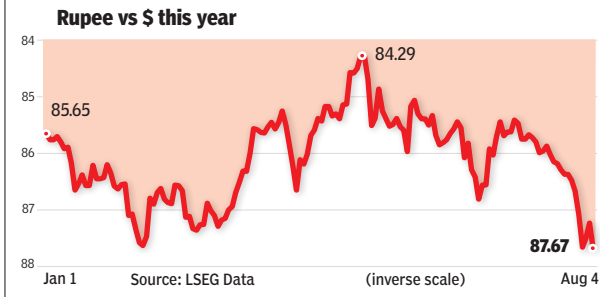
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: US President Donald Trump's tariffs threat is casting a long shadow over Indian markets, pushing the rupee to a record closing low, and weighing on equities. The domestic currency ended Monday at 87.67 against the dollar — a new closing low

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— even as most Asian peers gained. The move reflects the pressure Indian markets face amid fears of escalating trade penalties from the US. Late on Monday evening, Trump announced that he would be increasing the tariffs on India for Russian oil trades. Dealers and brokers feel that this could have an overhang over both forex and equity markets on Tuesday. “The rupee depreciated due to a negative trade environment,” said K N Dey, a fo-

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rex consultant who advises Indian corporates. “This is the rupee's weakest closing level ever. Even though other Asian currencies like the Chinese yuan were stronger, the rupee weakened. Flows are not coming in, and panic buying by importers is adding to the pressure. There's a lot of uncertainty in the market, and the pressure on the rupee will persist until there's clarity on the trade front with the US.”

While the sensx rose 419

points to close above 81,000 — snapping a two-day losing streak — analysts attribute the rebound to gains in metals and auto stocks rather than a shift in underlying sentiment. Foreign institutional investors have already pulled billions of dollars out of Indian equities in recent weeks. Although inflows tied to the NSDL IPO provided momentary relief, they were quickly offset by renewed outflows. Last Thursday, it had touched an intraday low of 87.74.

Prospects of mfg sector may be impacted: Moody's

New Delhi: Curtailed access to the US market diminishes prospects for India's ambitions to develop its manufacturing sector, particularly in higher value-added sectors such as electronics, Moody's Ratings said on Monday. New Delhi braces for high tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump, which come into effect from Aug 7. “The higher tariffs relative to other countries also disadvantage India as it vies for a greater share of trade and investment flows away from China, which has been subject to even more severe tariff treatment by the US,” Christian de Guzman, SVP, Moody's Ratings, was quoted as saying in a statement. **TNN**

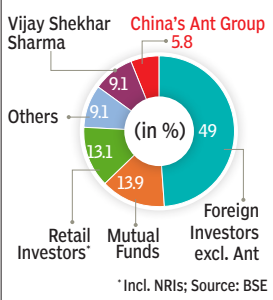
China's Ant to exit Paytm in ₹3.8k cr deal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: China's Ant Group will exit Paytm by selling its remaining 5.8% stake in the company through one or more block deals worth at least Rs 3,800 crore (about \$434 million) on Tuesday, a term sheet showed. Ant Group (formerly Ant Financial), one of the early investors of the Noida-based fintech is an affiliate of Chinese tech giant Alibaba Group. After this deal, **Paytm will have no Chinese ownership**. Ant Group will sell about 3.7 crore shares in Paytm at a floor price of Rs 1,020 per share,

Who Owns How Much

Paytm's shareholding as of June



a 5.4% discount to Paytm's closing price of Rs 1,078 on the NSE on Monday. Paytm decli-

ned to comment.

Ant Group has been paring its exposure to the fintech — it sold a 4% in the company through block deals worth over Rs 2,000 crore in May this year. In 2023, Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma had bought a 10.3% stake in the firm worth \$628 million from Ant Group to shore up his stake in the company and cut Chinese ownership. Alibaba had exited Paytm through a block deal in early 2023. “There's been a trend among Indian companies to reduce Chinese shareholding given the broader national sentiment,” said an analyst

on condition of anonymity. Sharma holds about a 9% stake in the firm, recent shareholding data showed. Paytm, which had come under regulatory scrutiny last year following RBI's move to wind down its banking unit due to non-compliance, swung back to profit in the June quarter. Over the past couple of years, SoftBank and Berkshire Hathaway exited Paytm. “From an investment standpoint, Ant Group perhaps doesn't see the same potential in Paytm compared to its first investment,” independent fintech consultant Parijat Garg told **TOI**.

Boardroom Changes: Bank Seeks Stability, Carmaker Eyes Growth Boost

IndusInd taps former Axis dy MD Anand as CEO after top-level rejig

Move Follows ₹2K Cr Accounting Lapse That Drew RBI Scrutiny

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: IndusInd Bank has appointed Rajiv Anand as its managing director and CEO, effective Aug 25 for a three-year term, following approval from the RBI. The appointment comes at a time when the bank is seeking to restore stability after internal lapses and top-level resignations. Anand, who previously served as deputy managing director at Axis Bank, brings over three decades of experience across wholesale and retail banking, capital markets, and digital banking. A chartered accountant by qualification, he was earlier the founding CEO of Axis Asset Management. At Axis, he held key

FILLING LEADERSHIP VACUUM

► Anand, previously the deputy MD at Axis Bank, was the **founding CEO of Axis Asset Management** and a CA with **30+ yrs** of wholesale and retail banking experience



► His appointment comes after an accounting lapse of ₹1,960cr, which put it under the lens of RBI, Sebi and ICAI

roles in retail and wholesale banking and led the lender's digital agenda. His appointment follows a Rs 1,960 crore accounting lapse uncovered earlier this year, related to internal derivative trades between the bank's own desks. These trades were wrongly recorded, inflating profits and concealing losses across multiple quarters. Independent audits by PwC and Grant Thornton confirmed the

scale of the issue. The fallout triggered the resignations of CEO Sumant Kathpalia and deputy CEO Arun Khurana. Kathpalia said he was stepping down on moral grounds. The episode drew scrutiny from the RBI, Sebi, and ICAI, with investigations launched into the bank's internal controls and risk practices. To manage operations during the leadership vacu-

um, the RBI allowed the bank to constitute a committee of executives led by consumer banking head Soumitra Sen and chief administrative officer Anil Rao. The panel's term was recently extended until Aug 28 or until a new CEO was named. The bank's board has also taken steps to strengthen governance and improve promoter oversight. Efforts are underway to raise additional capital to bolster the balance sheet. Anand's entry is expected to reassure markets and depositors. The board said his appointment reflects a strategic reset aimed at improving performance, restoring trust, and navigating the bank out of a difficult phase.

TaMo CFO Balaji 1st Indian to lead JLR

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New Delhi: PB Balaji, the group CFO of Tata Motors, will take charge as the CEO of British marquee Jaguar Land Rover from Nov this year, becoming the first Indian to lead the luxury car ompany in an executive role. Balaji will succeed Adrian Mardell, who expressed his desire to retire from JLR after three years as CEO and 35 years with the company. After acquisition of the brands in 2008, there have been four CEOs, but none of them were Indian. David Smith served as the CEO between 2008 and 2010, followed by Ralf Speth who worked between 2010 and 2020. Former Renault CEO Thierry Bollere was the CEO between

5th CEO Since Tatas Bought Co In '08

► **P B Balaji** has served as the CFO of Tata Motors since Nov 2017 and comes with over 32 years of experience in the automotive and consumer goods sectors in finance and supply chain roles



in 2020 and 2022, after which Mardell took charge. Balaji has been serving as the CFO of Tata Motors since Nov 2017 and has a cumulative experience of 32 years in the automotive and consumer goods industries across finance and supply chain functions. He led large, diverse, global teams in multi-cultural environments out of Mumbai, London, Singapore and Switzerland and was closely associated with the successful transformation at the

Tata Motors Group, the Indian auto major said in a statement. “I am delighted to appoint Balaji as the incoming CEO of the company. The search for a suitable candidate to lead JLR was undertaken by the board for the past few months and after careful consideration, it was decided to appoint Balaji,” N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Jaguar Land Rover PLC, Tata Motors, and Tata Sons said. “He has been associa-

ted with the company for the past many years and is familiar with the company, its strategy and has been working with the JLR leadership team. This move will ensure that we continue to accelerate our journey to Reimagine JLR.” Balaji said that over the past eight years he grew to know and love the company and the global brands. “I look forward to working with the team to take it to even greater heights. I thank Adrian for his immense contributions and wish him well for his next innings.” The incoming CEO has a B.Tech in mechanical engineering from IIT Chennai and a post-graduate diploma in management from IIM Kolkata.



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YOUNG INDIA COME OF AGE



SEIZING THE DAY: Indian players celebrate Jamie Overton's dismissal at the Oval, London on Monday

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TEAM'S BELIEF & ENDURANCE PREVAILS IN A SERIES WHICH HAS PUSHED BOTH TEAMS TO THEIR LIMITS

► Continued from P1

That spell of 5/104 in 30.1 overs of relentless seam bowling will now be etched in bold letters in the history books of Indian cricket.

India not only drew the series, but won over fans and critics who doubted their chances under an untested young captain. It was a performance for the ages.

On the last day of a series which had refused to dull down over the last two months, the crowd thronged the stadium to watch what was anticipated to be a tense finish. The mild drizzle aided swing and added further drama.

Siraj and Prasidh Krishna made those 35 runs feel like a lifetime away for the English batters. In a dream spell of swing bowling, Siraj took three wickets for nine runs and Krishna finished with eventual figures of 4/126.

You couldn't tear your eyes away from the spectacle even if you tried. A desperate England eventually forced out the wounded Chris Woakes to face the music. Woakes walked down the stairs and to the pitch, his dislocated left arm tucked under his jumper, to give Gus Atkinson company with 17 runs and a wicket remaining.

The moment again underlined how the series has pushed both teams to their limits, both physically and psychologically.

The stadium erupted as Siraj's yorker thundered into Atkinson's stumps at 11.56 am. Seconds later, amazingly, the arena was engulfed in silence. The

English fans were stunned and the Indian supporters speechless. The crowd found its voice again only when Gill's team took the lap of honour.

When play started, Jamie Overton strode out to the middle, wielding his willow like a sledgehammer. He smacked the first ball of the day, bowled by Krishna, for a boundary past square-leg.

The second ball hit his inside edge and went for another boundary. However, there was no way Siraj and Krishna were letting England get away with chasing down another 370-plus target, like they did at the start of the series in Headingley.

“Each and everyone in the dressing room had the belief that we'll win the match from here. When you have bowlers like Siraj, 35 runs look a lot. Even when there were 50-60 runs left, we knew we had enough to play with,” Gill said.

Siraj, hurting ever since he stepped on the boundary line while catching Harry Brook on Sunday, was keen to make amends. “I was feeling, why did it happen to me? God must have written something good for me,” Siraj said later.

The weather gods did seem to conspire to favour him, with overhead conditions getting so heavy that Siraj could dart the ball around at will. Siraj and Krishna had the time to recover fully from the wounds inflicted by Brook and Joe Root's centuries on Sunday afternoon.

On Day Five, England were guilty of being nerve, edgy and in a hurry to finish the game. Atkinson nailed a square drive off Krishna, only for Ravindra

1 Shubman Gill (754 runs at an average of 75.40) top-scored in the series. He has been adjudged the player of the series for the first time in Tests.

4 Harry Brook has been adjudged England's player of the series for aggregating 481 runs at an average of 53.44, including two hundreds, his fourth such award. He won two such awards two against New Zealand in 2022-23 & 2024-25 and one against Pakistan in 2022-23.

2018 The last time England won a Test series against India, by a 4-1 margin. Since then, they have yet to beat India in a Test series.

“So much has been put into this series from both teams. The commitment and energy has been outstanding. We're bitterly disappointed we couldn't get the series win but myself being a massive advocate of the game of Test cricket, this series has been an unbelievable advert for it across the world. All the doubters saying it (Test cricket) is dying a death... this series has been the opposite.”
—Ben Stokes

Jadeja to glide across the turf from third-man to stop the ball at the point boundary.

Siraj kept egging the crowd on even as Jurel missed running out Woakes while stealing a bye to keep Atkinson on strike. It seemed everyone on the field was about to wither under the extreme pressure of the situation. But Siraj held his nerve and delivered the knockout blow.

INDIA'S NARROWEST TEST WINS IN TERMS OF RUNS

Opponent	Margin	Venue
England	6 runs	The Oval, 2025
Australia	13 runs	Mumbai, 2024-25
England	28 runs	Kolkata, 1972-73
Australia	31 runs	Adelaide, 2018-19
West Indies	37 runs	Port-of-Spain, 2001-02

SIRAJ, ENGLAND'S BUGBEAR

Four Indian pacers with 50-plus Test wickets vs England

Bowler	Wickets
Kapil Dev	85
(27 Tests, 5 wickets/innings: 4)	
Jasprit Bumrah	74
(17 Tests; 5 W/I: 5)	
Ishant Sharma	67
(23 Tests; 5W/I: 2)	
Mohammed Siraj	50
(16 Tests; 5W/I: 2)	

MOST OVERS BOWLED BY INDIAN PACERS IN AN OVERSEAS TEST SERIES*

Opponent	Overs	Venue
Jasprit Bumrah	187	in Eng, 2021-22
Mohammed Siraj	185.3	in Eng, 2025
Ishant Sharma	173.3	in Eng, 2011
Bhuvneshwar Kumar	172.5	in Eng, 2014

(*last 20 years)

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

3 Mohammed Siraj has been adjudged Man of the Match for the third time in Tests — his first two were against West Indies in Port-of-Spain in 2023-24 and against South Africa in Cape Town in 2024.

23 Wickets taken by Siraj, making him the leading wicket-taker in the series. The performance is his best ever in a Test series, bettering the 20 wickets (ave 31.15) in the five-Test series vs Australia in 2024-25.

2 Siraj has emulated Jasprit Bumrah's tally of most wickets in a Test series vs England in England. Bumrah had taken 23 wickets at 22.47 in the five-Test series in 2021-22. Both now share an Indian record for most wickets in a Test series in England.

5/104 Siraj's second five-wicket haul vs England is his fifth in Tests. His first vs England was 6/70 in Birmingham in this series. His other three instances of five wickets in an innings came against South Africa, Australia & West Indies.

9/190 Siraj's match figures (4/86 + 5/104) are his best ever in a Test match, bettering the 8/126 vs England at Lord's in 2021.

Finally, Siraj emerges out of senior Bumrah's shadow

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London: Mohammed Siraj woke up at 6 am on Monday. He typed the word 'believe' on his phone's browser. He discovered a Cristiano Ronaldo back-shot where the footballer is seen pointing to the sky, with the words 'believe' superimposed on the photograph. He downloaded and saved the image as his phone's wallpaper.

Just over a year ago, after Jasprit Bumrah helped India clinch a thrilling T20 World Cup final in Barbados, a video of Siraj had gone viral, in which he said, “I only believe in Jassi bhai (Bumrah). He is a game-changer.”

Siraj is a simple human being who has done superhuman things over the

course five Test matches in the last two months on English soil. After finishing off the last Test match with a searing yorker, he was the only pacer standing — from both sides — after playing in all five Test matches.

On Monday after the dramatic win in the fifth Test, with Siraj next to him, Gill said, “We always tell him that we only believe in Siraj.”

'Believe' is the most operative word in any conversation around Siraj. He is a man driven by emotion. He looks for emotional triggers to motivate himself. Joe Root laughed off his on-field stares and chatters on Sunday evening.

“He has the fake anger. He is a lovely lad and a good competitor. I love playing against him,” Root

would say of the duel with Siraj.

Siraj has truly come of age on this tour. At a time when India's fast-bowling resources started to look grim with all the uncertainty around Bumrah's fitness, he has put his hand up and body on the line to emerge as India's true leader of the pace attack in Test cricket.

He has bowled over 185 overs on this tour. This has been one of the flattest and most batting-friendly English summers. He came out of the summer with 23 wickets in nine innings at an average 26.9. Yet, he cringes at the term 'workload management'.

“To be honest, my body is fine right now. It's almost 187 overs in this series. When you play for the country, you give everything. Don't

think too much. It doesn't matter if you are bowling your sixth over or the ninth of a spell. I believe in myself. You bowl every ball for the country, not for yourself,” Siraj said.

Siraj channelled all his passion into the spell he put in at the Oval. He was hurling deliveries at 90 mph on Monday morning. He ran in every delivery with his limbs and mind directed towards one goal — get India over the line.

There is ample guile and skill in his bowling too. It's true that the conditions favoured seam and swing but the control over the proceedings he had on Monday morning, while darting the ball around in the air and off the seam, was impeccable.

If he played with Jamie Smith's

eagerness to score quickly with out-swingers, he darted one back from the same spot to trap Jamie Overton in front of the stumps.

Siraj talks about being a leader now. Much of his career has gone by in the shadow of Bumrah's excellence. He has emerged out of it. He has proven that he can carry a pace attack even as Indian cricket stays obsessed with Bumrah's 'workload management' issues.

The time he spent playing second fiddle has groomed him to be a leader. He has worked on the art of bowling in partnerships. He chose to remind the press that he picked 20 wickets even in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy which was headlined by a stellar Bumrah.

DECISIVE OVERS IN A FAMOUS WIN

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At the close of Day 4, England were 339/6 after 76.2 overs, needing 35 runs to win, with Jamie Smith (2*) and Jamie Overton (0*) at the crease. India's hopes rested on their pace attack, led by Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna. Chris Woakes, nursing a dislocated shoulder, was expected to bat only as a last resort. A brief rain interruption and bad light had halted play on Day 4, setting up a nail-biting final day. The morning of Day 5 dawned with heavy cloud cover, promising assistance for India's seamers, but rain loomed as a potential spoiler.

77th Over (Prasidh Krishna) Jamie Overton, facing his first ball of the day, goes on the attack to disrupt India's rhythm. Showing aggressive intent, Overton hits back-to-back boundaries, pushing the home side closer. England fans dare to dream, as the mood in the Indian



TOO LATE TO REACT: Josh Tongue is bowled by a Prasidh Krishna yorker

camp is tense. England, now 347/6, needed 27 to win.

78th Over (Mohammed Siraj) Siraj, the leading wicket-taker of the series, takes the ball determined to redeem his Day 4 fielding blunder when he dropped Harry Brook by stepping on the boundary rope. Off the third ball, Smith pokes at a wide ball and edges it behind, caught by 'keeper Dhruv Jurel. England were now seven down for 347. A difficult KL Rahul catch at second slip goes down

soon as Gus Atkinson gets a reprieve. England 349/7 at the end of the over, needing 25 runs for a win. The crowd senses a shift. Indian supporters wave flags and chant “Siraj! Siraj!”.

79th Over (Prasidh Krishna) Prasidh Krishna keeps it tight, but Overton and Atkinson scramble nervously for runs, each single adding to the tension. There is a missed run-out chance by India and skipper Gill glares at Jurel for not collecting cleanly. Atkinson and Overton manage to sneak in three runs off the last ball. England 353/7 at the end of the over, needing 21 for victory.

80th Over (Mohammed Siraj) Consistency in line and late nip-in by Siraj gets Overton leg-before-wicket. Umpire Dharmasena thinks for a while and raises the finger after a vociferous appeal off the fifth ball. Overton reviews, but it's umpire's call — and it's gone! India are now two wickets away, and a wounded Chris Woakes waits in the dressing room. England 354/8 at the end of the over, still needing 20.

81st Over (Prasidh Krishna) Krishna aims to strike, bowling back-to-back yorkers at Josh Tongue. The first one is given LBW by on-field umpire Ahsan Raza. England review and the ball is missing leg. Indian fielders are in disbelief as Atkinson and Tongue share a chuckle. England 355/8 at the end of the over.

82nd Over (Mohammed Siraj) Siraj misses the edge of both Tongue and Atkinson's bat again and again. Big and late swing, but the packed slip cordon doesn't get a catch their way. England 356/8 at the end of the over.

83rd Over (Prasidh Krishna) Krishna delivers a fiery yorker off the last ball to Josh Tongue, casting him. Tongue is late to bring his bat down, and the ball brushes his pad before crashing into the stumps. Both bails fly, and The Oval erupts. England nine down, needing 17. Chris Woakes, with

his dislocated shoulder, walks out to a standing ovation. Woakes' brave entry adds a tinge of heroism to the narrative, but India sense blood. The equation shifts dramatically.

84th Over (Mohammed Siraj) Atkinson takes charge. He sends Siraj over deep midwicket for a six. Fielder Akash Deep miscalculates and tips it over the cow-corner



THREE LIONS: Akash Deep (left), Mohd Siraj and Prasidh Krishna celebrate the Oval Test win

boundary. The crowd is electrified, closing the gap to 11 runs needed. The field is spread to prevent boundaries. England 364/9 at the end of the over.

85th Over (Prasidh Krishna) Drama continues! Atkinson expertly shields Woakes, going for single off the final ball to retain strike and avoid exposing his incapacitated partner. India refuse to bring the field up, conceding byes and singles. England 367/9 at the end of the over.

86th Over (Mohammed Siraj) England need seven runs as Atkinson faces Siraj. The Indian pacer steams in and unleashes a searing yorker. Atkinson plays all around it as it crashes into his off stump. The Indians go berserk, hugging Siraj and celebrating wildly. Woakes is left

stranded at the other end. Crowd erupts, Indian players take a victory lap at the Oval, acknowledging the jubilant supporters.

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SCOREBOARD	
India, 1st innings:	224
England, 1st innings:	247
India, 2nd innings:	396
England 2nd innings: (overnight 339/6 in 76.2 overs) Z Crawley b Siraj 14, B Duckett c Rahul b Prasidh 54, O Pope lbw b Siraj 27, J Root c Jurel b Prasidh 105, H Brook c Siraj b Akash 111, J Bethell b Prasidh 5, J Smith c Jurel b Siraj 2, J Overton lbw b Siraj 9, G Atkinson b Siraj 17, J Tongue b Prasidh 0, C Woakes not out 0; Extras: (b2, lb9, nb1, w11) 23; Total: (85.1 overs) 367; FoW: 1-50, 2-82, 3-106, 4-301, 5-332, 6-337, 7-347, 8-354, 9-357; Bowling: Akash 20-4-85-1, Prasidh 27-3-126-4, Siraj 30.1-6-104-5, Sundar 4-0-19-0, Jadeja 4-0-22-0.	
RESULT: India won by 6 runs	
Player of the match: Mohammed Siraj	
Player of the series: Shubman Gill, Harry Brook	

Gill has more 'clarity' on captaincy now

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London: Shubman Gill landed in England after having been given the Test captaincy at 25 years of age, without a proven Test record. A 2-2 scoreline after five gruelling Test matches and 754 runs at an average of 75.4 later, he has retained his poise. On the field, he is the quintessential in-your-face millennial Indian cricketer. Off it, he has been a departure from the norm.

“There are moments like these where you feel the journey is worth it. You should be able to navigate through the highs and lows of life and try to stay balanced, irrespective of winning or losing. It's difficult, but it's a process. That's the real journey,” Gill said calmly after India's win here on Monday.

There has been a clear attempt to not come across as an over-the-top cricketer. At the start of the tour, he did throw the gauntlet by declaring his wish to finish as the highest run-getter in the series. Now that he has done that by a fair distance, Gill himself mentioned his indifferent record before coming on the tour.

“Each hundred that I scored had a different significance. In Leeds, I was under a bit of pressure after not being able to perform in this format. The double century and the second innings hundred in Birmingham helped to seal that match. And the one in Manchester, to be able to save that game from that situation

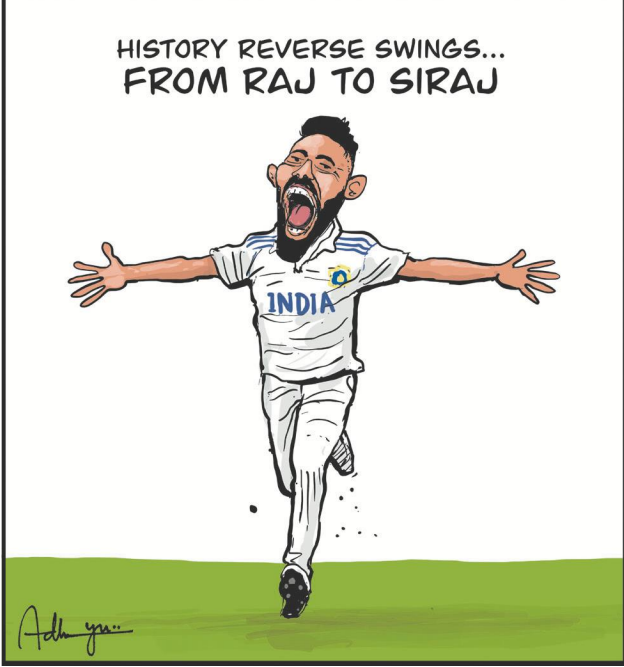
was special. Each of them has a story and each of them means a lot to me,” Gill said.

The journey as a batter has been fulfilling. As a captain, he acknowledges that he now has a better understanding of the areas he needs to work on. “I have more clarity where I personally need to work on as a captain,” Gill said before adding, “There will always be opinions in hindsight. What matters to me is I want to take the most probable decision in that moment.”

Gill defended the decision to play with three strike bowlers instead of four throughout the series. “You learn something new. From the first match, there were many things that I got to learn. A lot of people were thinking that I should have played a fourth fast bowler. Karun played instead of the fourth pacer and his half-century in the first inning was equally important for us. Opinions are made after the match,” he said.

At various stages of the series, he has looked a bit lost as a captain. There were times when his deputy Rishabh Pant and KL Rahul would look more involved. On Monday, he looked in control. He had conversations with his two pacers after every ball. He left the field open for Gus Atkinson to take easy singles even with No. 10 and No. 11 at the crease. “We wanted them to take 30 scoring shots instead of a few to the boundary,” was his curt explanation of his tactics. The result shows the move paid off.

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‘Siraj bowled lot of overs for a 5-Test series’

Despite Series Draw, England Have The Talent To Be Competitive In Ashes, Says Marcus Stoinis

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Chennai: England may have let themselves down by allowing India to draw the series from a winning position. But according to Australian white-ball allrounder Marcus Stoinis, that will not impact Ben Stokes’ team come the Ashes later this year. “They (England) have very talented players, and it will be interesting to see the style of cricket they play against Australia in the Ashes. I do not know what the pitches will be like, but I think they will be able to work out the plan that will be necessary to be competitive. “However, I believe that Australia are going to win,” said Stoinis, who will represent Trent Rockets in The Hundred that starts on Tuesday. Stoinis also had a word of praise

for Mohammed Siraj, who played a big role in India’s victory at The Oval on Monday. “Siraj has just played a great five-Test series for India, bowled a lot of overs and done really well,” the allrounder said. Stoinis is looking forward to working with Rockets coach Andy Flower, who guided RCB to their first IPL win earlier this year. “Andy’s had a very successful coaching reign for a long time now and the experience he has got is immense. His ability to work with a variety of set-ups and develop his own blueprint for building a winning culture quickly in itself is a valuable skill in T20s,” Stoinis said. “We only got together yesterday (Sunday) for the first time, and the tournament will be over in about 29 days. So, you have to get up and run-



ning really quickly. I think having a head coach like Andy, someone who has been around and understands that dynamic and how to build a team quickly, is a big reason why he is such a sought-after coach.” Having failed to qualify for the playoffs in the last two years, Season 2 champions Trent Rockets will look to turn things around. “We (players) shared some thoughts on the style of cricket we want to play, the type of environment we want in the changing rooms. There are a few familiar faces in the coaching staff and in the playing crew. I am looking forward to getting out to train and seeing the boys have a crack,” Stoinis added. Watch the *The Hundred 2025 (Men’s) - London Spirit vs. Oval Invincibles on 5th August 2025 from 11 PM IST live on Sony Sports Ten 1 SD & HD.*

Allow golfers to compete in rival leagues, says Delhi HC

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New Delhi: The controlling body for professional golf in India, PGTI, has stated that it has no issues with the country’s golfers participating in the rival Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL), which is set to commence in Jan next year. However, golfers, who are members of the PGTI are restricted from participating in competing championships, including IGPL, held on the same dates as PGTI-sanctioned events.

This stance follows a petition filed by golfer Sachin Baisoya, who sought relief and direction from the Delhi high court to allow him to compete in third-party tournaments, particularly the IGPL. In court, Baisoya’s lawyers argued before a single-judge bench of Justice Amit Bansal that “being a professional golfer, no restriction can be imposed upon the plaintiff (read Baisoya) from participating in any third-party tournament”. The counsel representing the defendant (read PGTI), countered that “only restriction sought to be imposed by the defendant upon its members is that its members shall not play in a competing tournament which is held on the same dates as the tournament organised by the defendant”. The court then ordered, “The aforesaid statement is taken on record and the defendant shall be bound by the same... the plaintiff would be at liberty to approach this court in the event he is denied such permission for participation in any third-party tournaments”.

Gukesh’s second Keymer in awe of India’s growing chess talent pool

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Chennai: D Gukesh, the youngest world champion, is seen as a role model for prodigious chess talents who are working their way to the top. Gukesh’s rapid rise has impacted many a player, with world No. 21 Vincent Keymer being one of them. The 20-year-old, hailing from Germany, took key lessons from close quarters when he worked as a second for the ‘Indian prince’ before and during the World Championship late last year. Gukesh’s flexibility in his style of play has particularly



caught Keymer’s attention and he believes that the trait has been helping the Chennai boy to stand out in a highly-competitive arena. “I feel that Gukesh is quite flexible in his repertoire. He can basically play whatever is given to him. His fighting spirit is very good... he can find a way and understand positions that are very tough to understand,” said Keymer, who will fight for top honours in the Chennai Grand Masters (Masters). Keymer described his stint with Gukesh as “special”. The German youngster was stationed in Malaga during the title clash and worked

alongside the likes of P Harikrishna to provide Gukesh the cutting edge over China’s Ding Liren. “It was the first time that I did this kind of work. It is very tough to say what exactly translates into my play or level, but there are things that I learnt which are helpful for my own performances,” he said. Keymer is in awe of India’s enviable talent pool in chess and the backing the players receive. “It is clear that India, if not already, is becoming the biggest nation in chess. There are so many Grandmasters coming up, so it is really impressive. India can basically field three teams (in events like the Olympiad) that would belong to the top-10 of the world.”

Bagan blow away BSF riding on Colaco brace

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Kolkata: Liston Colaco produced another game-changing performance as Mohun Bagan SG welcomed their Spanish coach Jose Molina with a 4-0 demolition of BSF in their Durand Cup clash at the Salt Lake Stadium on Monday. Colaco — who scored two in his team’s 3-1 victory in the opening match against Mohammedan SC — netted another brace to extend his tally to four and helped his team cross the BSF hurdle with ease. Manvir Singh (24) and substitute Sahal Abdul Samad (61) were the other scorers. A stunning long-range

strike from midfielder Rohen Singh proved to be the difference as Real Kashmir FC edged out TRAU FC 2-1 in a Group F contest. The match came alive with two quick goals first from Real Kashmir’s Marat Tarek and then in the final-set tiebreaker on his way to the narrow win, TRAU’s Afridi Buyamayum, setting the tone for a fiercely contested battle in Imphal. But it was Rohen’s 64th-minute rocket from outside the box that sealed the deal for the Snow Leopards, clinching three vital points, despite a spirited fight from the home side. Results: Mohun Bagan SG 4 (Manvir 24, Liston 53, 58, Sahal 61) BSF 0. Real Kashmir FC 2 (Tarek 24, Rohen 64) TRAU FC 1 (Afridi Buyamayum 26).

Fritz battles to reach quarters

Toronto: Taylor Fritz battled into Monday morning before finally getting past Czech Jiri Lehecka with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-5) victory in three hours to reach the quarterfinals of the ATP Toronto Masters. Fritz delivered two aces in the final-set tiebreaker on his way to the narrow win.

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moving into the last eight as Lehecka drove long. Fellow American Ben Shelton earned a second chance after Flavio Cobollo failed to serve out their match, with the fourth seed finally securing a somewhat contentious 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7/1) win. The winner will now play Alex de Minaur. De



Osaka hits a backhand return in Montreal

Minaur pushed his ATP winning streak to seven matches as he fended off Frances Tiafoe 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Swiatek out, Osaka sails Wimbledon champion

Iga Swiatek became the latest seed to fall at the WTA Canadian Open on Sunday, stunned 7-6 (7/1), 6-3 by 19th-ranked Dane Clara Tauson in the fourth round. Meanwhile, it was clear sailing for Naomi Osaka, who needed just 49 minutes to blast past Anastasiya Sevastova 6-1, 6-0. The second-quickest win of Osaka’s career put her into her first quarter-final at the 1000 or Grand Slam level since Doha in 2024. She will face Elina Svitolina, who beat Wimbledon runner-up Amanda Anisimova 6-4, 6-1. Osaka reached the final eight of a WTA 1000 or Grand Slam event for the first time in 19 months. AGENCIES

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LETHAL PAIR: Saim Ayub (left) and Sahibzada Farhan

Pak beat WI to clinch T20I series

Miami: Sahibzada Farhan and Saim Ayub combined for a 138 opening partnership as Pakistan defeated the West Indies by 13 runs to capture their T20 international series 2-1 at Lauderhill, Florida. Pakistan went 189 for four as Farhan hammered 74 runs on 53 balls, while Ayub finished on 66 from 49 balls. In reply, West Indies were restricted to 176/6. Brief Scores: Paki 189/4 (Farhan 74, Ayub 66, Chase 1-31) beat WI 176/6 (Athanaze 60, Muqem 1-20) by 13 runs

Bednarek for the win, then looking his way to talk some trash. Bednarek’s answer was a two-handed shove in the back after the finish line and some more heated words.

AAI announces first edition of archery league: The Archery Association of India (AAI) on Monday announced the first-of-its-kind Archery League, which will see men and women recurve and compound archers from across the world competing in a franchise-styled tournament.

HI names 24-member men’s team for Oz tour: India, on Monday, included young defender Poovanna CB in the 24-member men’s hockey team to be led by ace drag flicker Harmanpreet Singh for the four-match Tour of Australia, starting August 15 in Perth.

Camp for Asian shooting meet begins at KSSR: India’s top shooters assembled at the Dr. Karni Singh range as the preparatory camp for the 16th Asian Shooting Championships got underway on Monday. The championships will be held from Aug 16 to 30 at Shymkent in Kazakhstan with India sending a contingent of 182 shooters. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: The Hundred, 7.30 pm & 11 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode); FOOTBALL: Durand Cup, 4 pm & 7 pm (Sony Sports); TENNIS: Canadian Open, 5 am (Sony Sports)

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Shubman Gill wins the Player of the Series Award in the 2025 India Vs England Test Series.

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Abhishek Bachchan, who completed 25 years in showbiz, reflects on his journey so far

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Hey AI, what's a typical Tharoorian post for SRK's National Award win? **P1**

P1 Arbaaz Khan's wife Sshura debuts her baby bump

A Mirzapur actor is MP Mahua Moitra's crush - and it's not who you think **P2**

It disturbed me: Dhanush slams AI-altered **P2** Ambikapathy climax



Thank you for the simple praise: SRK to Tharoor

When Shah Rukh Khan won the National Film Award, politician and wordsmith Shashi Tharoor extended his congratulations. While Tharoor is known for his famously flamboyant vocabulary, he kept it simple this time – prompting SRK to respond with his characteristic wit. Naturally, we couldn't help but wonder – what if Tharoor had tweeted in his original, high-octane lexicon? We let AI do the writing

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor

Draft 1: Heartiest congratulations to the inimitable @iamsrk – a veritable thespian par excellence, whose celluloid charisma and unparalleled histrionic versatility have long merited formal recognition by the nation. It is only fitting that a National Treasure has now been garlanded with a National Award – a long-overdue institutional affirmation of his artistic preeminence and enduring cultural gravitas.

Draft 2: The sovereign of screen-stirred sentiment, whose kaleidoscopic portrayals have enthralled a subcontinent and beyond, finally receives the imprimatur of national recognition. Bravo to @iamsrk – the apotheosis of cinematic charisma!

Draft 3: A National Treasure wins a National Award finally! One wonders which was more overdue: this official commendation of @iamsrk's indelible contributions to Indian cinema, or a thesaurus thick enough to encapsulate the magnitude of his talent.

✓ A National Treasure wins a National Award! Congratulations @iamsrk!

Shah Rukh Khan @iamsrk

Thank u for the simple praise Mr Tharoor... would not have understood something more *magniloquent and *sesquipedalian... ha ha

* **Magniloquent** (adjective) means speaking or expressed in a lofty, pompous, or grandiose style, or boastful and bombastic
* **Sesquipedalian** (adjective) means (of a word) having many syllables.

'To work for so long in the industry is a privilege'

Onkar Kulkarni

Abhishek Bachchan may have clocked in 25 years in the movies, but he isn't resting on milestones. From an unprepared 22-year-old stepping onto the sets of *Refugee*, to navigating highs, lows, reinventions and resurgences, in a conversation with us, the actor reflects on his journey so far and says he is eager to see what lies ahead.

'I'm not someone who looks back, I prefer to keep my eyes on what's ahead'

Reflecting on his 25-year journey in cinema, which has included movies like *Dhoom*, *Yuva*, *Guru*, *Bunty Aur Bhabhi* and *Sarkar*, he says, "I can't believe it's been 25 years. I'm not someone who usually looks back – I prefer to keep my eyes on what's ahead. But when I do reflect, the first feeling that comes to mind is gratitude. I have gratitude that the audience has tolerated me for 25 years (laughs), and to the filmmakers who believed in me, and continue to believe in me."

CONTINUED ON 4

RIHANNA DROPS A BEAUTY BOMB IN INDIA

@badgirlriri



On Monday Rihanna dropped an AI-style video on Instagram featuring a kaali-peeli taxi going through Indian lanes. Inside the taxi, the singer, wearing a bright red dupatta and sporting henna on her hands, teased the fans about the debut of her beauty line in India



Sshura Khan debuts her baby bump

Prathamesh Bandekar

Arbaaz and Sshura Khan, who are expecting their first child together, attended Arpita Khan's birthday bash, where Sshura flaunted her baby bump publicly for the first time. For more about the party, **SEE P3**

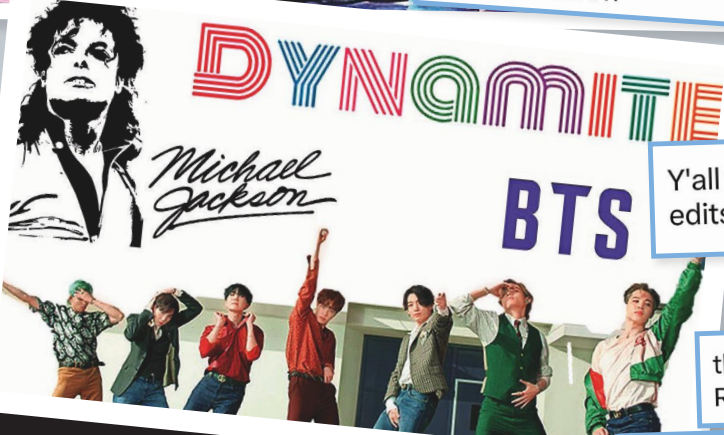


BTS x MJ: 'This is about to be legendary'

At the 2020 Melon Music Awards BTS incorporated several MJ moves during their performance of *Dynamite*



In a crossover nobody saw coming, BTS has reportedly recorded an unreleased song by Michael Jackson as part of an upcoming tribute album for the pop legend. The album is said to include several tracks written in 2006 during MJ's time in Ireland. Many media outlets have been discussing the news since Sunday, leaving fans for both the artists bursting with excitement.



Talk of the town

@CYPHERS_D...

BTS ARE IN A MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE ALBUM THIS WASN'T ON MY 2025 BUCKET LIST BUT I'M HERE FOR IT THE PAST AND PRESENT MERGING THROUGH MUSIC THIS IS ABOUT TO BE LEGENDARY

@sleepingsilk

Y'all telling me those MJ x BTS edits gonna come true?!

@CYPHERS_D...

the news about MJ x BTS collaboration. Remember Yoongi MJ poses.

@skjnition

BTS literally went from paying homage to Michael Jackson with dynamite to being part of his tribute album by recording one of the tracks. Michael Jackson would've truly loved and adored them 🥹

What's happening

On August 3, *The Irish Sun* reported that Jackson wrote several songs during the summer of 2006 while staying in a converted cow shed in Ireland with his family. Ireland's Grouse Lodge studio, with whom Jackson originally worked on the material in 2006, also confirmed that these songs were penned during that time, adding that BTS and others have participated in the tribute album for the songs that were never released during MJ's lifetime. Infact, the K-pop group has already recorded their part.

meme watch

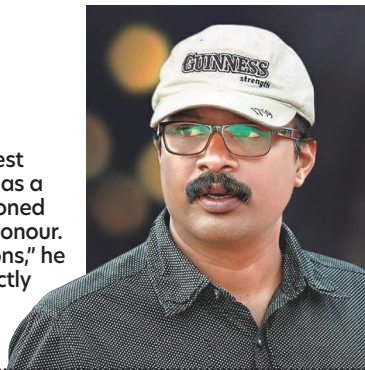
With Saiyaara taking over social media, netizens are turning heartbreak into hilarity with memes and reels



WHAT'S #TRENDING AND WHY

National Awards jury member Pradeep Nair calls The Kerala Story a 'propaganda film'

One of the Feature Films jury members at the 71st National Film Awards, Pradeep Nair, voiced his protest against honouring *The Kerala Story*. He described it as a "propaganda film" that defamed Kerala and questioned how such a film could be considered for a national honour. "As a Malayali on the panel, I raised serious objections," he said. Nair added that he conveyed his concerns directly to jury head Ashutosh Gowariker but was overruled, as others felt the film tackled a relevant issue.



Dhanush slams AI-altered Ambikapathy, says it 'completely disturbed me'

Dhanush, who played the lead in *Raanjhanaa*, criticised the AI-altered re-release of its Tamil version, *Ambikapathy*, saying it "completely disturbed me." In an official statement, the actor said, "This alternate ending has stripped the film of its very soul. This is not the film I committed to 12 years ago." He also raised concerns about the use of artificial intelligence in filmmaking, "The use of AI to alter films or content is a deeply concerning precedent for both art and artists. It threatens the integrity of storytelling and the legacy of cinema. I sincerely hope that stricter regulations are put in place to prevent such practices in the future."



Priyanka reportedly in talks for a special appearance in Bhansali's next

Priyanka Chopra may be gearing up for a return to Bollywood after a six-year hiatus, with reports suggesting she is being considered for a special dance number in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming film *Love & War*. Starring Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, and Vicky Kaushal, the period drama has begun building early buzz. Speculation around Priyanka's involvement grew after she shared a nostalgic post referencing her iconic *Ram Chahe Leela* number from Bhansali's film.



Pankaj Tripathi is my crush, he's the coolest actor, says Mahua Moitra

In a recent interview, Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra named actor Pankaj Tripathi as her celebrity crush. "I've watched all of *Mirzapur*, and I even wrote him a note, which he never replied to. He is my crush. I think he's the coolest actor," she said. Moitra also praised Tripathi's performance in *Gangs of Waseypur*. When asked what the note was about, she added, "I'm a big fan and I would love to meet you for coffee."



Promptly Speaking!

Too shy to ask the juicy stuff? Let AI do the digging and get digitally nosy!

PROMPT: Why is middle-aged charm becoming the new crush category?



ChatGPT says charm doesn't come with abs, it comes with experience

Because six-pack abs are out and salt-and-pepper swag is in. Middle-aged stars like Pankaj Tripathi have mastered the art of being effortlessly cool - think brooding looks, dad jokes with depth, and the kind of confidence that only comes with filing taxes for 20 years. It's charm with experience, crush-worthy without trying



Gemini says emotional intelligence is the new crush currency

The middle-aged crush isn't just about a "silver fox" aesthetic; it's the allure of lived experience. They've traded youthful angst for a self-assured swagger, bringing stability, fascinating stories, and an emotional intelligence that's refreshingly drama-free. It's the appeal of a classic vinyl record over a trending 15-second sound clip - deep, authentic, and possessing a charm that simply can't be rushed



Grok says vintage vibes are the new heartthrob code

Middle-aged charm is the new crush vibe, like fine wine - smooth, seasoned, and bursting with character! Think Pedro Pascal's effortless cool, paired with silver foxes and radiant queens who wield confidence, witty banter, and storytelling that makes hearts skip. Ditch fleeting puppy love for life's marinated wisdom, sprinkled with dad-joke humour

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

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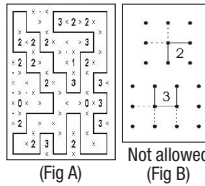
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Example

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

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By Alan Massengill & Doug Peterson

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ACROSS

- Basic bed
- Vader's title
- Tablet downloads
- Language similar to Thai
- Tennis champion Naomi
- Self-improvement icon Carnegie
- "The Simpsons" bus driver
- Yucatán boys
- Scenic sight
- "Game" of missed connections
- Classic Fords
- Acquire with effort
- Former Ford div.
- "No choice, sorry"
- In a melancholy way
- Astronauts org.
- Brownie ingredient
- Farewell accompanied by an air kiss
- DVD holder
- Rap
- The Grand Ole
- Div. of Labor
- Church donation
- Italian lake
- Impassioned to the extreme
- Lightly fries in oil
- Prayer ending
- Did the first stage of a triathlon
- Spot for a therapeutic cold plunge
- Colorful reef dweller
- Full-length skirt
- Hockey Hall of Famer Adam
- Iditarod vehicle
- British baby carriage
- Change with the times
- Consume
- Wooden pin

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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EVENTS

EXHIBITION
India Habitat Centre: *Beyond Boundaries* - An art exhibition by Laishram Jenny, August 5 to 9, Convent Centre, IHC
India Habitat Centre: *Silent Viewer* - A solo show of paintings and sculpture by Manoj Aggarwal, till today, Visual Arts Gallery, IHC

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See what the stars have in store for you - according to your moon sign.

ARIES: The good things are coming your way, you will experience great generosity from people. You are able to gain a great deal and establish a whole new perspective just by opening your lens up a little wider in order to include what you normally shrug off.

Taurus: Your partner may provide you with an opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience. You could feel quite overwhelmed. Life will become quieter and you will be more introspective today. Fulfill all promises and responsibilities. You will feel like hiding away on the weekend.

GEMINI: Stand up for yourself and be strong. Throw yourself into work so that you can finish pending tasks. You are not seeing the future with a faraway look in your eyes, but are face-to-face with reality and the choices you need to make right now.

CANCER: You will be optimistic that things can be accomplished. If you have been waiting to meet the person of your dreams, this could be the time they come into your life. Strive to create peace through honest assertiveness. Take a different approach today.

LEO: You feel satisfied with what you have accomplished. Your perception will be keen, open-minded and unbiased. Openings at work will give you new opportunities. Work ethics are very important and so is choosing some time off work.

VIRGO: You will have to be more assertive and proactive. You will see a major improvement with plenty of good fortune coming your way. This day encourages you to be more open-minded and in-

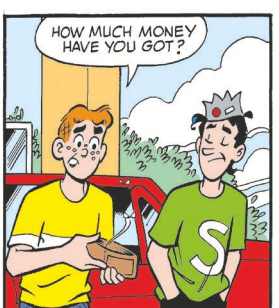
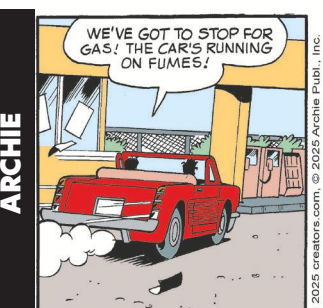
bring your dreams into reality. You appreciate the freedom to express your ideas in the work place. Escaping the ordinary ways of doing things could prove most enjoyable to you.

SAGITTARIUS: Make a list and follow a plan for successful completion of everything. Your emotions may be on edge, and the slightest thing may set you off on a rampage. You will be a little down and feeling out of touch. Be adaptable today.

CAPRICORN: You should enjoy a good mood today. A pleasant surprise will come out of the blue. Emotional stability is a key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Try to maintain a level head in all situations. You will be innovative and inspired.

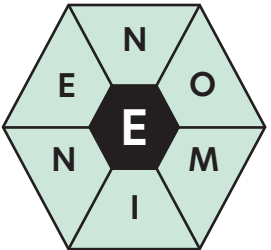
AQUARIUS: Focus on the future. This is also a good time to express your feelings to family members. Make sure you are comfortable with the situation, or else stand up and change it. The path you take now will depend upon your own ambition and effort, which are strong now.

PISCES: The day is all about taking action. Stress levels can build up. Enlarging your intellectual and spiritual horizons is important. You have plenty to look forward to. Your conservative mind explodes when it has the opportunity to be free and creative.



SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
04-average | 05-good | 07-outstanding

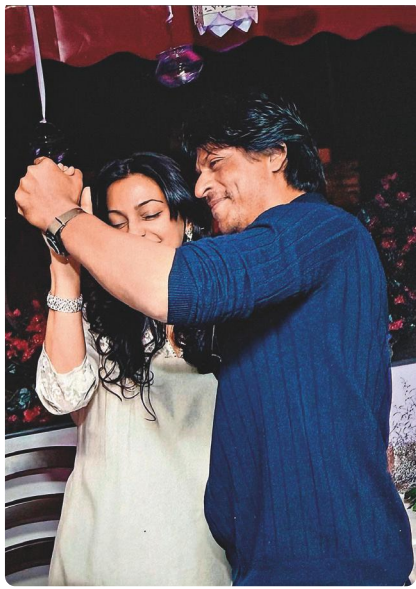


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

DENNIS THE MENACE



SRK's National Award debut: He's got jokes (and thanks!) for fellow stars



Juhi Chawla Mehta, @iamsrk HUGE Congratulations on winning the National Award ...!! Very Happy for you ... Well deserved ... You always give your ALL to every film you do ...!!! Keep Shining ...!!! Much Love and Maannyyyyy Congratulations again to you and All your team ...!!!!

SRK Thank u @iam_juhi ... I've learned from the best, you have been an integral part of my journey. Big hugs!!

The *badshah* of Bollywood has won his first National Award, and the win has the industry buzzing with celebratory messages! As congratulations started to pour in from across the film fraternity, Shah Rukh Khan made sure to respond to the outpouring of love, thanking everyone in his journey



Suriya Sivakumar Hearty congratulations to Shah Rukh Sir @iamsrk @VikrantMassey for winning the Best Actor award for 2023. Applauding a favourite performance from #RaniMukherji as Mrs.Chatterjee. And warmest congrats to our very own #UrvashiMaam for #Ullozhukku

SRK Thank you @suriya_offl ... hope all good, catch up soon. Sending you lots of love!!

Ridhi Dogra The best news. The best film. This fake mother of her *Jawan* son is over the moon with real joy @iamsrk congratulations bigessstt love to you and @Atlee_dir and entire team !!!

SRK Big hugs and congratulations... and thank u for mother ka aashirwad!!

Riteish Deshmukh My dearest @iamsrk many congratulations on winning the Best Actor National Award- more power to you ... May you forever entertain us with your brilliance.

SRK Thank u my friend @Riteishd ... will always try to entertain everyone through my films the way you do too. Sending you and Genelia big hugs.



Atlee Feeling blessed, @iamsrk sir. I'm super happy that you've got the national award for our movie *Jawan*. It feels very emotional and inspiring to be part of your journey. Thank you for trusting me and giving this film, sir. It's just my first love letter to you; a lot more to come, sir. Thank you, @gaurikhan ma'am, and @RedChilliesEnt for giving this film to us, and special thanks to @pojadadlani @gauravverma, @karuna_badwal, Adil sir and my team, @dop_gkvishnu, @livingstonruben, @muthurajthangavel @kunalrajan, my direction team and special thanks to @anirudhofficialbro for giving great songs and music to *Jawan*, and congratulations for the chaleyha song. Super, super, super happy for @shilparao to get one more national award for *Jawan*. Chaleya I feel so, so happy and emotional. This is one of my life's most important moments; shah rukh sir being near you itself is a great blessing, sir. As a fanboy, working with you and making a film and presenting it in a mass mode of SRK, sir, is a pure, pure blessing from God, and finally, God is so kind to give us back the greatest moment in our life. Can't ask for more, sir. This is more than enough for me; I'm the best fanboy of yours, sir. Love you. Love you. Love you. Lots of love sir

SRK MAAASSS MAAASSS MAAASSS... Thank you for your vision. Only you could do this... In the next song, we will do more steps. Love u...

Sonu Sood Biggest congratulations to my brother @iamsrk on winning your first ever National Award for *Jawan*! Your journey has inspired generations — and working with you remains one of the most special chapters of mine. Proud of you & the entire @RedChilliesEnt team! #Jawan

SRK Thank you for the support and love always. Catch up soon... Fateh always to you!!

Kamal Haasan Congratulations to @iamsrk on your National Award for *Jawan*, a recognition long overdue for your stellar impact on world cinema. 12th Fail was a masterpiece that moved me deeply. It dignified struggle and inspired millions. Congratulations Vidhu Vinod Chopra and @VikrantMassey on this well deserved honour. Applauding Rani Mukherjee for a portrayal that was both fierce and fragile, richly deserving of this national recognition. #NationalFilmAwards

SRK Means a lot coming from you

Allu Arjun Heartiest congratulations to @iamsrk garu on winning the prestigious National Film Award for Best Actor for #*Jawan*. A well-deserved honour after 33 glorious years in cinema. An another achievement to your endless list sir. Also, heartfelt congratulations to my director @Atlee_dir garu for making this magic happen

SRK Thanks @alluarjun garu for your kind words. Your strength, grace and fire (not flower... ha ha) continue to inspire. Love u!!



Pics: Prathamesh Bandekar

Arpita Khan's star-studded birthday bash



The birthday girl, Arpita Khan



Sohail Khan



Alvira Khan Agnihotri and Atul Agnihotri with their son Ayaan

Bobby Deol and Tanya Deol

Kabir Khan and Mini Mathur

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal

Angad Bedi and Neha Dhupia

Salman Khan welcomed the guests at the event



SRISHTY RODE is glowing and it can be safely said that **DUBAI** is the reason! Sharing pictures from the trip on social media, she wrote, "Happy Vibe Happy Me"



@srishtyode24

School Buzz



Raghbir Singh Junior Modern School (RSJMS) hosted River Fest 2025, on July 26. The event showcased the creative work of students from nursery to class V, who explored the rivers of India through art, stories, research and performances. Lauding the initiative of RSJMS, who are partners of the Yamuna River Initiative (YaRI), chief guest Raj Bhusan Choudhary, the Union minister of state for Jal Shakti, highlighted the importance of fostering environmental awareness from a young age. Mira Pradeep Singh, president, board of trustees, Modern



Raghbir Singh Junior Modern School

Schools; Ambika Pant, secretary, board of trustees and Ajay Verma, chairman, RSJMS also attended the event. Nalini Singh Rajput, headmistress, commended the students and faculty for transforming learning into meaningful action.

Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg,

held its Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2025-26 on July 23. Lt Gen Mohinder Pal Singh, director general, SD, integrated headquarters of MoD Army graced the occasion as the chief guest. Meenu Goswami, secretary manager of the school, representatives of the school's PTA and alumni association, along with principal LV Sehgal, vice principal Vinita Dhawan



Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg

and parents, were also present. Aarav Parashar, class XI(C) and Smridhi Shrivastav, class XI(B), took over as the headboy and headgirl, respectively. Lauding the school as a centre of excellence, Lt Gen Singh remarked that "students must never let go off their ability to dream."

DPS International, Saket, hosted the ninth



DPS International, Saket

edition of its flagship inter-school IT symposium, INTER SYNTAX 2025 v9.1 on July 26, welcoming over 350 students from more than 25 premier schools across Delhi-NCR. Organised by the school's tech club, SYNTAX, the event offered a vibrant platform for young tech enthusiasts to showcase their talent across a range of events—including coding, design, quizzing, movie-making, and photography. The symposium was graced by Dr Himanshu Tagra, Vice President, HCL Technologies, as the Chief Guest. A panel of judges from leading organisations such as Adobe, Warner Bros. Discovery, IIT-Delhi, and NatWest evaluated the events and provided participants with thoughtful feedback and encouragement.

Somerville School, Noida, hosted INCOGNITO MARK IX—the celebration of innovation, intellect, and imagination—on July 29. A total of 36 schools participated in the fest that included as many as 16 competitions, including Tux Tales, Sprite Showdown, Zen of Code, Reel Rumble, Frame Wars, Overclocked, Quiz, Group Discussion, Pyrank



Somerville School, Noida

Showdown, Maze and Mayhem, Lens and Layers, Byte the Rhythm, among others. The principal, vice principal, along with judges, graced the ceremony. The winners from different competitions were felicitated.

'I feel like a newcomer & excited for what's ahead'

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'WHENEVER YOU LOOK BACK, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND SOMETHING YOU COULD HAVE DONE BETTER'

When asked what advice he would give to his younger self, Abhishek says, "I'd say, wait, spend some more time preparing yourself. I was 22-23 years old when I started shooting for *Refugee*. I was so excited to have bagged a film that I just jumped into it. JP saab is such a master at what he does that you really didn't have to prepare anything because he takes such brilliant care of you. He was the ultimate puppet master. We would just show up and he would make us do everything. He treated us like kids and spoiled us thoroughly. In retrospect, after 25 years of experience, I'd say take some time and be a bit more prepared. But I guess whenever you look back in life, you're always going to find something you could have done better."

'EVERYBODY AROUND ME HAD ADVISED ME AGAINST THE BREAK I TOOK'

Abhishek stepped away from the screen for a while in the late 2010s, returning with *Manmarziyaan* (2018), a comeback that marked a significant shift. The actor, who is enjoying the new phase of his career with projects like *Breathe* and *Dasvi*, shares, "Everybody around me had advised me against it. However, it was the best decision I took. I think it's important for actors to recalibrate when things are not go-

ing the way they want. So, it was important for me."

'IT'S NOT AN EASY INDUSTRY TO SURVIVE IN'

Now, in the 25th year of his acting career, he's seeing a resurgence that's hard to ignore. Abhishek, who was recently seen in *Kaalidhar Laapata*, says, "Thankfully, people are still giving me an opportunity to make films. For any actor to continue to work for so long is a privilege. It's not an

easy industry to survive in. Right now, I'm truly enjoying this phase of my career. I'm being offered diverse roles like *I Want To Talk*, *Be Happy*, *Housefull 5* and *Kaalidhar Laapata*. I'm glad directors believe I can take on such variety. It's challenging, and it's great that they think I'm worthy of that challenge. So, I just keep my head down and focus on work."

'I HAVE MANY MORE PEAKS TO CONQUER'

Everybody around me had advised me against it (taking a break). However, it was the best decision I took. It's important to recalibrate when things are not going the way you want

Interestingly, several fans online have claimed that this is Abhishek's "eternal peak." Reacting to the praise, he smiles and says, "Wow, I am at the 'eternal peak'?" Let me just frame that word, eternal peak means I am never coming down from here. I am very flattered, however, I hope it's not true because I have miles to go. I have many more peaks to conquer. We're just getting started. Twenty-five is just a number. I'm very energised. I feel like a newcomer and excited for what lies ahead."

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One day: Tom on being cast as 007

Tom Holland has a packed schedule, with *Spider-Man: Brand New Day* and Christopher Nolan's *The Odyssey*. He is also rumoured to play James Bond as the next Bond film is currently in development. Addressing the speculations, he said, "There's speculation at the moment. We'll get there one day... I am a very young British actor, (and) it's the pinnacle of working in our industry. I already consider myself to be the luckiest kid alive."

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