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England all-rounder Chris Woakes reveals he has said 'sorry' to Rishabh Pant for the delivery that broke his toe during the recent Test series, **P 28**

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Nasa astronaut Butch Wilmore, who was stuck along with Sunita Williams on ISS for nine months early this year, has retired from the space agency, P 23

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Hands-Free! Magenta Line Goes Completely Driverless

Transition Likely To Be Fully Done In Pink Corridor Too In 3-4 Mths

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New Delhi: Delhi Metro's Magenta Line, from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden, successfully achieved full compliance with unattended train operations (UTO), marking a major milestone in DMRC's journey towards automation. The whole fleet of trains on the line now runs driverless, with the complete removal of train operators.

Delhi Metro has also started implementing UTO on Pink Line, from Majlis Park to Shiv Vihar. "The unattended train operations were initiated by Delhi Metro in 2020. The transition to UTO was carried out in phased stages, all approved by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety," said a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation official.

In stage I, which was initiated in May 2024, the move involved the removal of cab partition doors and the gradual removal of the driving console while the train operator remained present in the cab. By Aug 2024, the train operator was allowed to be present anywhere inside the train as part of stage II.

Stage IIIA, which was also implemented in the same month, reduced the presence of train operators to every alternate train. "It led to the final stage IIIB in May 2025 when train operators were completely withdrawn, marking the beginning of full-fledged driverless operations on the line," said the official.

For Pink Line, the automation process began in March 2025. "Pink Line attained stage II by June 2025, and it is expected to become fully driverless within the next three to four months," said the official.

With the UTO implementation on both lines, Delhi Metro will be among the largest driverless metro networks in the world, with 97km fully automated corridors out of its total 395km network in Delhi-NCR. "This transformation represents a significant leap in urban mobility as the advanced system ensures high-frequency, punctual and safe services while minimising manual intervention. The automation not only enhances operational efficiency but also promises a seamless and reliable travel experience for commuters," said the official.

In the three priority corridors of DMRC's phase-IV expansion, too, the train operations will be driverless. The work is underway for all three corridors—RK Ashram Marg-Janakpuri West (extension of Magenta Line), Aerocity-Tughlaqabad (new Golden Line) and Majlis Park-Maujpur (extension of Pink Line).

Three more corridors were approved last year as part of phase IV: Lajpat Nagar-Saket G Block (extension of Golden Line), Inderlok-Indraprastha (extension of Green Line) and Rithala-Narela-Kundli (extension of Red Line). Their construction is yet to start.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION TO DRIVERLESS OPS

➤ **Delhi Metro's Magenta Line has achieved full compliance with unattended train operations**

Work carried out in phases

Stage I | Initiated in May 2024, it involved the removal of cab partition doors and the gradual covering of the driving console, while the train operator remained present in the cab

Stage II | In Aug 2024, the train operator was allowed to be present anywhere inside the train

Stage IIIA | Also completed in Aug 2024. Presence of the operators to every alternate train reduced

Stage IIIB | Conducted in May 2025. Train operators totally withdrawn, marking the beginning of a full-fledged driverless operations

➤ **Delhi Metro has also started implementing unattended train operations on the Pink Line route in a phased manner**



The route ahead

➤ Phase IV's three priority corridors to have driverless trains

➤ DMRC likely to occupy top five driverless metro systems in the world with a network of nearly 160 kilometres after completion of fourth phase

➤ DMRC to procure 312 metro coaches for the driverless operations for Phase IV's priority corridors

➤ Delhi Metro currently has driverless train operation of 97 kilometres on two lines

➤ Out of Phase IV's 3 priority corridors, two are extensions of Pink and Magenta Lines

Another sultry day, no immediate relief likely

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhiites endured another sweltering day on Thursday, as the combination of high temperature and humidity made outdoor conditions uncomfortable. A respite from sultry weather is unlikely on Friday.

The India Meteorological Department recorded a maximum temperature of 35.8 degrees Celsius. The high humidity levels, fluctuating between 56% and 85%, increased the discomfort. The heat index or "feels-like" temperature soared to 43 degrees Celsius at 2.30pm on Thursday.

The minimum temperature settled at 26.1 degrees Celsius. "As rain continued to stay away from the national capital, the mercury registered a rise," said a Met official.

The Met department predicted that Delhi might see thundery development on Friday evening, with the day temperature likely to go up to 38 degrees Celsius.

"There are chances of thundery development towards Friday evening. The city may record very light to light rain or thundershowers from Saturday to Tuesday. However, there is a possibility that Delhi may receive light to moderate rain on Wednesday evening or night hours," said a Met official.

In Aug so far, Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, has logged 38.1mm of rainfall compared to the entire month's normal of 233.1 mm.

The lack of significant rainfall has also led to a decline in air quality from the "satisfactory" levels seen earlier in the week. The Air Quality Index on Thursday stood at 114 in the 'moderate' category. It was 91 the previous day.

According to the Air Quality Early Warning System, which is the forecasting body under the Union ministry of earth sciences, the air quality is likely to remain in the 'moderate' range till Aug 10.



Civic Problems In Gurgaon? Authorities Don't Think So

No Big Issues, Except Waterlogging During Heavy Rain, LS Told

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New Delhi: Submerged roads, stranded vehicles, and people navigating flood-hit areas have become a familiar sight in Gurgaon after every heavy spell of rain. Piles of garbage, roadside waste, and burning dumps add to the civic woes. However, the Union housing and urban affairs ministry told Lok Sabha on Thursday that "Gurgaon does not face any major civic infrastructure issues, except for instances of waterlogging during heavy rains," attributing the information to the state govt.

In a written response to a question from Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda on whether the city faces serious civic concerns like waterlogging despite being a major corporate hub, Union urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar said Gurgaon's topography is shaped by the Aravalli hills to the east and the Najafgarh drain to the northwest.

"The elevation difference of about 78 metres between the Najafgarh drain and the Aravalli hills on the southeast of Gurgaon city has created a natural gradient for water flow, which was historically controlled through a series of bunds constructed in the late 19th century, such as Chakarpur, Jharsa, Wazirabad, and Ghata bunds. However, rapid urbanisation has rendered many of the bunds obsolete and reduced pond networks, impacting traditional drainage systems," he said.

According to the reply, about 90 critical waterlogging spots were identified in 2019, and 60 of them were dealt with by 2024 through various interventions. These included linking stormwater to drains, enhancing drain connectivity for outfall disposal, desilting, constructing check dams and water channels, and rejuvenating natural creeks.

Khattar said Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has spent Rs 3,602 crore on urban civic infrastructure in the past five years, while the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has spent another Rs 230.8 crore. The measures taken included desilting 544 km of drains and deploying 141 heavy-duty pumps and 77 suction tankers.

Despite all this, the city has witnessed major waterlogging episodes again this monsoon, severely disrupting public life.

Though the ministry did not make any reference to the garbage crisis in the city, it may be recalled that in June last year Haryana govt had declared a "solid waste exigency" to urgently tackle the worsening garbage situation and a special high-level committee was also formed under the Solid Waste Environment Exigency Programme. On the issues of drinking water and sewage management, the ministry said that Gurgaon's daily water demand of 720 million litres in 2025 is met through canal (670 MLD) and tubewell (50 MLD) sources.

Fraudulent list on SSC website: Case filed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Staff Selection Commission recently filed a complaint with Delhi Police's crime branch following the discovery of a fraudulent list of debarred candidates uploaded to its official website. A case was registered in this connection.

The manipulated data originated from a fake email sent by unknown individuals using a discontinued SSC's email ID. This deceptive act led to significant inconsistencies in candidate records, hindering govt agencies from taking appropriate action against ineligible applicants.

The complaint was filed by a senior govt official who wrote that irregularities were discovered in the debarment lists of candidates for the multi-tasking staff examinations conducted between 2019 and 2022. The lists, published on the SSC (NR) website, are crucial for user departments to verify the eligibility of candidates before their appointment.

The contract for maintaining the SSC website and uploading official data was awarded to a firm, which holds the contract from May 2025 to April 2026. However, multiple govt departments, including the ministry of road & transport and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, reported difficulties in cross-verifying candidate details as the debarment lists on the website kept changing frequently.

"An internal examination revealed discrepancies between the data provided to the firm and the information displayed online, notably mismatches in registration and roll numbers of candidates. A show-cause notice was issued to the firm seeking an explanation," the complainant said.

Delhi makes room for ideas, taps young tech minds to clear hurdles to industry

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New Delhi: Facing severe challenges such as poor infrastructure and congestion in industrial pockets, redundant regulatory processes, infiltration of middlemen, and a shortage of skilled workforce amid fast-changing technologies, Delhi govt has invited innovative solutions from young tech minds by launching an ideathon.

While govt has already come out with a draft industrial policy to transform Delhi into a "global business hub" by promoting high-value, innovation-driven sectors like frontier technologies and research and development, another policy on logistics and warehousing is in the making. Officials said they needed practical solutions to be developed for key challenges to give a push to the services sector.

The contribution of the tertiary or services sector in gross state value added, which represents the total value of goods and services produced within a state, in the 2023-24 fiscal stood at 83.4%, with real estate and allied industries; transport, storage, and communication; financial services; and trade, hotels, and restaurants being the major contributors. While the neighbouring states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh saw a large number of companies related to information technology, IT-enabled services, and research and development sectors setting up their units, very few made investments in the capital. This has made govt contemplate how Delhi can be transformed into an attractive destination for these industries to set up and bring investment here. Govt has also identified key challenges and looks for solutions for them. The ideathon, said officials, has been planned for the same reason.

The four key challenges that the industry faces today include logistics and supply chain management, making the regulatory framework easier to do business, leveraging frontier technologies to revolutionise the industrial ecosystem, and strengthening Delhi's micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) ecosystem through practical innovations.

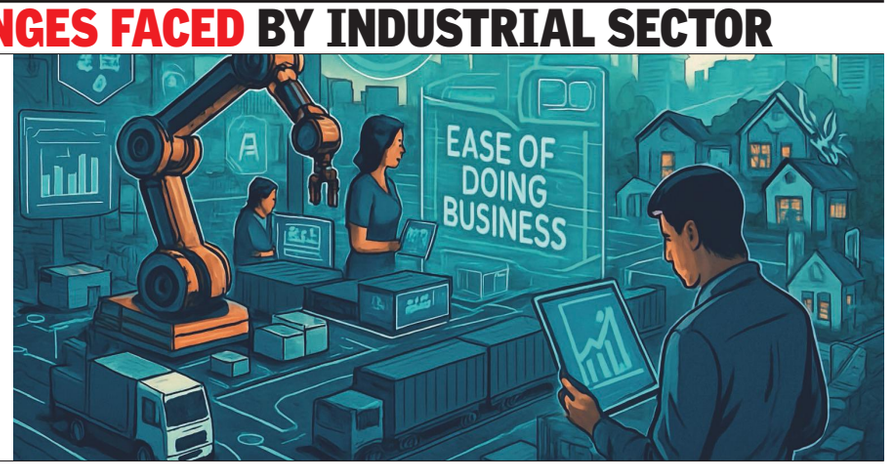
"The existing industrial areas such as Okhla, Patparganj, Bawana, Narela or Mayapuri face severe logistical challenges that directly impact productivity and competitiveness. Congested roads, lack of coordinated warehousing, and absence of real-time visibility create bottlenecks in the movement of raw materials and finished goods," said an official.

"Many MSMEs and industrial units still rely on outdated manual systems for inventory tracking and transport management. What we need now are AI-powered logistics platforms, IoT-enabled inventory tracking, and micro-warehousing. We are expecting these kinds of solutions through the ideathon," the official added.

While several steps were taken by Delhi govt on the recommendations of the centre to promote ease of doing business and ease of living by doing away with redundant laws and developing a single-window system, officials accept running a business is still not easy due to the overburden of tax compliance, complicated procedures, and lack of integration across govt departments. Govt is also exploring the possibility of integrating industry 4.0 technologies, including digital tools and systems to transform manufacturing and industrial processes, creating smart factories and connected supply chains. Govt has also sought the best-suited practical and implementable models for addressing the problems faced by MSMEs.

"We have formed four committees of four senior officers to go through each of the solutions suggested by the innovative minds. The shortlisted teams will pitch their concepts before a panel of experts on Aug 13 and 14, while top teams will present refined solutions a week later," said an official.

KEY CHALLENGES FACED BY INDUSTRIAL SECTOR



Logistics and supply chain management

- Congestion and restricted vehicle movement in industrial zones
- No unified supply chain management platforms for MSMEs
- Inefficient inventory and warehouse utilisation due to lack of digitisation
- High cost and environmental impact of repeated failed deliveries

Solutions for ease of doing business

- Redundant and fragmented regulatory processes
- Lack of real-time tracking of approvals and licenses
- High dependency on middlemen or consultants
- Limited awareness of available govt schemes and incentives

Leveraging frontier technologies to revolutionise industrial ecosystem

- High upfront costs and lack of financing options for tech Industry
- Shortage of skilled workforce to operate advanced technologies
- Resistance to change due to fear of disruption in existing workflows
- Limited access to real-world case studies showcasing return on investment of such tech

Strengthening Delhi's MSME ecosystem through practical innovations

- Limited credit access due to absence of formal credit profiles
- Poor market linkage with large buyers and export markets
- Lack of digital literacy and marketing expertise
- Low adoption of tools like 'enterprise resource planning' or customer relationship management systems for business management

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Israeli PM Netanyahu says his country intends to take military control of all of Gaza, despite intensifying criticism at home and abroad over the devastating conflict raging for almost two years in the Palestinian enclave, **P 23**

Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir is expected to visit the US this week for consultations with top American officials, his second trip to Washington since the 4-day conflict with India, **P 23**

OpenAI launches its GPT-5 AI model, highly anticipated latest instalment of a technology that has helped transform global business and culture, **P 23**

Shots have been fired at comedian and actor Kapil Sharma's 'Kap's Cafe' in Surrey, the **second such incident** reported in less than a month, according to a report by Indo-Canadian Voice, **P 10**





National security adviser Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin on Thursday. **Putin is likely to visit India this year but the dates aren't final yet** | **P 13**

Haryana private hosps pull out of Ayushman Bharat

Haryana private hospitals pulled out of the Centre's flagship health insurance programme Ayushman Bharat on Thursday, halting treatments and admissions weeks after they had warned the state to pay nearly Rs 500 crore that was pending. The indefinite suspension affects 1.8 crore people from low-income families. **P 7**

80-yr-old loses ₹8.7cr to cyber seduction

A senior citizen fell for a cyber seduction ploy and lost nearly Rs 9 crore over a period of 21 months to "four women". Cyber police have registered filed an FIR and will investigate whether the accused were separate individuals or just one person operating multiple phone numbers. **P 10**

Govt caps prices of key medicines

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has capped the price of formulations of four emergency-use medicines apart from fixing the retail price of another 37 drug formulations, including antibiotics and painkillers, of certain companies. **P 16**

Truck mows down 4 teens in Gadchiroli

Four boys aged between 14 and 16 were killed Thursday and two others critically injured in a horrific hit-and-run involving a truck on a Gadchiroli highway. All victims aspired to join police and were engaged in routine morning exercises when they were mowed down. **P 11**

Assault on journo: 2 Pjb cops suspended

A day after a video of two Punjab Police commandos assaulting a journalist on a busy street in Batala went viral, both were suspended and a probe was ordered Thursday. The footage shows the cops kicking Balwinder Singh even after he collapsed on the ground. **P 17**

Nod to 'Khalistan' on UK gurdwara plaque

The Charity Commission, which regulates UK places of worship, has ruled that a gurdwara in Britain may keep plaques bearing the word "Khalistan", deciding that it has both an important religious meaning, and to some a political meaning. **P 10**

UP cops shoot 2 siblings, gangster in 2 encounters

Pathikrit Chakraborty & Kapil Dixit | TNN

Lucknow/Prayagraj: UP police's STF tracked down and killed on Thursday three wanted criminals with bounties on their heads — a pair of brothers on the run since the March 8 murder of journalist Raghvendra Vajpayee, and a gangster from Jharkhand with 20 major crimes against his name – in Sitapur and Prayagraj, respectively. All three criminals died in shootouts after being cornered by STF and local police teams that had been on their scent for some time.

▶**Opened fire at cops, P 22**

PM: Will protect our farmers, ready to pay heavy price for it

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New Delhi: PM Modi responded on Thursday to US President Donald Trump's decision to raise the tariff against India to 50% by ruling out concessions to American business in the agriculture, dairy and fishery sectors, and said he was ready to pay any price he may personally have to pay for resisting the pressure.

"For us, the interests of our farmers is top priority. India will never compromise on the interests of its farmers, dairy farmers and fishermen. I know I will personally have to pay a heavy price but I am prepared for it," Modi said.

The PM's remarks came hours after Trump imposed an additional 25% tariff burden on Indian goods as a penalty for, ostensibly, buying Russian oil, bringing the overall duty on Indian exports to 50% and further fanning tariff tensions. US's insistence on access to agriculture, dairy and fishery sectors has been among the major points of discord, with India putting its foot down. "For the farmers of my country, for the fishermen of my country, for the livestock rearers of my country, Bharat stands ready today," he said.

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To beat 50% duty, exporters rush shipments

Indian exporters are rushing shipments ahead of the Aug 27 deadline, when the customs duty becomes 50%. For several exporters, advancing shipments has meant that manpower has been redeployed to meet the requirements of US buyers. Indian businesses have worked out an arrangement with several buyers where the 25% burden is being split equally. **P 26**

Trump: 2x on India a warning to China

Trump said that the 25% secondary tariff on India is a warning for China, amid indications that New Delhi is becoming collateral damage in a great power fracas. Asked if China could face similar penalties for buying Russian oil, he said, "It may happen. I don't know, I can't tell you yet. We are doing it probably with a couple of others, one of them could be China." **P 23**

Lula speaks to Modi on 'unilateral' tariffs

Slapped with the highest 50% rate, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, in an hour-long call with PM Modi Thursday, discussed the "imposition of unilateral tariffs", exploring the possibility of greater integration between the two countries. Lula also accepted Modi's invitation to visit India early next year. **P 13**

SC junks Justice Varma plea challenging in-house probe

'Inquiry Adhered To Procedure Scrupulously'

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New Delhi: Leaving Allahabad HC Justice Yashwant Varma's fate to be determined by Parliament, Supreme Court Thursday trashed his petition challenging the in-house inquiry process, the finding of the probe tying him to a cash pile found at his official residence, and the then CJI's recommendation to the President and PM to initiate process to strip him of judgeship.

Dealing in detail with every argument made by senior advocate Kapil Sibal in defence of Justice Varma, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A G Masih said the in-house inquiry was carried out in scrupulous adherence to the procedure laid down, and that once the report found him guilty, the CJI was left with no option but to recommend his removal. It also said Justice Varma's conduct "did not inspire much confidence" to entertain the writ petition.

The bench said the CJI, as the leader of the judiciary, has a duty to keep the justice delivery system pure, clean and unpolluted. It rejected Justice Varma's argument that the CJI should have left it to Parliament's wisdom to take action.

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Govt: Adolescent romance can't be grounds to lower age of consent

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New Delhi: The Centre told Supreme Court Thursday that diluting the age of consent from 18 to 16 years would make young girls vulnerable to predators within and outside their family but **conceded courts could exercise judicial discretion to determine whether an alleged 'rape' was actually adolescent romance warranting leniency.**

The Centre said, "Diluting age of consent or introducing exceptions in the guise of adolescent romance would not only be legally unsound but also dangerous, as it would provide a defence mechanism even to those abusers who exploit the child's emotional dependence or silence."

> **No intention to bring a legislation** in Parliament to lower the age of consent. Judicial discretion is distinct from legislative dilution. The **moment the statute begins to generalise such exceptions**, it **weakens the bright-line protective standard that currently acts as a deterrent** and shield for all children —**Centre to SC**

▶**'Won't bring bill', P 15**

'Udaipur Files' can be released, won't prejudice trial: HC

Udaipur Files can hit theatres as planned, Delhi HC ruled Thursday and rejected a plea to block its release over fears it would prejudice the trial in the 2022 murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in the Rajasthan city that bears the movie's name, **reports Abhinav Garg.** HC said the release of Udaipur Files would not interfere with ongoing court proceedings. It said the film had already been cleared by expert bodies under the cinematograph law. **P 17**

Rahul claims 'proof of poll fraud'; EC says 'back up charges on oath'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged a "huge criminal fraud" in polls was being perpetrated through a "collusion" between BJP and EC, citing a Congress study that claimed the addition of fake voters in an assembly segment led to BJP winning the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency in 2024.

Making a presentation at a presser, he also alleged assembly elections in Maharashtra and Haryana were "stolen" through voter manipulation. He claimed to have discerned a pattern of BJP winning LS seats by sweeping a solitary assembly segment.

The chief electoral officers of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Haryana asked the Congress MP to back up his claims. They told him that necessary action would be initiated if he repeats his claims on oath, declaring them to be "true to the best of his knowledge and belief".

In separate letters to him, all three asked him to sign and give his "declaration" immediately "along with the name(s) of such elector(s) so that proceedings can be initiated". If the evidence sought from Rahul is found false, it shall invite a jail term of up to three years under Section 227/229 of BNS and up to a year's imprisonment under Section 31 of Representation of the People Act, 1950, they said.

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'JAIL TERM IF EVIDENCE FOUND FALSE'

> I want the nation to know that this (voter manipulation) is a crime against the Constitution and Indian flag. EC does not provide us data because it (fraud) is happening across the country. **EC is colluding with BJP** —**Rahul Gandhi**

Chief electoral officers of Karnataka, Maharashtra & Hry tell Rahul to substantiate his claims on oath so that they can be investigated. Remind him that presenting false evidence will invite jail term



Rahul Gandhi at a press conference on Thursday

Bks to pay for not clearing assets of deceased on time

To ensure grieving families get prompt access to funds and valuables of deceased kin, RBI has said that from Jan 1, 2026, banks that fail to settle claims related to deceased customers within 15 days of receiving complete documentation will be penalised. For delayed payouts on deposits, they will have to pay interest at the bank rate plus 4 percentage points. For lockers, the cost of delay will be Rs 5,000 per day. **P 26**

13 Allahabad HC judges write to chief justice, urge him to defy SC's order

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: Thirteen Allahabad high court judges who have taken exception to a Supreme Court division bench's observations about a sitting judge of the HC have urged the chief justice of the court to "call a full court meeting" and resolve that the HC will not comply with the direction to remove Justice Prashant Kumar from the criminal roster.

According to the judges, "The SC does not have administrative superintendence over the high courts". They have also urged the full court to "record its anguish in respect of tone and tenor of the said SC order". A full court refers to an HC session where all, or a significant number, of the court's judges are present. This typically happens for matters of significant legal or constitutional importance.

The letter was signed by Justice Arindam Sinha, a senior judge, and 12 others, according to Bar and Bench.

▶ **'Shocked & pained', P 10**

SC relists case for hearing today

Supreme Court will rehear the case on Friday following strong criticism of the tone and tenor of its Aug 4 order passed by Justice Pardiwala — he will be CJI on May 3, 2028 — and R Mahadevan that encroached upon the Allahabad HC chief justice's prerogative of preparing the roster for allotment of cases to judges. **P 10**

NDA authorises Modi, Nadda to finalise its VP candidate

New Delhi: National Democratic Alliance on Thursday authorised PM Modi and BJP president J P Nadda to finalise the alliance's vice-presidential candidate, boosting the chances of Jagdeep Dhankhar's successor being from the governing party's own ranks.



▶**INDIA BLOC BIGWIGS ATTEND RAHUL DINNER, P 13**

"The decision taken by the PM will be accepted by all NDA parties," parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said. The opposition INDIA bloc already hinted at fielding its candidate. TNN

▶ **'Ready for talks', P 14**

Uphill task at Dharali: Cleaning up 3-storey-high debris may take mths

Gaurav Talwar & Kalyan Das | TNN

Dehradun/Uttarkashi: Two days after a flash flood devastated Dharali village near Gangotri, true scale of the destruction is becoming evident now. A 500-metre-wide swathe of land is buried under debris & sludge, with mounds reaching up to 50-ft high — enough to swallow a three-storey building.

As of Thursday morning, two bodies were recovered. Sixteen people — nine Army personnel and seven civilians — remain officially missing, though officials fear the number may be higher. IG (SDRF) Arun Mohan Joshi, one of the seniormost officials at the site, called the destruction "unprecedented in scale". "This is no ordinary operation. We're talking about debris as high as the rooftops," he said.

Nearly 400 personnel from multiple agencies, including Army, ITBP, NDRF and SDRF, are on the ground conducting search and rescue operations. Joshi said a drone team was sent upstream along the Kheer Gad stream to assess if a lake or pond formed following the deluge.

NDRF commandant Sudesh Kumar Drall said the volume of debris is massive, making the search operation extremely challenging. Experts believe it could take "several months to completely remove the debris from the disaster-hit Dharali village".

▶**EDIT PAGE: What Put Dharali In Harm's Way?**



ANI

A JCB machine being transported by a Chinook helicopter to Matli for the cloudburst-hit Harsil valley

▶**Tough terrain, P 15**





Delhi Metro's Magenta Line goes fully driverless | INSIDE FLAP

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Braking Bad: Violations By Buses Triple In Two Years

Speeding And Improper Parking Among Top Transgressions

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New Delhi: If you've ever driven on the road in Delhi, chances are a bus has suddenly cut into your lane — no indicator, no warning. One moment it's crawling near the left kerb, the next it's swinging across lanes to overtake. A sharp honk follows, and for a second, it feels like a collision was just avoided. Two-wheeler riders flinch, cars brake hard, and pedestrians freeze mid-step. If you're lucky, it's a near miss. If not, it's a scratched bumper or worse.

From DTC buses to private, the city's largest vehicles are also turning out to be some of the most erratic. The data, which now reveals an increase in violations, reflects what daily commuters already feel on the ground.

Traffic challans issued on the spot against buses tripled in two years from 8,059 in 2023 to 14,989 in 2024, and then finally to 24,462 by July 2025, suggesting that violations are not only frequent but are also growing steadily.

When combined with camera-recorded challans and app-based reports, the trend holds. The numbers jumped by 30% from 40,309 in 2023 to 45,605 by July 2025. In 2023, 26,716 notices were issued, followed by 28,883 in 2024 and 52,375 in just the first six months of 2025.

Red-light jumps, sudden halts, erratic turns and constant honking have, over time, blended into Delhi's everyday traffic rhythm. But with violations rising across categories, both on camera and on the ground, the city's buses may need more than just wide roads to keep them in check.

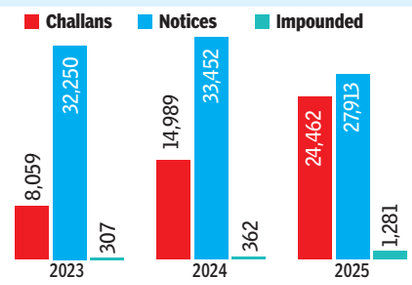
Among camera or app-based challans, overspeeding topped the list. Cases rose slightly from 7,771 in 2023 to 8,278 in 2024, then surged by 50.2% to 11,676 in 2025. Improper parking followed with 10,549 challans, while red light jumping and stop line violations saw a downward trend but remained high-risk offences.

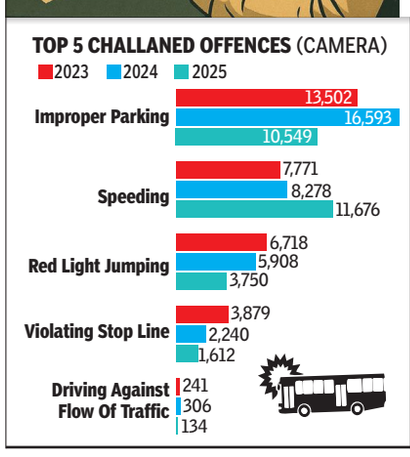
On-the-spot violations also show worrying increases in multiple categories. Permit violations recorded the sharpest rise, up by 163%, from 3,285 in 2023 to 8,648 in 2025. Improper parking also saw a 59.9% increase, rising from 2,164 in 2023 to 3,462 by July 2025. Even basic rules like seatbelt usage saw poor compliance, with cases jumping 84.4% from 934 to 1,723.

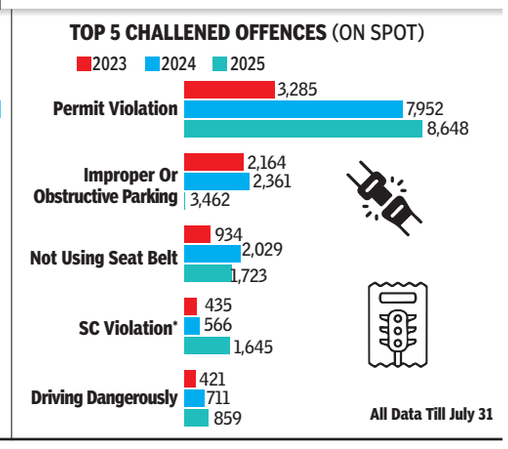
CHALLANS AND NOTICES UP 30%



- Violations by buses have tripled in two years
- Whether it's red-light jumping or lane indiscipline, the city's biggest vehicles are increasingly turning into its biggest rule-breakers
- Challans and notices put together, there is a 30% increase from 2023 to 2025 until June







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Driving dangerously, a category captured on the ground, has seen 859 challans in 2025. Meanwhile, driving against the flow of traffic, mostly recorded via camera or app, has seen 134 violations until July this year. In fact, on Aug 4, a tragic reminder came from east Delhi's Shakarpur, where a 63-year-old autorickshaw driver died after being hit by a DTC bus while waiting for passengers. The impact also damaged parked vehicles nearby.

Sources from Delhi Traffic Police said that they were holding regular sensitisation and awareness sessions for bus drivers to improve compliance and ensure safer roads.

'Fansi ghar' row: Panel to summon Kejriwal, Sisodia, former speaker

Times News Network

New Delhi: Stressing there was no 'fansi ghar' (gallows chamber) on Delhi assembly premises, speaker Vijender Gupta Thursday said the matter will be referred to the privileges committee for inquiry.

"The committee will summon former CM Arvind Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia, the then assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel and former deputy speaker Rakhi Birla," he said.

Gupta had earlier told the House the structure, which was renovated and inaugurated in 2022 by then CM Kejriwal as a 'fansi ghar', was actually a 'tiffin ghar' as per records. On Wednesday, displaying a 1912 map of the assembly complex, he said there was no documentation or evidence indicating the space was used for executions.

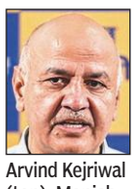
While giving directions on the matter on Thursday, Gupta reiterated his allegation that "falsehood" was spread in the name of 'fansi ghar' and history was "distorted". The speaker said he gave AAP time to present "concrete facts and documents" in support of their claims of the existence of the execution room, but they failed to do so.

"The plaque bearing the names of Kejriwal and Sisodia outside fansi ghar will be removed. The 1912 map depicting it as a tiffin room will also be displayed," he told the House.

Gupta said when the previous Kejriwal govt announced there was an execution room, they revered it as a site of martyrdom.

"After three days of discussion, and in the absence of any concrete evidence, documents provided by the National Archives, Indian Council of Historical Research, and IGNCA confirmed that no fansi ghar was ever constructed at the site," he said.





Arvind Kejriwal (top), Manish Sisodia

"When we were in the opposition, we were led to believe there was an execution room here. We were also emotionally connected to the site," Gupta said. However, after becoming the speaker, he conducted thorough research and discovered that the structure in question was actually a tiffin ghar, which was "deeply upsetting", he added.

"History was distorted and they (AAP) played with the feelings of people. This is all deceit. People won't forgive them for this," he said.

Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said it was "highly condemnable" that a place where people would have consumed non-vegetarian food was called 'fansi ghar', where freedom fighters attained martyrdom.

AAP had earlier accused BJP of trying to shield the British by saying that there was no execution room.

AAP: Move will not stand judicial scrutiny

AAP condemned the move, saying "these frivolous and baseless matters will not withstand judicial scrutiny and will be set aside by the constitutional courts". In a statement, it said: "It is unfortunate that a speaker is setting a precedent by summoning a former speaker before the privileges committee. BJP has forgotten that the speaker is meant to be the custodian of the privileges of the House and its members. Such practices ultimately weaken institutions." TNN

Newborn found in bin in W Delhi, mother—a house help—booked for murder

Times News Network

New Delhi: A 26-year-old house help was booked for allegedly killing her newborn son and dumping the body in a garbage bin outside her employer's house in west Delhi's Patel Nagar, police said on Thursday.

On July 28, a garbage collector found a plastic bag containing the body of an infant in the building's parking area. He alerted the residents, following which the landlord informed police. A crime team was sent to the spot and the infant's body was sent for preservation and postmortem.

According to an officer, the initial investigation revealed that the woman was working in the household since Oct 2023. The woman, who divorced her husband in 2021, went to her village in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli to attend a wedding last Nov. During the visit, she allegedly got into a physical relationship with her former boyfriend.

The help returned to the city on Nov 25, and a few months later, realised that she was pregnant, said police. However, the man allegedly refused to accept the responsibility or support her.

On July 26, while the employer's family was away, she gave birth alone in the bathroom. Fearing social stigma and rejection, she allegedly strangled the newborn with a white cloth, placed the body inside a garbage bag, and disposed it of in a nearby bin.

Following the postmortem report on Aug 7, which confirmed death due to head injuries and ligature strangulation, a case was registered under sections 103 (murder) and 238 (causing disappearance of evidence) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police said the investigation was not over yet.

CAG Reports Exposed Previous Govt: Rekha

Centre Is To Blame For Revenue Shortfall: AAP

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday alleged that the previous AAP dispensation used free water and electricity as political tools while ignoring the creation of assets for the city. Speaking in Delhi Assembly on a CAG report, which was tabled in the House on Monday, she claimed that the report "exposed" the AAP dispensation.

According to the report, the revenue surplus of Delhi govt in 2023-24 declined by 55% compared to the preceding fiscal. Gupta demanded that the CAG reports on finance accounts and appropriation accounts of Delhi for the year 2023-24 be referred to the public accounts committee. "You (AAP) cheated Delhi. You did not create roads, did not build sewer lines or schools and hospitals. You spent too much on advertisements," she alleged.

As AAP MLAs opposed the chief minister's claims, four opposition party legislators—Anil Jha, Kuldeep Kumar, Prem Chauhan and Jarnail Singh—were marshalled out.

Gupta claimed that AAP during its tenure gave freebies to



CM Rekha Gupta

people and portrayed it as if "they were spending it from their own pocket." "They claim that the Centre did not give funds. But they never used the funds given by the Centre under various schemes," she alleged.

The CAG report pointed out that although the revenue receipts of govt dropped, the gross state domestic product at current prices grew at an average pace of nearly 8.8 per cent during the last five years from Rs 7.9 lakh crore in 2019-20 to Rs 11.1 lakh crore in 2023-24. Delhi's capital expenditure consistently fell short of the capital budget and always remained less than 1% of GSDP during 2019-20 and 2023-24. During the 2023-24 fiscal year, the capital expenditure decreased by 15% over the previous year.

"The public had hoped that their tax money would be used for building roads, schools and hospitals. Instead, their hard-earned income was diverted towards so-called free schemes," CM stated further.

Referring to the CAG report, the chief minister said that the entire revenue of the previous govt was consumed by expenses—salaries, interest payments and other such expenditures that do not create any permanent assets.

Addressing the media outside the assembly, Atishi, however, claimed that the CAG report "clearly proved the Centre was solely responsible for Delhi's revenue shortfall". "The CAG report shows that Delhi's own tax revenue steadily increased in 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2023–24. Then why was there a drop in total revenue? The answer is simple: the money Delhi was supposed to receive from the Centre never came."

"Delhiites contribute Rs 2.25 lakh crore in taxes every year, yet only Rs 850 crore comes back to the state. And for the last three years, not even this amount has been given. The CAG report lays bare the Centre's step-motherly treatment of Delhi," she alleged.

Cable theft in CR Park foiled, 5 held

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's crime branch arrested five men involved in a large-scale theft of underground copper cables from telecom service providers. It also recovered a total of 1,400kg of stolen wire.

The gang was busted after they were caught red-handed by the patrolling team during unauthorised digging in south Delhi's CR Park on July 28. The individuals were identified as Amit and Sameer, both residents of Loni, Uttar Pradesh.

DCP (crime branch) Aditya Gautam said, "The accused posed as telecom provider contractors initially, however confessed to the theft during interrogation. An official from the company was called to the spot, who confirmed that no authorised work was being carried out."

A case was registered under sections 303 (theft), 317 (stolen property) and 3(5) (common intention) of BNS and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act was registered at the crime branch police station.

"Arif, receiver of stolen copper wires, was also arrested. Based on Arif's information, Shakeel and Amzad, were arrested on Aug 2," added DCP Gautam.

The gang, based in Loni, has been active for over two years and is linked to more than a dozen similar cases.

14-yr-old apprehended in shooting incident: Delhi Police apprehended a 14-year-old boy in a shooting incident that left a 28-year-old man critically injured in southwest Delhi's Mohan Garden on Monday. The victim was identified as Mohit, a resident of Kabulpur Ghitoli in Rohtak. The police received a call around 6.23pm from a hospital regarding admission of a man with a gunshot wound. "The shooting occurred in front of pillar number 794 in Mohan Garden. The assailants allegedly opened fire on Mohit, with 8 to 10 rounds reportedly fired," a senior officer said. Search is on for two other accused. TNN

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Advertising of legal services on social media under lens

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Bar Council of Delhi in a recent notice, has 'cautioned' lawyers advertising legal services on social media, stating that such methods constitute unethical canvassing, infringing upon professional ethics and the dignity of legal practice.

"Bar Council of Delhi has observed that many lawyers are indulging in posting content and videos to solicit work by way of advertisement, either directly or indirectly, through circulars advertising personal interactions, interviews and producing their photographs to publish in connection with the cases, etc.," read the BCD notice issued on Aug 4.

Outlining the rapid growth of legal influencers who do not possess appropriate credentials and are spreading misinformation on critical legal issues, the notice stated that such activities were prohibited under section 36 of Bar Council of India Rules. This section, titled 'Standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette to be Observed by Advocates,' prohibits lawyers from soliciting work or advertising, directly or indirectly.

In the age of digital media, there has been a rise in self-styled legal influencers, said the notice.

The notice warned that any violation of the said rule amounts to serious misconduct and an advocate can be held guilty to be proceeded against under section 35 (disciplinary proceedings against advocates for professional or other misconduct) of the Advocates Act, which can lead to suspension or cancellation of the licence to practice as an advocate.

"It is therefore directed that all such advocates who are active on social media in this regard, as mentioned above, may remove their content, or otherwise, action shall be initiated on individual cases under Section 35 of the Advocates Act," the notice stated.

Advocate Sanjay Sharma pointed out that BCD notice has stressed upon the long-forgotten rules of Bar Council of India, in which rule 36, strictly prohibits advocates from advertising, directly or indirectly. "Advertising could shift the focus from justice to profit. Soliciting work like commercial vendors can reduce public respect for the legal profession," he said.

Through The Looking Glass! Colonial-Era Photographic Legacy Gets Second Lease

OUT OF TIME'S SHADOWS: IGNCA Undertakes First-Of-Its-Kind Conservation Project On Raja Deen Dayal's Negatives

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New Delhi: In a quiet lab at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), a fragile slice of India's visual heritage is being brought back to life. "Preserving the past isn't about freezing it in glass or frames — it's letting it breathe in conditions we understand and talk in the language we know," smiled Sachchidanand Joshi, member-secretary of IGNCA. It is for this reason that for the first time, the institution launched a conservation of the rare glass negatives of Raja Lala Deen Dayal, the iconic 19th-century court photographer known for his striking images of British India, Indian nobility and grand architecture.

"These are not just visual archival records, these are heritage filled with emotions," continued Joshi. "With the conservation of Raja Deen Dayal's glass negatives, IGNCA is not only restoring photographs, but also restoring his memory, method and meaning. All through Indian solutions for Indian heritage."

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The celebrated photographer's fragile, manually retouched plates that predate modern photography have been stored at IGNCA since 1991, when they were gifted by Deen Dayal's descendants. Despite their historic value, they were never systematically studied or conserved. That will now change. The collection comprises nearly 3,000 original glass negatives, one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of his work in the country.

The conservation project, which began in Sept 2024, was preceded by a detailed survey and condition assessment by photographic conservation specialist Rahul Sharma, who not only led the work at IGNCA but has also conducted parallel surveys at the Patna Museum. Talks are underway to extend similar efforts to other museums across Delhi and India.

A detailed report authored by Sharma, including recommendations on preventive conservation for photographic materials in Indian conditions, will be released by the end of the month. It is expected to serve as a valuable resource for custodians of visual heritage in India as being sustainable, replicable and feasible within the modest annual budgets of cultural institutions across the country.

Rather than relying on expensive climate-controlled storage, IGNCA devised an optimum environment for the negatives using data analysis of meteorological trends, strategic use of existing buffers such as enclosed rooms and protective boxes and a careful evaluation of storage materials. Dr Achal Pandya, head of conservation and cultural archives at IGNCA, described the initiative as a potential model for photographic preservation nationwide. "This is not just about restoring old negatives," he said. "It's about creating a system that is scientifically sound, resource-conscious, and applicable across Indian institutions."

Pandya told **TOI** that the glass negative conservation plan began with a systematic survey to understand the archive's composition — types of negatives, materials used, and their varying stages of decay. This groundwork enabled a tailored action suited to the diverse conditions of the glass negatives, which date from Deen Dayal's earliest days up to the 1930s and include both silver gelatine and collodion plates.

The IGNCA collection includes rare, unseen images by Deen Dayal, such as the intricately carved Jain temple interiors in Ajmer, doors of Ghaznavi at Agra Fort and the charred interiors of Mysore Palace's Amba Vilas durbar hall photographed after the 1897 fire. Unlike surviving prints scattered in international collections, these negatives reveal the inner workings of the studio —where faces were retouched, wrinkles erased with pencil and dyes applied to brighten features. In some, 100-year-old fingerprints are still visible. They offer a rare insight into Victorian photographic techniques and studio culture.

Born in 1844 to a Jain family in Sardhana near Meerut, Deen Dayal studied engineering at Roorkee's Thompson College, where photography was introduced as a subject in 1854. He went on to become official photographer to viceroys like Lord Dufferin and Earl Elgin, even receiving a royal warrant from Queen Victoria in 1887. The Nizam of Hyderabad appointed him court photographer in 1885 and conferred on him the title of 'Raja' in 1894. His illustrious career also included capturing the 1903 Delhi Durbar.

Complementing the visual archive are Deen Dayal's original studio registers, also housed at IGNCA. These are currently being digitised and will be uploaded to the IGNCA website. When studied alongside the negatives, the registers offer invaluable information on the social, economic and gendered dimensions of 19th-century photography in India, such as the functioning of Zenana Studio, where women photographers documented women clients while maintaining purdah.

One of the key innovations in this project is the use of indigenous materials for conservation. With the establishment of a materials testing lab, IGNCA is actively identifying and validating locally available, stable materials suitable for archival storage. Already, suitable paper stocks have been shortlisted. Further findings will be publicly shared, helping institutions move away from reliance on imported products.

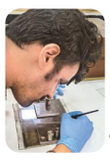
As IGNCA brings Deen Dayal's glass negatives back from the brink, the project is shaping up to becoming a national benchmark — showcasing how scientific expertise, indigenous methods and sustainable planning can revive endangered artistic products. In doing so, it ensures that these historic images not only survive but speak with renewed clarity to the generations ahead.

A FORGOTTEN VISUAL TREAT REVIVED

Photos: **Anindya Chattopadhyay**

IGNCA has launched its first conservation project for glass negatives by 19th-century court photographer Raja Lala Deen Dayal

These rare, hand-retouched negatives had remained in storage since 1991, untouched and unstudied



The project began in Sept 2024 following a detailed condition survey by conservationist **Rahul Sharma**



Sustainable conservation

A climate-appropriate model was developed using data on weather trends and existing infrastructure

Low-cost storage methods Enclosed rooms, protective boxes and careful material choices

The approach is scalable and suited to the modest budgets of cultural institutions in India





Condition of collections

- 61% of negatives are stable, requiring no immediate action
- 29% need periodic monitoring
- 11% show active deterioration needing urgent conservation





What makes these negatives Irreplaceable

Original records: Unlike prints, these are first-generation photographic artifacts

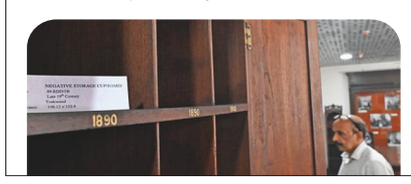
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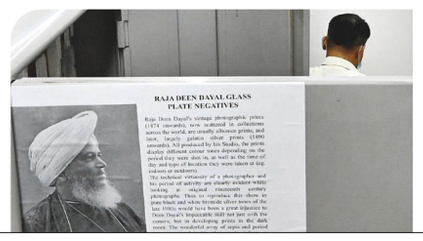
Visible retouching reveals darkroom artistry: Pencil, graphite, varnish and paint

Historical fingerprints preserved on some plates

Studio secrets embedded: Insights into 19th-century techniques and workflows







INSIDE THE DEEN DAYAL ARCHIVE AT IGNCA

Integrated Archive: Negatives, prints and studio registers kept together

Studio Registers: Names, dates, remarks—complete session documentation

Research Value: Enables reconstruction of photographic practices and patron networks

Elite and Zenana Portraits: Offers rare glimpses into aristocratic and gender-segregated clientele



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Marriage bureau owners among four held for running baby trafficking racket

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Ghaziabad: Two women who own marriage bureaus in Muzaffarnagar and Shamli were among four persons arrested for allegedly running a child trafficking racket that involved abducting babies and selling them to childless couples across various states.

The gang, according to police, targeted fair-skinned newborns, who fetched them anything up to Rs 5 lakh. The rate — upwards of Rs 1.5 lakh — depended on the child's gender and skin tone. Police are also looking for a nurse attached to a Moradabad hospital and an Asha worker in connection with the racket, suggesting the possible involvement of health facilities in selling off babies.

The four arrested gang members are Naved Ansari (19), Afsar (28), Swati alias Shaista (35), and Sandhya Chauhan (37). Sandhya operated the Subharti Marriage Bureau in Muzaffarnagar, while Swati ran Pari Marriage Bureau in Moradabad. Afsar owned a meat shop in Tronica City while Naved was a daily wager.

The gang is believed to have trafficked more than 10 babies over the past three years. The veil was lifted off the racket after police traced an abductor to a house in Loni and rescued a one-year-old boy on Thursday. The police probe began after the boy's father, Rashid, lodged a complaint about his missing son, who was last seen playing outside their house in Tronica City. CCTV footage from nearby bus stands and railway stations was scrutinised, leading to the identification of a man carrying the child.

The cops traced the man to the house in Loni, where the child was found with a woman. The woman said Naved had given her the boy, claiming that his mother had eloped. Police investigation revealed that a couple from Moradabad had initially shown interest in taking the boy for Rs 2.5 lakh. But when they backed out, the gang contacted another couple in Amroha, who agreed to pay Rs 1.5 lakh. Naved, according to cops, had kept the baby boy in the Loni house for only a couple of hours when police barged in and rescued him.

It was Afsar who had tipped off Naved about the child playing outside his house on Tuesday. Afsar, who was promised a commission for information on the boy, told interrogators that he was under mounting debt because his meat shop was shut during the month of Sawan.

ACP Siddharth Gautam said the gang had spread its tentacles to Delhi, Bijnor, Moradabad, Roorkee, Amroha, and possibly Jammu & Kashmir and Nepal.

So, how did they operate?

The gang's members would randomly click photos of children playing and circulate them on social media, particularly WhatsApp groups. Swati and Sandhya, who had contacts of couples who came to their marriage bureaus, would reach out to them with photos of the babies, especially if they were childless after years of tying the knot. The rates would then be discussed, depending on the gender and complexion of the child.

Nurse Ranjhana alias Reeta of Moradabad and Asha worker Deepak Singh would also give information on children from their health facilities, particularly those born to women with unwanted pregnancies and from poor background. Initial investigation revealed that Reeta was active in the gang for two years and a half. She would transfer babies to the other gang members after misleading women patients that they had delivered a stillborn.

The cops said they had recovered several incriminating chats from the mobile phones of the accused women. The chats included discussions with Reeta and Deepak about selling the children and their possible rates.

Golf view: High-end spends fall flat

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New Delhi: Residents of Delhi Development Authority's Golf View Apartments in Sector 19B, Dwarka, have expressed concerns about maintenance after taking possession of their upscale flats. The luxury housing project had offered high-income group flats, super HIG flats and penthouses via an e-auction last year. The residents are now complaining of visible dampness on the walls, both in the flats and in the common areas, due to what they claim is poor construction quality. Besides maintenance, the absence of designated parking spaces, for which DDA had levied special charges, also causes frequent disputes among residents.

"DDA still appears not to have got fire clearance nor made ventilation arrangements," said a resident. "Many house owners are finding it difficult to secure parking and are consequently parking their vehicles on colony roads. DDA has still not opened the basement parking, forcing people to park their vehicles in common areas. If you miss parking your car in a particular spot, that space is occupied by somebody else, leading to frequent arguments. What is the point of developing such a huge complex when the parking facility is not made fully operational?" There are 1,100 families living there and each household has 2-3 vehicles.

Some residents complained of leakages in the basement in K Block as well as debris strewn in several places along the





BROKEN DREAMS

pillars, which too haven't been fully completed. In other blocks, the corners still have heaps of construction material or debris. The tiles installed on the exterior walls of flats have begun to detach at many spots.

"To give this place an aesthetic look, DDA had sandstone cladding up to two floors of the buildings. But it seems the quality of material used for pasting these tiles wasn't good and the sandstone has started detaching from the walls," complained another resident at C Block. "DDA used steel screws to affix them, but the technique hasn't helped. This is the scenario when we bought the flats for Rs 3.5 crore and above through the e-auction."

He added, "Flat buyers paid maintenance charges to DDA and ideally, these primary things should have been sorted out by now. When we moved to these high-end apartments, there were expectations of advanced facilities as assured by the officials. But till today, we are struggling even for the basic facilities."

Locals also complained that there are leakages in supply pipes from overhead tanks. "We now realise this was an old project. Construction began in 2014. Iron pipes were laid for water supply when nowhere in the city are such pipes used for construction," said one resident. "Not just that, no provision for air conditioning units and electrical connections was made. RERA norms are being compromised here."

The aggrieved residents claimed to have written a letter to DDA, submitting photos to press their claims. They are yet to get any relief, they said. They grumbled about DDA not delivering what it had promised to buyers. "Despite the poor construction, DDA even sold service quarters, costing up to Rs 60 lakh, through the e-auction," revealed a resident.

No immediate response was received from DDA.

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Friend sentenced to 12 years for acid attack on doc in 2014

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New Delhi: Eleven years after a female doctor was attacked with acid while on her way to work in west Delhi's Rajouri Garden, the accused—who was her best friend—was recently sentenced to 12 years in rigorous imprisonment.

On Dec 23, 2014, the 30-year-old senior resident doctor was riding her scooter to work when unidentified attackers struck. They also snatched her purse, which contained a wallet and mobile phone. Police later arrested Ashok Yadav, the doctor's male friend, as the main conspirator behind the attack, while his accomplice, Vaibhav, was named as a co-conspirator. Vaibhav introduced Yadav to two juveniles who carried out the acid attack; the juveniles were subsequently apprehended as well.

Yadav's counsel argued that the convict was undergoing trial for the past 10 years and was in judicial custody since Dec 25, 2014, except for a brief interim bail period during the Covid-19 pandemic. The defence highlighted his good conduct during incarceration, supported by several certificates of appreciation from jail authorities. The counsel further said that the survivor did not sustain grievous injuries, only suffered diminution of vision in her right eye, and that she was married and continuing her medical career, leading a normal life.

COURT SAYS

The survivor trusted Yadav so much that he was the first person she called for help after the incident. However, Yadav secretly planned to disfigure her by throwing acid on face

However, the survivor, who joined the proceedings via videoconferencing, stated that she continues to suffer from the consequences of the acid attack on her face and eye. She revealed that she lost vision in her right eye and still required regular medication to manage pain and inflammation. Despite undergoing multiple surgeries, her vision in the affected eye could not be restored.

In addition to the 12-year imprisonment, the convict was fined Rs 5 lakh. Failure to pay the fine will result in an additional one-year simple imprisonment.

The sentencing order described Yadav as the mastermind behind the conspiracy. When the doctor rejected his repeated marriage proposals, Yadav sought revenge by disfiguring her face. He roped in Vaibhav to execute the plan, which involved throwing acid on the doctor. To divert suspicion, Yadav staged the attack as a robbery by having her bag stolen.

"An aggravating factor in this case is the manner in which the convict shattered the trust the victim placed in him," the order read.

"As discussed in the judgment dated July 16, she trusted Yadav so much that he was the first person she called for help after the incident. However, Yadav, while pretending to be her friend, secretly planned to disfigure her by throwing acid on her face."

Yadav was convicted under sections 392 (robbery), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 394 (voluntarily causing hurt during robbery), 326A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid), and 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) of the Indian Penal Code.

Regulatory Lapses Allow Schools To Impose Fee Hikes Unchecked

Sharp Dip In Proposal Rejections, Govt Blames It On Previous Administration

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New Delhi: Even as fee hikes by private unaided schools operating on govt or DDA-allotted land recorded significant increases, Delhi govt's regulatory system showed little active enforcement of rules about the matter. An analysis of govt records over the past eight years reveals glaring lapses in oversight and enforcement of rules meant to regulate such increases.

The data from academic sessions 2016-17 to 2023-24 in particular highlights the weakening enforcement of rules that require these schools to obtain prior approval before increasing fees. While there was a rise in the number of schools submitting fee hike proposals, there was a sharp decline in the proportion of these proposals being rejected by the state govt, especially from the academic year 2019-20 onwards. In the initial years — between 2016 and 2019 — a considerable number of proposals were turned down, with rejection rates ranging between 69% and 75%. This suggested an active oversight mechanism.

Post-2019, however, that oversight appears to have deteriorated. The rejection percentage dipped from 75.3% in the 2018-19 academic session to 59.4% in 2019-20. It further slipped in the following years to 36.1% in 2022-23 and 32.1% in 2023-24. Out of 262 schools that applied for fee hikes in 2023-24, decisions were made only in 28 cases, most of them approving the increases. The rest remained undecided, effectively allowing schools to go ahead with their proposed hikes in the absence of regulatory intervention and essentially defeating the purpose of requiring a prior approval.

In the academic years 2020–21 and 2021–22, fee hikes were prohibited entirely by a govt order due to the Covid pandemic. Queries sent to AAP regarding the alleged lapses went unanswered.

The current state dispensation has blamed the previous AAP administration for what it describes as a "systemic failure" in fee regulation. "In 2024–25, AAP couldn't decide on proposals from 244 schools because its functionaries were busy with elections and extortion. Let's go back to 2023–24. That year, 262 schools submitted their proposals online. AAP govt approved only 19, rejected 9, with the decisions taken on just these 28 proposals. That means 234 schools out of 262 were left waiting without a decision," education minister Ashish Sood claimed.

Citing a steady fall in rejection rates after 2019, an education official said, "Out of nearly 350 schools that operate on govt or DDA land, very few even submitted fee hike proposals over the past several years. The ones that did faced less and less scrutiny." The official added that many more schools — over 1,400 operating on private land or govt land without the 'land clause' —were left entirely unregulated, with no mechanism in place to track or audit their fee hikes for nearly a decade.

Another key lapse, according to the current administration, was the failure to act on a proposal made by the previous govt in Nov 2023 to link fee hikes to the consumer price index. According to an official, the idea was to make the process more transparent and objective. But despite the proposal being floated, no decision was taken on it until Feb this year, by which time a new govt had assumed office.

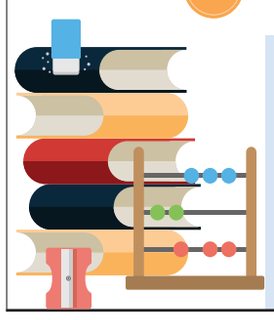
The most recent academic cycle saw a legal bottleneck. For 2024-25, the Directorate of Education issued a circular in March inviting fresh fee hike proposals, but this was stayed by Delhi High Court. The circular stated that no recognised private unaided school in the capital, which has been allotted land by govt agencies, would enhance the fees for the 2024-25 session without the prior sanction of DoE. As a result, the regulatory process continues to be in limbo.

SHIFTS IN FEE HIKE

Data analyses fee hike by private unaided recognised schools operating on land allotted by DDA or other govt agencies

➤ These schools require prior approval to increase fee from the director of education





Status Of Fee Hike Proposals

Academic Session	Fee Hike Proposals Submitted Online	Withdrawal	Approval	Rejected	Total Decided
2016-2017	168	71	30 (30.9%)	67 (69.1%)	97
2017-2018	266	36	59 (25.7%)	171 (74.3%)	230
2018-2019	167	9	39 (24.7%)	119 (75.3%)	158
2019-2020	243	14	93 (40.6%)	136 (59.4%)	229
2020-2021	The fee hike proposals for the 2020–21 session are no longer valid. As per the order dated June 8, 2022, private unaided schools are not allowed to increase fees during these two academic years				
2021-2022					
2022-2023	236	9	145 (63.9%)	82 (36.1%)	227
2023-2024*	262	-	19 (67.9%)	9 (32.1%)	28
2024-2025**	244	-	-	-	-

*In 2023-24, no decision was taken on proposals submitted by schools in a time-bound manner

**In 2024-25, the circular dated March 27, 2024, issued by the DoE to invite fee hike proposals was stayed by Delhi High Court

WHAT THE NUMBERS SAY

2016–2019 | A consistent high rejection rate of fee hike proposals; shows a strict regulatory stance by the authorities

2019–2020 | A noticeable shift as approval rate increased to 40.6%, suggesting a more lenient approach began taking hold

2020–2022 | No fee hikes allowed

2022–2023 | Major rise in approvals: 63.9% of proposals approved — the highest approval rate in the eight-year period

2023–2024 | Very few decisions made. Only 28 proposals processed out of 262 submitted. Among these, 67.9% were approved, continuing the trend of increasing approvals

9 residents can stay at Signature View till Aug 25, at own risk: HC

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New Delhi: Pointing out that the buildings are not safe to reside in, Delhi High Court on Thursday declined to interfere with a notice by Delhi Police asking residents to vacate Signature View towers in north Delhi by Aug 10 or face forcible eviction. Making an exception, the court allowed a breather to nine residents to remain in possession of their flats until Aug 25, but at their own risk.

"Though we are not inclined to grant any such relief, however, on insistence, we give the petitioners protection from coercive action until 25th Aug. A statement has been made that occupation of flats by them until the 25th will be at their own risk, and if any mishap occurs, the occupant owners will be responsible, not any other authority," a bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela observed.

It was hearing an urgent plea by the nine residents opposing the vacation notice issued by police and enforced by Municipal Corporation of Delhi. At the instance of Delhi Development Authority, police asked residents to leave the buildings and informed them that emergency services such as electricity, water and sewer would be cut off by Aug 10.

The high court also made it clear that, in the meantime, those who voluntarily vacate their flats in these towers would be permitted to do so.

In their stay application, the nine residents alleged that DDA was trying to hide its criminal acts by getting the flats vacated and demolished so that evidence in the form of inferior construction quality and other lapses, which was supposed to be used in pending criminal cases, might no longer be available. The plea said even the lieutenant governor had directed Central Bureau of Investigation to probe the DDA officers involved in the scam, and no tower or buildings could be demolished unless CBI's investigation of the case was over.

The bench was, however, pointed out that these arguments were raised earlier and dealt with when the single judge cleared the decks for the demolition of the structure. The court, however, termed DDA's conduct "callous" and criticised it for not fulfilling its obligations as a public agency.

Meanwhile, in an order made public on Thursday, a bench of Justice Mini Pushkarna dismissed a review petition against her Dec 2024 verdict, where the single judge allowed the demolition and reconstruction of Signature View Apartments.

Vendor survey completed in NDMC areas

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New Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council claimed that it completed the vendor survey in its areas under the Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Scheme 2019. According to officials, the records of all surveyed vendors under NDMC jurisdiction were available online, and any person with a claim or objection can approach the town vending committee within 15 days.

Under clause 1.1.15 of the Street Vendors Scheme, the records of all surveyed vendors were made available online on Thursday, stated a public notice. "Any person with a claim or objection regarding the street vending application received or the information submitted by any applicant may submit such a claim or objection to the respective town vending committee within 15 days or up to Aug 21," it added.

Vendors can visit online.ndmc.gov.in/svs_objection to review the records and submit any relevant claims or objections within the stipulated time. "No submission will be entertained after the due date. For their convenience, a vendors' facilitation centre has also been established on the fourth and fifth floors of Pragati Bhavan on Jai Singh Road," the notice stated.

The council has identified over 2,500 vendors and collected their documents. "We have taken their locations too. After verifying the documents, the final eligibility of these vendors will be ascertained and they will be issued a certificate of vending (CoV)," NDMC stated.

The vendors with CoVs will elect a new team, which will further work on the identification of their locations. The council is, however, preparing an initial plan, which includes the identification of natural markets and vending zones, keeping in account the high-security zones. However, any plan will be finalised by the newly formed team.

23-yr-old woman nabs 2 snatchers, gets phone back

New Delhi: A 23-year-old woman, along with her friend, caught two phone snatchers in east Delhi's Mayur Vihar. She was on her way to work in New Ashok Nagar when two men snatched her phone and fled. Undeterred, she called a friend, and together they began searching for the culprits. They spotted the duo near a drain and managed to apprehend them. The suspects were handed over to police, and the stolen phone was recovered.

Police said that the woman was passing through Sarpanch Chowk recently when two men suddenly snatched her phone and fled. Despite the sudden attack, she remained calm and quickly alerted her friend. He reached the spot and accompanied her on a motorcycle to search for the culprits. Their search led them to Nala Road, New Ashok Nagar, where the two suspects were found sitting. With the help of her friend, she confronted and apprehended the duo. TNN

Schools to hold letter-writing drive for I-Day

New Delhi: As part of the Independence Day celebrations and the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the directorate of education (DoE) has directed schools to organise a variety of patriotic activities. One of these initiatives is a letter-writing drive in which students will write letters to members of the armed forces and police.

DoE has set Aug 11 as the date for this activity, urging schools to facilitate the event. In a circular, it recommended that schools work with the department of posts to ensure that the letters are sent to nearby police stations or Army headquarters and stations. It also suggested themes for the letters, including expressing appreciation for the dedicated service of the armed forces and police in ensuring safety and security, acknowledging their sacrifices in working tirelessly even during festivals and holidays, and sharing how the bravery and dedication of these personnel inspire the students.

"Such letter-writing initiatives were organised in previous years too, especially in the days leading up to Independence Day, as a way to encourage patriotism and creative expression among students. These activities aim to instil a deeper understanding of the nation's history, values, and the significance of freedom," said a school principal. TNN

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1) Category-wise break-up of vacant post:

Name of the Post:-Medical Technologist Grade-III (Special Drive for Reserved Category)

Post	UR	SC	ST	OBC Category-A	OBC Category-B	Unreserved (PWD)	SC (PWD)	EWS	TOTAL
Medical Technologist (OT) Grade-III	00	90	33	46	27	17	00	00	213
Medical Technologist (Critical Care) Grade-III	00	00	09	00	00	05	00	00	14

2) Only online registration and submission of application will be allowed at the official website of WBHRB (www.hrb.wb.gov.in) from 13.08.2025 (10:00 AM) to 03.09.2025 (02:00 PM).

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Name of the Post:-Pharmacist Grade-III

Post	UR	SC	ST	OBC Category -A	OBC Category-B	Unreserved (PWD)	SC (PWD)	EWS	TOTAL
Pharmacist Grade-III	146	73	21	35	25	11	4	35	350

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Name of the Post- Physicist-cum-Radiation Safety Officer

Post	UR	SC	ST	OBC Category -A	OBC Category-B	Unreserved (PWD)	SC (PWD)	EWS	TOTAL
Physicist-cum-Radiation Safety Officer	12	07	02	03	03	01	00	03	31

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Recruitment for Medical Technologist Grade-III

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Name of the Post -Medical Technologist Grade-III

Post	UR	SC	ST	OBC Category-A	OBC Category-B	Unreserved (PWD)	SC (PWD)	EWS	TOTAL
Medical Technologist (Dialysis), Grade-III	02	01	01	00	00	00	00	01	05
Medical Technologist (Perfusionist), Grade-III	04	03	01	02	01	01	00	01	13
Medical Technologist (RT), Grade-III	12	07	02	03	03	01	00	03	31
Medical Technologist (EEG/EMG), Grade-III	04	03	01	01	01	01	00	01	12
Medical Technologist (Cath Lab), Grade-III	04	02	01	01	01	00	00	01	10
Medical Technologist (RD), Grade-III	119	61	17	29	20	09	03	29	287
Medical Technologist (ECG), Grade-III	92	48	13	22	16	07	02	22	222

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Yamuna Flowing Past 204.5m Warning Mark

Evacuation To Start If It Crosses 206.5 Metres

Tarun Rawat



Yamuna has been receiving an average of 20,000 cusecs after the discharge from Hathnikund Barrage increased in the past few days. The highest level recorded is 208.66m in 2023 when the river was in spate

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New Delhi: The water level of the Yamuna at Old Railway Bridge breached the warning mark of 204.5 metres at 5am on Thursday when it climbed to 204.56m. At 8pm, the water level was at 205.05m, the result of increased discharge from Hathnikund Barrage in Haryana in the past 48 hours.

The Central Water Commission forecast the level would rise to 205.25m by 9am on Friday, close to the danger mark of 205.33m. An official said residents of low-lying areas are being alerted to this possibility. In several videos on Thursday, govt officials on foot and in boats could be seen issuing warnings and urging people to move to higher ground. "The water level in the Yamuna is rising rapidly. Please take all your belongings and shift to a safer place," one official announced through a loudspeaker.

Bhim Singh Rawat, associate coordinator, South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP), said, "The Yamuna has been receiving an average of 20,000 cusecs after the discharge from Hathnikund Barrage increased in the past few days. The peak discharge from Hathnikund was 61,729 cusecs on Wednesday. The discharge was over 30,000 cusecs even on Thursday morning."

The district administration plans to begin evacuations from the low-lying areas once the water level reaches 206m. "We alert people when the water level crosses the warning level. However, when the water level surpasses the danger level, we make announcements in the low-lying areas for people to move to higher ground. All govt departments are put on alert for necessary actions," said a departmental official.

When the river breaches the 206m mark, the official said, "Arrangements will be made for tents and shelters, food supplies, water, sanitation facilities and medicines for people affected by the water. Movement on Old Railway Bridge will also be closed."

The Central Water Commission's data shows that Yamuna's flowed at 203.61m at 3pm on Tuesday. Following the increased discharge, the river's level rose to 204.15m at 6pm on Wednesday. Earlier, at 4pm on July 23 too, the water level had reached 204.14m before dipping from 5pm.

According to the irrigation and flood control Department, the highest flood level recorded is 208.66m in 2023 when the river was in spate. In 2023, the highest discharge from Hathnikund Barrage was more than 3,50,000 cusecs with many hourly discharges of over 1,00,000 cusecs.

In 1978, a high of 207.49m was recorded. The figure stood at 207.11m in 2010 and 207.32m in 2013. After the Yamuna floods in 2023, the river did not flow at dangerous levels in 2024.

2 wks after doc (81) was targeted by snatchers, 2 held

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DCP AMIT GOEL SAYS

When footage from the CCTV cameras were compared, the police established that the offenders were the same in both the incidents

New Delhi: Two weeks after an 81-year-old doctor was grievously injured and suffered a fracture in a snatching incident in southwest Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi Police arrested two people in connection with the case.

According to police, they had received a complaint from a woman doctor alleging that her gold chain had been snatched by two people on a motorcycle near a school in Safdarjung Enclave on July 25. An FIR was registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita's sections 309 (robbery) and 3 (5) (common intent) at the Safdarjung Enclave police station.

On the same day, another snatching incident was also reported at northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar police station and an FIR had been registered under sections 304 (snatching) and 3 (5) (common intent) of BNS.

Amit Goel, DCP (South West), said, "When footage from the CCTV cameras were compared, the police established that the offenders were the same in both the incidents. The accused were observed using deceptive tactics to evade capture in CCTV footage. The movement of the accused was tracked through footage across eight districts of Delhi and Noida. Based on specific intelligence and manual surveillance, Danish alias Chintu was arrested from Pul Prahladpur."

Police said that Danish, 32, was previously involved in over 40 criminal cases of murder, robbery, snatching and Arms Act violations. He had come out of jail in Feb. He allegedly ran a band under the name of 'Chintu gang' and extorted protection money from drug suppliers, bookies and from parking contractors.

"During police interrogation, Danish disclosed the involvement of co-accused Ashish Taneja alias Bhatija in the case. Based on call detail records and other technical analysis, Ashish was apprehended from Ludhiana in Punjab," said an officer.

The cops said that Taneja, 26, has a history of over 14 cases, including dacoity, robbery, snatching, Arms Act violations and two murder cases. He has also been released from jail in April.

The accused admitted to their involvement in the cases and police recovered six gold chains, one gold chain hook, two motorbikes, including one that was stolen, and the clothes worn by the accused at the time of the crime from their possession.

Soft skills training programme held for traffic cops: To improve public service delivery and foster positive engagement with citizens, Delhi Traffic Police recently conducted a three-day soft skills training programme for its personnel. Held at the Todapur traffic headquarters, the initiative aimed to enhance the interpersonal, behavioural and communication skills of officials who interact with the public daily. Under the supervision of Satya Vir Katara, additional commissioner of police (traffic headquarters), 75 police personnel, including constables and sub-inspectors, were trained over two sessions. Seasoned professionals led the training from diverse fields. TNN



Verma: Those in low-lying areas alerted, situation under control

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Irrigation and flood control minister Parvesh Verma conducted an on-ground inspection to assess the rising level of the Yamuna on Thursday. He visited the No. 12 Regulator at ITO, which controls flow of the water, and reviewed the vulnerable areas along the river. He also held discussions with departmental officials and reviewed all ongoing preparedness measures.

The Yamuna was flowing at 205.05 metres at Old Railway Bridge at 8pm on Thursday, surpassing the warning mark of 204.5m. This rise in water level is due to the release of extra water from the Hathnikund Barrage in Haryana, explained an official. Verma also said that this was a seasonal and normal occurrence and there is no cause for alarm.

The minister said, "During this season, the Yamuna's level typically rises. The I&FC department is fully alert and active. The significant difference this time is that all gates of the ITO Barrage are open. Unlike in 2023, no gate is closed. Hence, the flow of water remains uninterrupted. The situation is completely under control."

He said that residents in low-lying areas on the riverbank have already been alerted, and the respective sub-divisional magistrates are monitoring the situation. Plans are in place to safely relocate people to secure areas if necessary.

"Flood control teams, engineers and relief workers are working round the clock on the ground. All barrages, regulators, pumping stations, and drainage systems are being closely monitored. Drain cleaning and backup arrangements have also been reviewed to ensure preparedness," Verma said.

He appealed to the public to trust only official sources of information and refrain from believing rumours. Anyone in need of assistance is advised to contact the district administration's designated helpline numbers. All necessary steps will be taken to ensure public safety, the minister assured.

Tarun Rawat



Plans are in place to safely relocate people to secure areas, Verma said

Pvt hospitals in Haryana stop Ayushman Bharat services

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Gurgaon: Private hospitals in Haryana pulled out of Ayushman Bharat scheme on Thursday, halting treatments and admissions under the Centre's flagship health insurance programme, weeks after they had warned the state to pay nearly Rs 500 crore that was pending as reimbursements.

The indefinite suspension affects 1.8 crore people from low-income families who are covered under the scheme in the state.

In the last three days, Rs 30 crore was released in reimbursements, but hospitals said it was too little, too late. "Rs 30 crore released over the last few days is insufficient. Hospitals cannot continue offering free treatment under the scheme without timely reimbursements," said Dr Mahavir Jain, president of Indian Medical Association (Haryana).

Several hospitals in Gurgaon, Hisar, Karnal and Faridabad confirmed that they have stopped accepting Ayushman cards as of Thursday morning. "We cannot continue unless dues are cleared. We have been running on credit for months," said a senior administrator at a private hospital in the city.

Patients are a worried lot, especially because a bulk of critical healthcare services are available at private facilities.

"I have three dialysis sessions a week. If the hospital stops taking Ayushman card, where am I supposed to go? I can't afford even one session without the card," said Ramesh Kumar, a 58-year-old who suffers from chronic kidney disease and usually visits a hospital in Sector 28.

A daily wage earner (55) said he needs to get hip surgery done, but a hospital in the city told him to "come back when services resume". "We don't have money to pay on our own," he said.

The decision comes weeks after IMA-Haryana in July warned the govt that 650 private hospitals will stop providing medical treatments under the scheme as most of the facilities had received just 10-15% of their billed amount since March.

The association had issued a similar warning in Jan earlier this year and said Haryana's implementation of Ayushman Bharat was in a state of "chronic breakdown". At the time, govt cleared reimbursements worth Rs 195 crore.

Launched by the central govt in 2018, Ayushman Bharat allows low-income families to avail medical treatments – anything from routine diagnostic tests to surgeries – up to Rs 5 lakh a year. Families with annual income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh, elderly people and other vulnerable groups are eligible to get registered under the scheme.

Empanelled hospitals provide free-of-charge treatments to beneficiaries and later raise reimbursement requests to the govt on an online portal. These reimbursements are reviewed and cleared by a state agency, after which payments are disbursed.

"We have communicated to private hospitals that we have released the funds, and they will soon get it through the Ayushman department. The govt is clear that no private hospital will suffer because of the scheme. There might be some delays, but payments will be made," said Manish Bansal, director general of health services, Haryana.

Joint CEO for Ayushman Bharat scheme in Haryana, Ankita Adhikari, did not respond to repeated requests for comment till Thursday evening.



Better Call Manas! Helpline Boosts Fight Against Drugs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Residents of Delhi can call Manas, the national narcotics helpline, on the toll-free number 1933 or report on its portal to provide a tip about any drug sales in their locality. The identity of the caller is not revealed.

The helpline, launched earlier this year by Union home minister Amit Shah, has emerged as a crucial public interface for reporting drug-related offences. Functioning under the anti-narcotic task force in the crime branch in Delhi, it prompts police to act on complaints by residents of the city and raids are conducted accordingly.

Between Jan and Aug, Delhi Police was forwarded around 175 calls, which were investigated, and 16 calls were found actionable. The local police were asked to act upon them.

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CALLS FORWARDED TO DELHI POLICE BETWEEN JAN AND AUG 2025

In the follow-up raids on leads received via the portal, Delhi Police said they had made significant recoveries, including 180 grams of heroin, over 3,700 grams of ganja and buprenorphine/avil injections seized in Aman Vihar, Ranhola and Vijay Vihar. Liquor recoveries were also made, with 56 and 24 bottles seized in separate cases, the data reveals.

Delhi Police has also registered cases under NDPS Act, Excise Act, IPC and Gambling Act. The district-wise FIRs, registered based on Manas tickets, show that cases were registered in several districts, including South East, Rohini, Outer, North, South West, North East, Central and Shahdara.

"Citizens are encouraged to report any suspicious narcotic activity through the helpline or via the online portal and mobile app. Confidentiality of complainants is strictly ensured, making it a safe and reliable platform to report drug-related offences," special commissioner of police Devesh Srivastava said.

Delhi Police has been asked to strengthen its fight against drug abuse and trafficking following which more raids will be conducted, officials said.

Business unusual: Two lose ₹64L in fish farming fraud

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New Delhi: Lured by promises of lucrative returns from a professional fish farming venture, two businessmen were defrauded of over Rs 64 lakh and told their investment had collapsed following the death of "lakhs of larvae." On July 24, an FIR was registered at Anand Vihar police station against two men accused of running the fraudulent scheme.

The accused approached one of the complainants in Oct 2023 through a mutual acquaintance. They claimed to run a fish farming operation under a registered company and offered partnership in the business. The proposed model involved purchasing and breeding fingerlings, young fish larvae, which would then be reared for six to seven months and sold to wholesale buyers at profitable rates.

The complainant was persuaded to invest Rs 35 lakh in a span of two months after being told that the accused had experience in the fish trading market and long-standing relationships with reliable buyers. Later, the accused warned of risk in investment if the complainant did not contribute an additional Rs 10 lakh.

When he inquired about his returns months later, the accused allegedly informed him that "lakhs of larvae had died and only a small stock remained," the FIR stated. They said profits would only be possible if the remaining fish were farmed longer to fetch a better market rate. They demanded further investment, which the complainant refused.

It further stated that the same individuals also approached another investor.

The business model involved purchasing and breeding young fish larvae, which would then be reared for 6-7 months and sold to wholesale buyers. The two were lured by promises of lucrative returns

Through several transactions between Sept and Nov 2024, the second complainant transferred more than Rs 19 lakh. Neither did the complainants receive any share of profits nor a refund. Rather they were threatened with consequences when they demanded their money back.

An FIR was registered under sections 316 (criminal breach of trust), 318 (cheating), and 3(5)(common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

DU to open mid-entry admission, preference editing for aspirants

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi University will open the mid-entry option in the undergraduate admissions on Friday, giving another chance to candidates who either missed applying earlier or were unable to complete their applications. The preference editing window will also be opened on the same day. Both options will remain available until 4.59pm on Aug 10.

The university will publish the third list of vacant seats under Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) for the undergraduate admissions on Aug 8 at 5pm.

The mid-entry phase is meant for the candidates who did not register during CSAS phase I or failed to complete phase II. It will also include those whose applications were rejected in previous rounds due to issues such as incorrect subject mapping, ineligibility or invalid documentation. Candidates who did not receive any seat allotment in earlier rounds can also use this window to revise their preferences.

DU will publish the third list of vacant seats under Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) for UG admissions on Aug 8 at 5pm

"To enter this round, candidates will need to pay a non-refundable mid-entry fee of Rs 1,000 and will be allowed to edit and update their programme and college preferences," said an official. All preferences submitted during this window will form the basis for the third round of seat allocation, which is to be announced on Aug 13 at 5pm.

The university has clarified that the marks and ranks used for this round will be calculated afresh, independent of previous rounds. Therefore, students should not expect cutoff thresholds or merit rankings from earlier rounds to apply and no grievances related to such changes will be entertained.

On Aug 13, DU will also announce the first round of seat allocations for performance-based UG programmes, such as music, fine arts, physical education, health education and sports. The results for categories like children of war widows, extracurricular activities, sports and ward quotas will also be released.

The selected candidates must accept their allocated seats between Aug 13 and 17. Colleges will carry out document verification and application approvals until Aug 18, and the deadline for paying the online admission fee is Aug 19.

Ex-DDA official among 8 booked in land 'scam'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation booked a retired junior assistant of a sub-registrar's office and seven others in connection with an alleged land scam in Rohini involving forged documents.

A written complaint was received by CBI, alleging that during an ongoing investigation in another case by the agency, several original official documents and notesheets of Delhi Development Authority related to its four plots in Rohini were found during searches at the residence of a property dealer.

The documents included letters issued by DDA to the sub-registrar of Alipur concerning the verification of relinquishment deeds purportedly issued by the officer. It is alleged that, in conspiracy with the property dealer, a lower division clerk/junior assistant, now retired, of DDA handed over these original letters in exchange for undue benefits. The relinquishment deeds in question were forged and were not issued by the sub-registrar of Alipur, it was claimed.

The property dealer and six others submitted the forged documents posing as the legal heirs of the genuine allottees in a bid to illegally acquire the DDA plots.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT is hereby invited by Assistant Engineer (RWS) in-charge of Uluberia Camp office on behalf Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E. Dte vide Ref: No. WBPHED/AE/RWS/Uluberia/NIeT_02/2025-2026, Memo No-3401/HD, Dt: 06/08/2025. Details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in and wbphed.gov.in Last date of application is 25/08/2025. For Assistant Engineer, RWS in-charge of Uluberia Camp office on behalf Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T16857(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-M), Balurghat (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Supply and Transportation of Electro Motor Pump Sets for Energisation of different Major RLI Schemes under Balurghat (A-M) Division in the F.Y 2025-26 vide e-NIT No - 03 / 2025-26, Tender ID-2025_WRDD_888103_1 to 3, estimated value Rs.8,84,500.00; Rs.12,38,300.00 & Rs.7,07,600.00 respectively, and last date of Bid submission-22.08.2025 up to 4 PM. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Balurghat (Agri-Mech) Division
ICA- T16839(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Reference No. WBPHED/6e/EE/NWSD-1 OF 2025-2026 and (ID- 2025_PHED_888083_1 to 6) for Repairing & restoration of UPVC pipelines, damaged roads, Carriage, loading & unloading of different dia DI pipes from Berunanpukuria store to Algoria Store & Shifting and laying of UPVC pipeline at damage portion and allied restoration of road within the Jurisdiction of NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the web site wbtenders.gov.in & wbphed.gov.in Both Technical and financial bid submission start date is 6/8/2025 from 06:30 P.M. & Both Technical and Financial bid submission closing date is 18/8/2025 upto 01:00 PM. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T16904(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Id No. 2025_PHED_887969_1 to 4
E.E./MMD, P.H.E. Dte., invites NIeT (Online)No-13 of 2025-26, Tender reference No. WBPHE/EE/MMD/NIeT-13 of 2025-26, Tender ID No. 2024_PHED_887969_1 to 4 for work under M.M.D, P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date 19/08/2025 at 05:00 p.m. Details may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/MMD. ICA- T16901(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Id No. 2025_PHED_887481_1 to 94
E.E./MMD, P.H.E. Dte., invites NIeT (Online)No-12 of 2025-26, Tender reference No. WBPHE/EE/MMD/NIeT-12 of 2025-26, Tender ID No. 2024_PHED_887481_1 to 94 for work under M.M.D, P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date 04/09/2025 at 05:00 p.m. Details may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/MMD. ICA- T16900(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
A.E., Berhampore Electrical Sub-Division, P.W.Directorate invites online tender for the following NIQ: NIQ No: WBPWD/AE/BESD/33/e-Q of 25-26, Tender Id : 2025_WBPWD_887678_1. Bid submission end date:- 13.08.2025 upto 12.00 hrs. Detail of Tender may be downloaded from website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, PWD, Berhampore Electrical Sub Division ICA- T16865(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 17 of 2025-26 of E.E. Barasat Hway Divn. No. II, P.W. (Roads) Dte. (Sl. No. 1)
Inviting online e-tender for 01(One) No. Patchtch repairing and Civil work under Barasat Highway Division No.II in the District of North 24 Pgs. Details may be obtained from the Website: wbtenders.gov.in Tender Id:-2025_WBPWD_887657_1. Last date of bid submission: 16/08/2025. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Barasat Highway Division-II ICA- T16868(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/-II KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Replacement of damaged compressor of Chiller unit located at NOPD Building under MCH, Kolkata." e-NIQ No. :-WBPWD/EE II/KNHED/NIQ-21 Revised/2025-26 Tender Id : 2025_WBPWD_887948_1 Bid Submission Start Date (online) :12/08/2025, 3.00 PM Bid Submission Closing Date (online) :18/08/2025 upto 3.00 PM Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-D. Pal/EE II/KNHED/PW Dte/Govt. of WB ICA- T16861(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No. - WB/PWD/SS/EE/BIR/05/ 2025-26. The Ex. Engr, Birbhum Divn. P.W.(S.S) Dte. Invites online Tenders from Bonafide resourceful outsider having credential in similar nature of work for the works:- " Repair and renovation work of Admininstrative building at Labpur RH, Birbhum. (RN24001419, PID HF252639384S000). (Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_887851_1) Bid submission Closing on 25.08.2025, 5:00 P.M. Further details can be seen in_website- https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Ex. Engr. Bir. Divn., P.W. (S.S) Dte. ICA- T16864(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL HOUSING BOARD
ABRIDGE NOTICE
Tender in Two enveloped system in prescribed form of West Bengal Housing Board as given in web site of W.B.H.B. are invited by the Deputy Director (EW)-II of WBHB for "Providing Security Services and Guarding arrangement for Housing Projects in various locations including the Head Quarters (ABASAN) of West Bengal Housing Board" NIeQ No: WBHB/DD(EW)-II/NIeQ-12/2025-2026. Last Date of closing bid submission 22.08.2025. All particulars and any information & Corrigendum if any, will be published in E-Tendering Website i.e. https://wbtender.gov.in website only. ICA- T16845(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.(Roads) TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, South 24 Parganas Highway Division, P.W.(Roads)Dte, invites eNIQ No.05 of 2025-2026. Tender Id :- 2025_SH_887549_1. Bid submission start date 11.08.2025 from 11.00 AM Bid submission end date 19.08.2025 up to 11.00 AM Details of NIQ and tender documents may be downloaded from : https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA- T16873(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-Tender Notice of H&FW Deptt.
NIT No. of DHFWS/APD/CONST/25-26/04 dt. 07/08/25 and Tender IDs (2025_HFW_887294_1 &2025_HFW_887294_2). CMOH, Alipurduar hereby invites E-Tender Notice for "Construction of Protective shed for District Drug Store & Fitting fixing of false ceiling at CMOH Office in the district of Alipurduar." Bid submission closing date : 18/08/25 at 05:00 p.m. Other details may be seen from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.apdhealth.in Sd/- CMOH Alipurduar. ICA- T16814(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Online e-tender is invited by the office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate:-eNIT No: **WBHD/EE/ED-1/eNIT-105/ 2025-26**,Tender id **2025_HSD_888178_1**, Name of work:-"Repair and Renovation of Internal Electrical installation works at Rest Shed, Maheshmati RHE, Malda attached to Berhumpore Electrical Section, Housing Directorate". Bid Submission start date: 06.08.2025 Bid Submission end date: 22.08.2025 upto 12 P.M, Tender Opening Date: 25.08.2025 after 12 P.M, Website-wbtenders.gov.in, Tender Location - Mahesmati, Malda, 732101. Tender details may be obtained from Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate,New Secretariat Building, "B", Block Room No.1 Ground Floor 1,K.S Roy Road, Kolkata700001 on all office days during office hours. ICA- T16849(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice Inviting Tender
Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-673/2025, Dated-04/08/2025
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of Installed Air conditioning units of various departments of Hospital building, OPD building, Academic building, etc. at College of Medicine & Sagore Dutta Hospital, Kamarhati. Last date of submission of bid (online)-22.08.2025 upto 02:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 07.08.2025 at 12:00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA- T16813(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for Procurement of Intra Operative Nerve Monitor for Department of ENT Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata as per details indicated in below: **Sl No. 1. Equipment Name (Qty.):** Intra Operative Nerve Monitor (01). **Bid Ref. No.:** WBMSCL/NIT-681/2025; Dated-05.08.2025. **Last date of submission of online bid** 22.08.2025 upto 05:00 P.M. **Remarks:** 2nd call of Bid Ref. No.: WBMSCL/NIT-539/2025, Dated-23.06.2025. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites **www.wbhealth.gov.in** and **www.wbmsc.gov.in** Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept. ICA- T16816(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. WBSDB/EE/CED-I/NIT-18(e)/2025-26
NIT. No. WBSDB/EE/CED-I/NIeT-18/2025-26, Sl. no. 6, 15 are hereby cancelled due to Administrative reason. Details may be seen from the Notice Board of the office of the EE/CED-I/SDB on working days during office hours or in website https://wbtenders.gov.in / https://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering. Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board ICA- T16828(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
General Manager, District Industries Centre, Paschim Medinipur under the Department of MSME & Textiles, Govt. of West Bengal invites e- tender for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Plant & Machinery to CFC of Daspur-II Steel Fabrication Cluster Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. at Vill & P.O.-Nischintapur P.S.-Daspur Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, vide Tender No. DICPAM/e-NIT/21/2025-26 for which Bid Submission End Date: 25.08.2025 upto 04:00 PM, intending bidders are requested to visit the Website: https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Sd/- General Manager, District Industries Centre, Paschim Medinipur ICA- T16834(3)/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- EOI
Expressions Of Interest (EOI) are invited vide no.: HFW-28014(16)/3/2025-CST SEC-Dept. of H&FW EOI-299 dated:05/08/2025 from NGOs/CBOs for onboarding of 2 separate Care Support Centre (1. Kolkata municipal Corporation Area & 2. Jalpaiguri, Malbazar Sub division, Alipurduar, Cooch Behar) in West Bengal. The details of the said EOI may be viewed available in website: https://wbsapcs.wbhealth.gov.in As well as other amendments & corrigendum also available in above website Sd/- Controller of Finance. ICA- T16822(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT-WBHF/SHTO/NIT-02(2nd Call)/HFW/2025-2026
State Health Transport Organisation (SHTO), Health & FW Department, invites online bids from reputed Firms/Agencies for Providing 30 (Thirty) Drivers for Govt. Ambulances / Emergency Vehicles & 8 Drivers for ALS Ambulances under SHTO, West Bengal for one year from the date of acceptance of the rate. The Tender documents & other details may be viewed on and from 08.08.2025 by opening e-procurement platform https:/wbtenders.gov.in as well as website of this department https://wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Joint Director of Health Services (Transport), West Bengal ICA- T16807(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
1) Bid reference no.- NIT Reference No. :- WBMSCL/NIT-684/2025 Dated –05/08/2025. West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for the work "CMC of the existing STP, WTP, RO Plant and Water Supply System (including consumables, spares etc.) for Diamond Harbour Super Speciality Hospital and Kakdwip Super Speciality Hospital in the district of South 24 parganas for 2 year-2nd call". Last date of submission of bid (online)–21.08.2025 upto 3:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbmsc.gov.in and www.wbtenders.gov.in on 08.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M. request for Clarification, if any, may be sent to cpec@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal. ICA- T16823(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SAMITY (NTEP), HOWRAH
e-TENDER NOTICE
No. CMOH/DHFWS/HOW/1466 Dt: 05/08/2025
E-Tender is hereby invited for supply of various NTEP Laboratory Consumables & Equipment Articles. Online Bid Submission closing date and time: 27.08.2025, 5:00 p.m. For Detail, Please visit: www.healthyhowrah.org & www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health & Secretary District H&F Welfare Samity, Howrah. ICA- T16810(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Re-Tender Notice (2nd Call)
NIT No. JGMCH/MSVP/eNIT-02/2025-26 (2nd Call) Dated, 08/07/2025 & Tender Id: 2025_HFW_875947_2
Re-Tender is invited by the MSVP, JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri from the eligible agency/firm for Food Packet supply at JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri, bid submission closing date 22/08/2025 upto 05:00 pm. The detail tender notice may be seen in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, Jalpaiguri Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jalpaiguri ICA- T16809(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata IT Division, Main Block, Ground Floor, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700001 from the eligible contractors for the following works. 1." Extension of Voice Communication System with updated instruments for Secured & Encrypted Telephone System at State Head Quarter, Nabanna, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Street, Howrah - 711 102 [Job No: KIT/OW/110 of 25-26] " e TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT 104/T/25-26 Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_886428_1. Bid Submission Closing: 19.08.2025 up to 03.00 PM Sd/-Executive Engineer, Kolkata IT Division, PWD ICA- T16878(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref No. : WBIDC/FP-III/ROAD REPAIR/2025/1(2nd call) E-Tender Id-2025_WBIDC_887619_1 West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited (WBIDC) invites proposals from renowned, resourceful, experienced and eligible Contractor for "Repairing and Reconstruction of Existing Road at Food Park-III, Sankrail, Howrah" regarding,. The total Tender Document can be downloaded from the e procurement portal www.wbtenders.gov.in from 05.08.2025. at 17:00 hrs. Companies having experience of executing similar type of jobs may submit their offers after visiting the work site and as per details provided in Tender document within 22.08.2025 before 15:00 hrs. The bids are to be submitted through online to www.wbtenders.gov.in By Order Managing Director, WBIDC ICA- T16844(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM
In reference to e-tender for NIT No. SDB/AGRIL./MS AND PD/NIT – 03(e)/2025-26(Tender ID No. 2025_SAD_882993_1) for 'Supply of 50 % Light Shading Intensity Agro Shade Net(BIS marked) in different Growth Centres under area of activity of Sundarban Development Board', the end date of bid submission will be 26.08.25 at 5 Pm instead of 15.08.25 at 5 PM. The Technical Bid opening date will be 29.08.25 (5 PM). Please follow Corrigendum section at West Bengal Tender Portal (wbtenders.gov.in) for details. Sd/-Dy.D.A; Sundarban Dev. Board ICA- T16843(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
[(N.I.T. No. 267/Jt. MD/WBSTC dated 01.08.2025)]
(A bridged e-Tender)
e-Tender, in prescribed from in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the work : **1.** Selection of agency for sound system, lighting arrangement system, supply of D.G set and Expert operator for operating the D.G., Sound system and light arrangement at M.V. Uttami for KHRC and M.V. Batasi. Tender I.D.: 2025_WBSTC_885592_1 and Tender Ref. No.: WBSTC/JMD/Marine/NIT-13e/25-26. To be Published on 08.08.2025 at 09.00 A.M. Please visit website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Jt. Managing Director, For W.B.S.T.C. Ltd. ICA- T16802(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD e-NIT
Executive Engineer (A-M), Berhampore- I (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Construction of Pump house under Berhampore (A-M) Sub-Division and Repairing and replacement of RCC Pipeline under Lalgola(A-M) Sub-Division under Berhampore-I(AM) Division. e-NIT no: EE(AM)/BER-I/eNIT-06/2025-26 Tender Id-2025_WRDD_888130_1 to 2 Last dropping date is 16.08.2025 up to 2.00 P M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Berhampore I (A-M) Division
ICA- T16854(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Online e-tender is invited by the office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate:-eNIT No: **WBHD/EE/ED-1/eNIT-103/ 2025-26**,Tender id **2025_HSD_888125_1**, Name of work:-"Repair and Renovation of Internal Electrical installation works at Rest Shed, Karnajora RHE, Raiganj, North Dinajpur attached to Berhampore Electrical Section, Housing Directorate". Bid Submission start date: 06.08.2025 Bid Submission end date: 22.08.2025 upto 12 P.M, Tender Opening Date: 25.08.2025 after 12 P.M, Website-wbtenders.gov.in, Tender Location Karnajora RHE, Raiganj, 733134.Tender details may be obtained from Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. I, Housing Directorate, New Secretariat Building, "B", Block Room No.1 Ground Floor 1, K.S Roy Road, Kolkata-700001 on all office days during office hours. ICA- T16847(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn.) Cooch Behar
Notice Inviting e-Tender
No. AGRI/COB/e- NIT- NIT-04/2025-26 Dated 31.07.2025
(https://wbtenders.gov.in)
Procurement rate contract of AMMONIUM MOLYBDATE (Mo-52%)to the O/o the Asst. Director of Agriculture of twelve blocks of Cooch Behar District from the Bonafide Manufacturer / Authorized Agencies / Dealers / Principal Suppliers only. Last date of application for tender papers: 22.08.2025, 6 PM. Details of advertisement will be available at O/o the DDA(Admn.) Cooch Behar ICA- T16837(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Following e-Tenders are invited from bonafide resourceful Contractors: **1.** NIT No. 04/eTENDER/MNN of 2025-26, **2.** NIT No. 05/eTENDER/MNN of 2025-26, Publishing dated :- 08/08/2025. Closing Date :- 01/09/2025. All other details are available at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Uma Rani N, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Monitoring (North) Division. ICA- T16801(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTICE
Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Check Point Operator (CPO) for Setting Up and Operating the Checkpoints Publication of Tender Documents-05.08.2025. Last Date for submission of online and offline bids-20.08.2025. For further details Please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in/mdtcl.wb.gov.in** Contact Address: WBIIDC Building, 3rd Floor, DJ-10, DJ Block, Sector-II, Kolkata-700091. Ph. 033-23590073; Email: **tenderwbmdtcl@gmail.com** Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Government of West Bengal. ICA- T16851(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
WBAGR/SC-JAL/NIT(e)-5/25-26 (Sl. No. 1 to 8), Dt. 31.07.2025
(https://wbtenders.gov.in & https://jalpaiguri.gov.in)
E-tender is hereby invited in a percentage of rate basis for execution of works(organic input production unit) under the scheme RAD CC 2025-26, in different Clusters of Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri and Siliguri. Last date of submission of tender paper is 06.09.2025 up to 15:00 hours. For details, Date change and Corrigendum, if any, visit the site or Office of the Asstt. DA (Admn), Soil Conservation, Jalpaiguri 735101 ICA- T16838(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIT NO-DCH/2734 DATED 04.08.2025
Tenders are invited by the Principal of Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata, from reputed Firms for "SECURITY SERVICES" (2nd call) vide NIT NO: DCH/2734 dated 04.08.2025. Details will be available in www.wbtenders.gov.in on 12.08.2025. Sd/- Principal, Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College & Hospital, Kolkata ICA- T16808(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Corrigendum No. 01
NIeT No. 12/B.Ar.D. of 2025-26 is invited by the EE, B.Ar.D, PHE Dte. Details information about the tender will be available in the website - www.wbtenders.gov.in as well as in the office notice board. Sd/- EE, B.Ar.D, PHE Dte. ICA- T16914(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata for Procurement of SMD LED based Shoulder Light for the use of Traffic Department of Kolkata Police. The last date for submission of the tender is on 22.08.2025 up to 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website:www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata ICA- T16841(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BANKURA DIVISION, P.H.E. DTE.
RABINDRA SARANI (NEAR JAIL ROAD) DISTRICT BANKURA, PIN-722101
e-TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.H.Engg. Dte. for the works under NIET No- 19/BQA of 2025-2026 of EE/BQA, PHE Dte). (Circulated Memo No 1727/BQA dt.-05.08.2025). Document download Start date (online) 07.08.2025 at 11:30 A.M. Document download closing date (online) 12.09.2025 at 05:00 P.M. Details information will be available from Office Notice board & website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T16856(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online tender is invited by the undersigned for the works: "Annual Comprehensive, Preventive & Corrective Maintenance contract of different type AC machines of East Block and North Block at the Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91". Tender No: WBPWD/EE/BED/e-NIQ-55/2025-26 & e-Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD_887466_1. Document Download Closing Date: 01.09.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Details may be downloaded from etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Bidhannagar Electrical Division. ICA- T16877(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, Tender Notice is invited by the Member Secretary & Chief Medical Officer of Health, DH & FWS, Jhargram, Pin-721507 for the work New Construction of Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) Two storied (G+1) building under XV FC HG in FY 2025-26 at Kharikamathani RH, Nayagram Block, Jhargram District & New Construction of Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) Two storied (G+1) building under XV FC HG in FY 2025-26 at Gopiballavpur RH, Gopiballavpur-I Block, Jhargram District for eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. **Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-NIT No.- eNIT-09/2025-2026 (1st Call), 25/08/2025 at 02.00 P.M. Tender ID- 2025_HFW_886350_1 & 2025_HFW_886350_2.** For Detail, Please visit the website: **https://www.wbhealth.gov.in** & **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health, Jhargram. ICA- T16804(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Midnapore Highway Division, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur- 721101, invites online e-NIT-07 of 2025-26 for the work Construction of concrete road from Kalachak Allaudin house to Kalachak SSK house under Changual GP, Block - Kharagpur - II in the district of Paschim Medinipur. Estimated cost:-4870617.00, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_888001_1. Bid submission start date (online) 11.08.2025 at 9:00 A.M. Bid submission end date (online) 27.08.2025 at 2:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in the website. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & office Notice Board. Sd/- EE/MHD, P.W.(Roads) Dte. ICA- T16888(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
General Manager, District Industries Centre, Paschim Medinipur under the Department of MSME & Textiles, Govt. of West Bengal invites e- tender for Supply and Installation of Tool kits & Machinery at the Ruinan Mat Hub of Ruinan Mat Hub Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd., Vill & P.O.- Ruinan P.S.-Sabang, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur vide Tender No. DICPAM/e-NIT/20/2025-26 for which Bid Submission End Date: 18.08.2025 upto 04:00 PM, intending bidders are requested to visit the Website: https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Sd/- General Manager, District Industries Centre, Paschim Medinipur ICA- T16833(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No:- WBPHED/EE/MSD/ NIeT/ 09/2025-2026. e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, PHE Dte., from reputed, bonafide & financially sound agencies having experience in similar nature of works like Repair and Renovation of office buildings, Jahnnabi Guest House, Refilling of sand & gravel layer after washing along with AIRP &Modification of Laying Distribution System for water supply to Nursing Quarter jangipur SD Hospital, Construction of approach road, Drain, Electrical Work Kandi office ,under Murshidabad Division, PHE Dte. Last Bid proposal submission end date is on 27/08/2025 upto 02.00 P.M. For details, please visit the website : www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer Murshidabad Division P.H. Engineering Dte. ICA- T16905(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Dakshin Dinajpur Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites online NIeQ No.-04 of 2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_SH_887978_1. Bid submission start date (online): 06.08.2025 from 18:00 hrs Bid Submission closing date (Online): 26.08.2025 up to 17:30 hrs Corrigendum if any will be published in website only Details of N.I.e.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer Dakshin Dinajpur Highway Division Public Works(Roads) Directorate ICA- T16887(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online NIeT is invited by the EE, BNWD, P.W.Dte., vide Tender No. WBPWD/EE/BNWD/NIeT-10e/25-26 for 4 (four) nos. work of "1) Construction of University Main Gate at the WBNUJS at Salt Lake, 2) Repair and painting work of (G+1) Bank Building outside at WBNUJS, 3) Repair & renovation of damaged areas of Toilet Block and some allied works inside and outside of Library Building (in stretches) at NSATI, Salt Lake 4) Resinking of 1(one) number 150mmx250mm deep tubewell by rotary rig boring system and supply and installation of 5 HP submersible pump motor set at WBNUJS." Estimated Amount put to Tender Rs. 17,62,786/-, Rs. 11,94,548/-, Rs. 9,46,555/- & Rs. 8,51,377/- (T/ID: 2025_WBPWD_887733_1-4). Bid proposal submission start date & time (Online)- 13/08/2025 from 18.55 P.M. Bid proposal Submission end date & time (Online)- 25/08/2025 upto 02.00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in and this Office notice board. Sd/- EE, PWD, BNWD. ICA- T16871(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Exe. Engineer, Mal. Bwn Div, PHE Dte. On behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. Niet No. 28 of EE/MD of 2025-

New sports complex opens in Sukhdev Vihar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority's newly constructed mini sports complex in southeast Delhi's Sukhdev Vihar was opened to the general public on Thursday. It was inaugurated by lieutenant governor VK Saxena.

The facility, accessible on a pay-and-play basis, spans an area of 7,552.6 sqm and is equipped with outdoor games like badminton, lawn tennis, cricket practice pitch, pickleball, a children's park and a jogging track.

"The facility can be used by the people living in neighbouring areas and we are expecting a huge footfall in the coming days, considering there are no specialised sports facility here," said an official.

Saxena said that the public, especially the youth, should use the facilities provided by DDA and keep them well maintained. "In line with the vision of the Prime Minister to provide ease of living and promote a healthy lifestyle, DDA's mini sports complex has been set up. Since taking charge in May 2022 as LG, I ensured that the people of Delhi get adequate sports facilities as it is very important for our mental and physical well-being. I am happy to dedicate this facility to the residents of Delhi, particularly people living around this area," he said.

LG recently inaugurated the first centre of excellence in sports at Dwarka Sector-8. Work is in progress at two such centres at Sector-23, Dwarka, where dedicated coaching for football and hockey will be provided and Sector 19, where tennis and shooting sports facilities will be provided.

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NOTICE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

FORTY- EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (POST-IPO) AND INFORMATION ON E-VOTING

Notice calling the Forty-eighth Annual General Meeting (Post-IPO) (**"AGM"**) of the Company, scheduled to be held in compliance with applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Securities and Exchange Board of India, through Video Conferencing (**"VC"**) / Other Audio Visual Means (**"OAVM"**) on **Friday, August 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (IST)**, and the standalone and consolidated audited financial statement for the financial year 2024-25, along with Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, have been sent on **August 07, 2025**, electronically, to the members of the Company. Further, a letter providing the web-link, including the exact path, where the Annual Report and the Notice of the AGM for the financial year 2024-25 is available, is being sent to those members whose e-mail address is not registered with the Company / KFin Technologies Limited (**"KFinTech"**), Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent / Depository Participant(s) / Depositories. The Notice of AGM and the aforesaid documents are available on the Company's website at **www.ril.com** and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (**"NSE"**) at **www.bseindia.com** and **www.nseindia.com**, respectively, and on the website of **KFinTech**, at **https://evoting.kfintech.com**.

The documents referred to in the Notice of the AGM are available electronically for inspection by the members from the date of circulation of the Notice of the AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an e-mail to **rilagm@ril.com** mentioning his / her / its folio number / DP ID and Client ID.

Remote e-voting and e-voting during AGM:

The Company is providing to its members, facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be passed at AGM by electronic means (**"e-voting"**). Members may cast their votes remotely on the dates mentioned herein below (**"remote e-voting"**). The Company has engaged the services of KFinTech as the agency to provide e-voting facility.

Information and instructions comprising manner of voting, including voting remotely by members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM. The manner in which (a) persons who become members of the Company after despatch of the Notice of the AGM and holding shares as on the Cut-off Date (mentioned herein); (b) members who have forgotten the User ID and Password, can obtain / generate the User ID and Password, has also been provided in the Notice of the AGM.

The remote e-voting facility will be available during the following voting period:

Commencement of remote e-voting : **1:00 p.m. IST on Sunday, August 24, 2025**
End of remote e-voting : **5:00 p.m. IST on Thursday, August 28, 2025**

The remote e-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the remote e-voting module shall be forthwith disabled by KFinTech upon expiry of the aforesaid period.

Members attending the AGM who have not cast vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote electronically (**"Insta Poll"**) at the AGM.

Only a person, whose name is recorded as on the Cut-off Date, i.e., Friday, August 22, 2025, in the register of members / register of beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting through Insta Poll.

Manner of registering / updating e-mail address:

a) Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address with the Company, are requested to register / update their e-mail address by submitting Form ISR-1 (available on the website of the Company at **www.ril.com**) duly filled and signed along with requisite supporting documents to KFinTech at Unit: Reliance Industries Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500 032.

b) Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address with their Depository Participant(s), are requested to register / update their e-mail address with the Depository Participant(s) where they maintain their demat accounts.

In case of any query pertaining to e-voting, members may refer to the "Help" and "FAQs" sections / E-voting user manual available through a dropdown menu in the "Downloads" section of KFinTech's website for e-voting: **https://evoting.kfintech.com**.

Members are requested to note the following contact details for addressing queries / grievances relating to e-voting, if any:

Shri V. Balakrishnan, Vice President
KFin Technologies Limited
Unit: Reliance Industries Limited
Selenium Tower B, Plot 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500 032
E-mail: **evoting.ril@kfintech.com**
Toll-free No. 1800 309 4001 (from 9:00 a.m. (IST) to 6:00 p.m. (IST) on all working days)

Joining the AGM through VC / OAVM:

Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM, through JioEvents, at https://jioevents.jio.com/rilagm. The information about login credentials to be used and the steps to be followed for attending the AGM are explained in Note no. 9 of the Notice of AGM. Members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again at the AGM.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Dated : August 8, 2025

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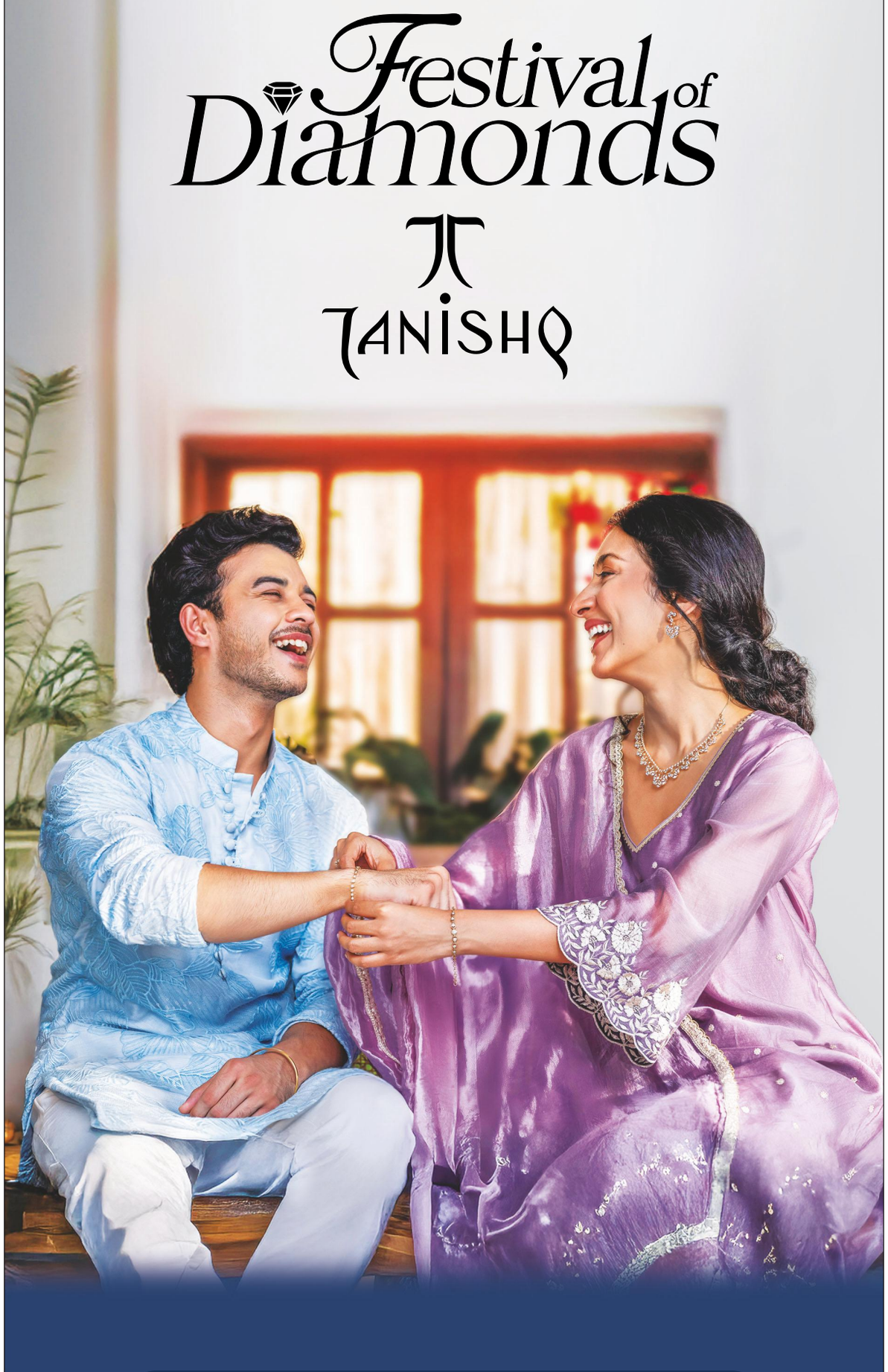
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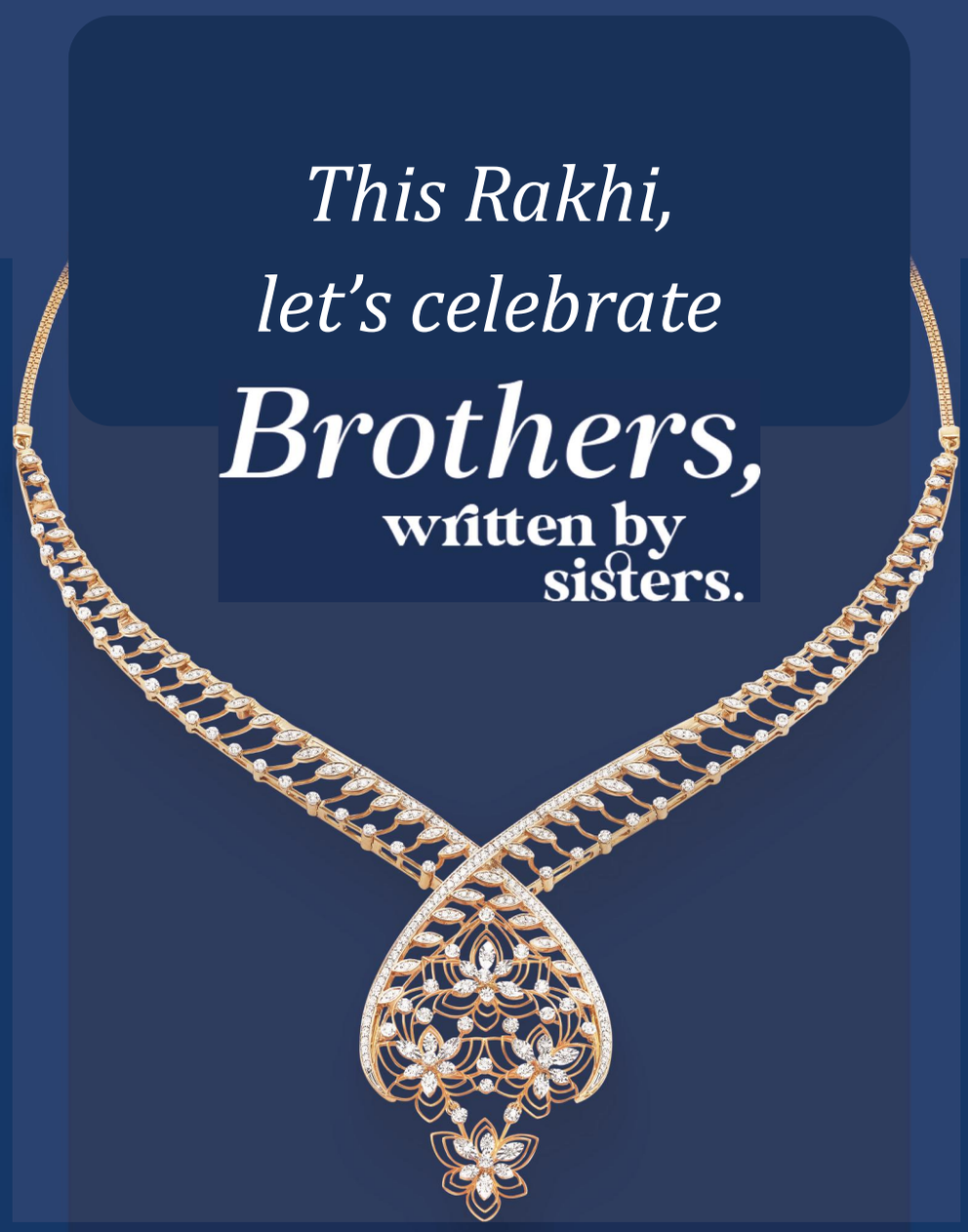
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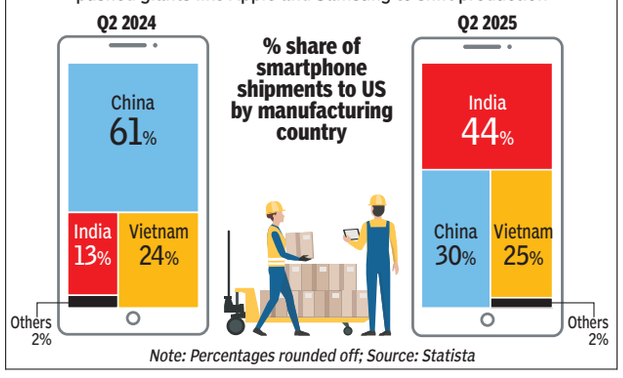
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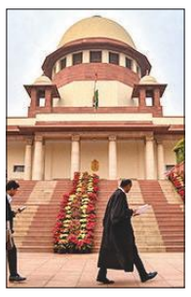
India has overtaken China as the top smartphone supplier to the US, shipping 44% in the second quarter of 2025 — up from 13% a year earlier. Geopolitical tensions and uncertainty of Trump's tariffs pushed giants like Apple and Samsung to shift production



Note: Percentages rounded off; Source: Statista

ED need not act like crook while probing crooks: SC

'Agency Must Operate Within Four Walls Of Rule Of Law'



When an affluent or influential person is proceeded against, he engages a battery of lawyers, who flood the court with applications. The judge gets mired in disposing of the applications and gets little time to focus on conducting the trial in the main case, the ASG said

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New Delhi: Supreme Court Thursday said Enforcement Directorate need not behave like a crook while investigating crooks under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), and that it must operate within the four walls of the rule of law and established procedure.

This oral observation came from a bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and N K Singh, which was hearing petitions seeking review of SC's 2023 judgment in the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary case where the apex court upheld the broad powers ED enjoyed under PMLA.

Additional solicitor general S V Raju requested the court to examine whether the review petitioners have pointed out even a single "error apparent on the face of the judgment" to cross the "maintainability" threshhold.

Justice Kant chanced upon a miscellaneous application (MA) filed by a person, facing ED probe, seeking to join the review proceedings. "What is this procedure of filing MAs two years after judgment was pronounced? The practice of waiting for judges, who delivered the judgment, to retire to file such an application is deplorable and amounts to forum shopping," he said.

Taking a cue, Raju said these are influential and powerful people with huge money bags and they can resort to any tactics. This triggered Justice Bhuyan, who said, "The crooks under investigation can resort to any tactics, but ED cannot behave like a crook. It has to investigate cases in accordance with law and the procedure laid down."

Justice Bhuyan also flagged the low conviction rate in PMLA cases filed by ED. "I have observed in one of my judgments that ED has registered more than 5,000 ECIRs in the last five years but the rate of conviction is less than 10%. Even the minister admitted this in Parliament," he said.

Raju, however, defended ED. "When an affluent or influential person is proceeded against, he engages a battery of lawyers, who flood the trial court with applications. The trial judge gets mired in disposing of the applications and gets little time to focus on conducting the trial in the main case," he said.

Justice Kant said, "We are equally concerned about ED's image. You must improve your method of investigation and improve the rate of conviction. Why can't the govt set up fast-track special courts to conduct day-to-day trial of PMLA cases? Then the battery of lawyers would know that their delaying tactics would not work," he said.

The bench then drifted towards the increasing possibility of cryptocurrency for money laundering. "We are not saying ban cryptocurrency. But there should be some regulation. Indian currency is also under certain regulations. Why can't crypto be subjected to regulations," it said.

80-yr-old loses ₹9cr in cyber seduction by 'four women'

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ONLINE LOVE TRAP

Mumbai: A senior citizen fell for a cyber seduction ploy and lost nearly Rs 9 crore over 21 months to "four women". Cyber police have filed an FIR and will investigate whether the accused were separate individuals or one person.

The 80-year-old complainant lives in Mumbai with his son and daughter-in-law. In April 2023, the complainant sent a friendship request to a woman named Sharvi on Facebook. The two did not know each other and she rejected his request. But a few days later, Sharvi sent him back a request and he accepted it. The two started to chat online and later exchanged WhatsApp numbers. Sharvi said she had separated from her husband and lived with her children. She gradually started to demand money from him, claiming her kids were sick. The complainant gave her money.

After some time passed, another woman named Kavita reached out to the complainant on WhatsApp. She gave him Sharvi's reference and expressed an interest in befriending him. Kavita would send him sexually explicit texts and also demand money for treating her ailing children.

Meanwhile, in Dec 2023, he started to receive texts from an international number, from a woman named Dinaz. She claimed to be Sharvi's sister and said Sharvi had passed away. Dinaz told the complainant Sharvi wanted him to foot her hospital bills before she died. Dinaz shared screenshots of a purported WhatsApp conversation between her and Sharvi before her death. She too took money from him. But when the complainant asked her to repay, she said she had no money left and threatened to end her life.

Another woman named Jasmine reached out to the complainant claiming to be a friend of Dinaz and requested him for help. The complainant paid Jasmine too.

When he ran out of funds, the complainant borrowed Rs 2 lakh from his daughter-in-law to pay the women. Between April 2023 and Jan 2025, the complainant paid Rs 8.7 crore collectively to the four women in 734 transactions. As the demands continued, he asked his son for Rs 5 lakh.

His son asked him what was going on. After the man narrated everything, his son told him he had been duped. The senior citizen took ill and had to be hospitalised. Doctors diagnosed him with dementia. On July 22, the senior citizen contacted the cyber police helpline '1930'. An FIR was registered by the central cyber police on Aug 6.

Crippled Maniki's 6-day walk sparks outrage in Assam

Rajib Dutta | TNN

Dibrugarh: Elephants ambling down highways in eastern Assam isn't rare. But Maniki's march was unmissable. She was limping — a mahout on her back, her shattered foreleg folding with every step. The pain was visible. Someone recorded it. The truth exploded online.

Maniki, 48, was being forced to walk from Kakopathar in Tinsukia district to Dibrugarh for medical care — 95km away, and a slow, brutal slog. Six days of hobbling. Just 36km covered. Her legs gave in. Her story didn't.



Maniki's left foreleg was crushed in a logging accident two years ago and never healed

The video sparked public outrage across Assam, pushing authorities into action Thursday. Forest personnel, veterinarians, activists, and district officials reached Makum, a midway town, where resident Krishna Majhi had offered her shelter Wednesday.

First aid was administered. A three-day rest ordered. A truck arranged to transport her to either Kaziranga national park or Guwahati for advanced treatment.

Her left foreleg was crushed in a logging accident two years ago in Arunachal Pradesh. It never healed. Her condition recently worsened, prompting the desperate — and disastrous — journey.

"The owner's disregard for guidelines is inexcusable," said a forest officer. "We've ensured proper transport and medical support. Legal action will follow investigations."

Maniki's owner Ruchi Chetia had ignored forest department directives to shift her by vehicle. Instead, she was made to limp through the heat and pain, bearing the weight of both injury and neglect.

Wildlife activists condemned the act as cruelty. "Making an injured elephant walk such a distance is cruelty. The owner must face consequences," said activist Niranta Gohain.

Maniki's limp became a rallying cry — for compassion, accountability, and an end to the quiet suffering of animals too large to ignore.

HC rejects Bengal quota policy, hirings under cloud

Subrata Chattoraj & Srishti Lakhotia | TNN

Kolkata: All recruitment and admission processes across Bengal face uncertainty after Calcutta HC directed state's joint entrance board to redraw merit list for PG medical and allied science courses, rejecting the govt's new OBC reservation policy. Govt fears Thursday's ruling could set a precedent that derails multiple processes already underway.

Justice Kausik Chanda asked West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination Board (WBJEE) to "recast and publish" the merit list within 15 days. HC said in a 12-page order only 7% reservation should be applied for 66 OBC categories recognised by state's backward classes department before 2010.

HC said the state's revised OBC reservation policy — made effective from June 10 — could not be applied to an exam held on April 27. "It is wholly beyond comprehension... It can, at best, have prospective effect even assuming the policy is eventually upheld or allowed to operate," the judge wrote. He termed the policy's application "clearly erroneous and unsustainable", a "clear violation" of a May 21 court order.

HC directed WBJEE registrar and a senior education department official to submit a compliance report during the next hearing. The order was also sent to the state chief secretary to alert all govt departments. Justice Chanda also ruled that SC's July 18 observations did not "revive or validate the OBC-A and OBC-B certificates that were cancelled" by a HC division bench in May 2024.

ESCAPE FROM DHARALI

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An elderly citizen evacuated from Dharali arrives at ITBP's Matli helipad in Uttarkashi on Thursday | **Related reports, P 15**

Criticism of order castigating HC judge spurs SC to re-hear case it had disposed of

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New Delhi: After scathingly criticising an Allahabad HC judge's poor knowledge in criminal law and permanently de-rostering him from criminal cases, Supreme Court Thursday decided to re-hear the case following strong criticism of its order that encroached upon the HC chief justice's prerogative of preparing the roster for allotment of cases to judges.

CJI B R Gavai and most senior judges had immediately taken cognisance of the issue and expressed serious reservation over the tone and tenor of the Aug 4 order of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan against the HC judge as also the apparent violation of SC's consistent ruling that an HC chief justice is the master of the roster with exclusive and non-justiciable powers to constitute benches as well as allot work to judges.

The CJI, after discussing the issue with his colleagues, had met Justice Pardiwala and convinced him that the order required rectification as far as the diatribe against the HC judge and de-rostering him were concerned.

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SC judges take exception to order against HC judge

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Aug 7, 2025

Sources said that after discussion with the CJI, Justice Pardiwala, who would be CJI for two years and three months from May 3, 2028, directed the registry to re-list the case 'Sikhar Chemicals vs Uttar Pradesh' for hearing. The case was disposed of on Aug 4 and the SC website does not specify why the matter is re-listed for hearing on Friday.

On Aug 4, Justices Pardiwala and Mahadevan had ordered the Allahabad HC chief justice to "immediately withdraw the present criminal determination from the judge concerned" and "make the judge sit in a division bench with a seasoned senior judge". It also said, "We further direct that the judge concerned shall not be assigned any criminal determination, till he demits office." Coming down hard on the judge , the bench had said, "The judge concerned has not only cut a sorry figure for himself but has made a mockery of justice. We are at our wits' end to understand what is wrong with the Indian judiciary at the level of HC."

Allahabad HC judges to CJI: 'Shocked and pained' by order against colleague

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A letter sent by 13 Allahabad HC judges to CJ says, "I being a judge of Allahabad HC and part of the institution, extended to the judiciary, was shocked and pained by the order dated Aug 4 of SC, wherein the stands mentioned the name of my colleague and, inter alia, administrative directions to you regarding assignment of nomination to be given to the learned judge".

Shots fired at Kapil Sharma's restaurant in Canada again

New Delhi: Comedian Kapil Sharma's cafe in Canada came under attack yet again as unidentified gunmen fired shots at the restaurant in Surrey early Thursday, reports **Rajshekhar Jha**. This was the second shooting at Kap's Cafe within a month. Around 9-10 shots were fired at the restaurant, of which at least six hit its walls and windows. Nobody was injured.

Residents of the area called police around 4.30am on hearing gunshots, prompting dispatch of several units. A social media post — whose authenticity is not verified — surfaced after the shooting in which Goldy Dhillon, an aide of Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Indian agencies are verifying the authenticity of the post which says the gangsters had called Sharma, but as he didn't answer they had to act. The post threatens that the gang's next operation will be in Mumbai.

Earlier on July 9, shots were fired at Kap's Cafe by a shooter who was wearing a body-camera and filming the shooting. Germany-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Harjeet Singh Laddi had claimed responsibility for the attack.

'Khalistan' plaque allowed to be displayed at UK gurdwara

London: The Charity Commission has ruled that a gurdwara in Britain may keep plaques bearing the word "Khalistan", reports **Naomi Canton**.

The commission, which regulates UK places of worship, had opened a regulatory compliance case regarding Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough in 2019 after an Indian journalist saw a large "Khalistan board" inside and filed a complaint. Advocating for any political party or state is in breach of the commission's guidance.

The commission in Dec 2024 gave trustees an ultimatum to remove the plaques by March 10, 2025. They were never removed. The ultimatum triggered a meeting with Sikh organisations, and three Sikh MPs — Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, Preet Kaur Gill and Jas Athwal — met top officials at the commission to help resolve the situation.

The commission has said the plaques can stay as it has decided "Khalistan" has both an important religious meaning, and to some, a political meaning. As boards at gurdwaras do not contain material advocating for a political state, it concluded the charity is acting within its religious objectives.

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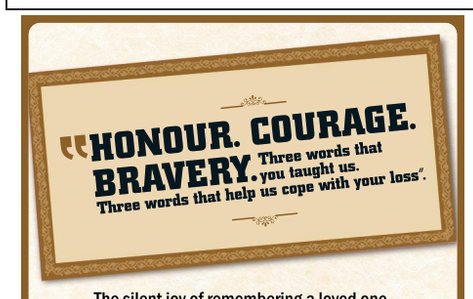
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71-yr-old with 2 eye surgeries, rods in legs acquitted in stalking case

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Mumbai: Observing it is difficult to believe a 71-year-old man could wink when he had two eye surgeries and make sexual gestures while struggling to climb five flights of stairs due to rods in his legs, a special Pocso court last week acquitted him of charges of sexual abuse and harassing his nine-year-old neighbour in 2018.

The building has no lift. "With rods in his legs, the man used to climb the five-floor building with difficulty. He underwent eye surgery twice. When it is so, it is difficult to believe that he was winking and making sexual gestures while climbing the stairs to a nine-year-old girl, who was of the age of his granddaughter. It is possibly a wrong perception of the girl, rather than the reality," special judge Satyanarayan R Navander said. The accused, who is now aged 78, was out on bail.

The judge also found it suspicious no other residents of the building had witnessed the alleged stalking or misbehaviour during the nine-month period. "The accused must have uttered some words addressing the girl, indicating his intention. However, the prosecution has no such details. The evidence of conduct and behaviour of the accused from the building residents should have been secured by the investigating officer. Even the girl's mother does not say that she saw the accused misbehaving with her daughter at any point in time," the judge said.

MAHA POCSO CASE

The case stemmed from an FIR registered on Sept 7, 2018. The nine-year-old girl complained that on Jan 16, 2018, she went to her neighbour's house for his granddaughter's birthday. On the pretext of feeding her cake, she claimed he touched her inappropriately, a detail she added during her court testimony; it was not in her initial police statement. The girl also alleged that the accused would wink at her and make indecent gestures, particularly when he met her on the staircase and when she would go to his house. On Sept 3, 2018, at 6pm, when the girl was sweeping the floor outside her flat door, the accused allegedly winked at her. She started crying and narrated the incident to her parents. Her father confronted the neighbour, but he denied the allegations. The girl's mother then filed a police complaint.

However, the judge noted several inconsistencies in the prosecution's case. The girl claimed her friend and father were present at the birthday party on Jan 16, 2018, but neither was called as a witness. "...It is found unsafe to rely upon the evidence of the sole witness, the girl," the judge said, adding that there was also a nine-month delay between the alleged incident and filing of complaint.

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HC stays Punjab land-pooling policy till Sept 10

Earlier, Govt Refused To Withdraw It

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Farmers protest against the land pooling policy in Amritsar

Chandigarh: In a setback to the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP govt, Punjab and Haryana HC on Thursday stayed Punjab's much-publicised Land Pooling Policy, 2025, under which govt planned to collect thousands of acres for developing residential and industrial zones.

"We are staying the policy till the next date of hearing," a division bench headed by Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal verbally observed. The bench passed the order after the state refused to withdraw the policy. A copy of the order, however, was not available till the filing of this report. With this, the policy will be stayed till Sept 10, when the case has been fixed for further hearing.

The division bench, also comprising Justice Deepak Manchanda, passed the order while hearing a petition filed by Gurdeep Singh, 72, of Ludhiana district.

Punjab govt tried to defend the policy on the grounds that it was voluntary and aimed at curbing illegal colonies. The bench, however, expressed concern over non-availability of provisions regarding farmers, village artisans and landowners who would potentially lose their land. On Wednesday, the bench questioned the state for not conducting a compulsory Social Impact Assessment before notifying the policy.

The petitioner seeks directions to quash the notification, dated June 4, along with the Land Pooling Policy, 2025, arguing that it is ultra vires an act of "colourable legislation" and violates Fundamental Rights.

According to the plea, the policy includes the petitioner's land without following the mandatory procedure under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (LARR) Act, 2013. Further, there are no enabling provisions under LARR, 2013, to frame or implement such a pooling scheme. Instead, the competent statutory framework for such urban development and land pooling in Punjab is the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, 1995, which has been arbitrarily bypassed, says the petition.

4 boys, aged 14-16, mowed down by truck during morning exercise

Nagpur: Four boys aged between 14 and 16 were killed Thursday and two others critically injured in a horrific hit-and-run accident involving a truck on a Gadchiroli highway, triggering outrage over reckless driving, reports **Soumitra Bose**.

All victims from the Maoist-hit Maharashtra district aspired to join police and were engaged in routine morning exercises when the speeding truck mowed them down around 5.15am near Katli village on Armori-Gadchiroli highway.

CM Devendra Fadnavis announced compensation of Rs 4 lakh for the kin of each deceased victim. He promised that govt would bear the medical expenses of the injured.

"Stringent non-bailable charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder have been invoked against the driver," Gadchiroli SP Neelotpal added.

Pre-Onam heist: Coconut oil stolen, cash left untouched

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LIQUID GOLD

Kochi: In a throwback to the 2007 Malappuram gold heist, where burglars famously drilled through the floor of Kerala Gramin Bank to steal 80kg of gold, a thief in Aluva recently tried the same tactic — this time, to steal coconut oil. Though the digging attempt failed, he still managed to escape with 30 litres of oil.

With cooking oil prices soaring ahead of Onam later this month, coconut oil is being treated almost like a luxury item & grocery stores have started locking it up like treasure. In recent weeks, the price of coconut oil in Kerala has nearly doubled from around Rs 260 to over Rs 500 a litre.

When grocery store owner Ayoob Puthanpurayil arrived at his shop in Ernakulam on Sunday, he found it ransacked. Thirty one-litre bottles of virgin coconut oil, priced at Rs 600 each, were missing, along with a few packs of gingelly oil, apples, and milk.

"There was Rs 5,000 in the register and even a charity box — both untouched," he said. "The real loss was oil. It was worth three times more."

The thief had tried to dig in through the sand behind the shop — a floor-level break-in attempt reminiscent of the Malappuram heist — but was thwarted by a plywood sheet installed to block rats. He eventually broke in through a narrow back door, likely limiting how much he could carry.

"He must have worked for hours in low light to get that far," Puthanpurayil said. The shop was locked on three sides, one out of view from the road.

Evidence showed the thief lingered inside. Curd packets were opened and partly eaten; empty water bottles lay scattered. Puthanpurayil said it was the fourth such attempt in the area. Though he had CCTV footage, he didn't pursue a case as police kept citing procedures. Police said no formal complaint was filed.

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viii. ई–लॉटरी में सफल विजेता को दिनांक 29.08.2025 तक प्रस्तावित दुकान परिसर के लिए आपत्ति रहित स्थल का पूर्ण विवरण संबंधित जिला उत्पाद कार्यालय में उपलब्ध कराना होगा।

ix. ई–लॉटरी में सफल विजेता को दिनांक 29.08.2025 तक अग्रिम उत्पाद परिवहन कर (**ETD**) की राशि जमा करनी होगी।

2. बिक्री अधिसूचना की शर्तें, जिलावार खुदरा उत्पाद दुकान/दुकानों के समूह की विवरणी, आवेदन प्रपत्र, ई–लॉटरी हेतु आवेदन समर्पित करने की प्रक्रिया, शपथ पत्र इत्यादि का विहित प्रारूप सभी जिला उत्पाद कार्यालय, विभागीय वेबसाइट **https://excise.jharkhand.gov.in** एवं **https://exciselottery.jharkhand.gov.in** पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

3. ई–लॉटरी हेतु आवेदन समर्पित करने में किसी प्रकार की कठिनाई के निराकरण हेतु विभागीय स्तर पर Helpdesk का गठन किया गया है, जिसका मोबाईल संख्या– 9430321831 (सामान्य कॉल), 9508065730 (Whatsapp मैसेज) एवं ई–मेल आईडी– **excise.jhr@gmail.com** है। उक्त मोबाइल संख्या प्रत्येक दिन के पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न 06:00 बजे तक क्रियाशील रहेगी। सभी जिला उत्पाद कार्यालयों के स्तर पर भी एक Helpdesk का गठन किया जायेगा, जिसकी विवरणी संबंधित जिला के NIC वेबसाईट तथा उत्पाद कार्यालय में उपलब्ध रहेगी ।

4. खुदरा उत्पाद दुकानों के अनुज्ञप्तियों की बंदोबस्ती हेतु आवेदन प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं ई–लॉटरी की तिथि में परिवर्तन करने का एकाधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।

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RECRUITMENT OF TEACHING FACULTY (Minimum for 1 Yr upto 05 year)/ SUPER SPECIALISTS (1 Yr)/ SENIOR RESIDENTS (3 Yrs)/Adjunct Faculty ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN THROUGH WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Date of Interview:- 14.08.2025* **Mode of Interview:- OFFLINE**
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ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Alwar, Rajasthan proposes to fill up the posts of medical teaching faculty - **Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Super Specialists, Senior Residents, Adjunct Faculty** in the disciplines mentioned below **on contractual basis** through **interview**. The details of vacancies and reservation position is as under :-

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Specialty	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	Senior Resident 3Yrs	Senior Resident against GDMO (3Yrs)
Anesthesia	-	01-UR	03(01-UR, 01-OBC,01-ST)	01-OBC	03(01-OBC,01-SC,01-EWS)
Anatomy	-	01-UR	02(01-UR, 01-ST)	02-UR	-
Biochemistry	01-UR	01-UR	-	02(01-UR, 01-SC)	-
Community Medicine	01-OBC	02(01-UR, 01-ST)	03(01-UR, 01-OBC, 01-SC)	02(01-OBC,01-SC)	-
Dentistry	-	-	-	-	-
Dermatology	-	01-UR	01-SC	-	01-SC
Emergency Medicine	01-SC	01-OBC	01-SC	-	-
ENT	01-ST	01-EWS	-	-	-
Forensic Medicine	01-UR	01-SC	01-OBC	02(01-UR, 01-OBC)	-
General Medicine	01-UR	03(01-UR, 01-OBC, 01-SC)	02(01-OBC, 01-EWS)	01-OBC	-
General Surgery	01-OBC	03(01-UR, 01-ST, 01-EWS)	03(01-UR, 01-OBC, 01-SC)	01-SC	-
Microbiology	01-EWS	01-UR	02(01-OBC, 01-EWS)	01-ST	-
OBGY	-	01-UR	-	01-SC	-
Ophthalmology	01-UR	01-OBC	-	-	-
Orthopedics	01-OBC	01-UR	01-EWS	01-EWS	02(01-UR, 01-ST)
Pediatrics	-	-	02(01-UR, 01-OBC)	-	-
Pathology	01-SC	02(01-UR, 01-SC)	01-SC	03(01-UR, 01-OBC,01-ST)	-
Pharmacology	01-UR	01-OBC	02(01-UR, 01-OBC)	03(01-UR,01-OBC,01-SC)	-
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	01-UR	01-UR	01-OBC	01-EWS	-
Physiology	01-UR	-	01-EWS	01-UR	-
Psychiatry	-	01-OBC	-	-	-
Radio-diagnosis	01-UR	01-UR	01-OBC	01-EWS	-
Respiratory Medicine	-	01-OBC	01-SC	-	01-OBC
Total	15(08-UR, 03-OBC, 02-SC, 01-ST, 01-EWS)	26(13-UR, 06-OBC, 03-SC, 02-ST, 02-EWS)	28(06-UR, 10-OBC, 06-SC, 02-ST, 04-EWS)	23(07-UR, 06-OBC, 05-SC, 02-ST, 03-EWS)	07(01-UR, 02-OBC, 02-SC, 01-ST, 01-EWS)

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- Consolidated EBITDA (as % of sales) 19.91%
- Standalone PBT ↑ + 61.67%



Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 30th June, 2025

(Rupees in INR lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	CONSOLIDATED			
		Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year ended
		30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	31,005	32,929	28,929	119,861
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4,500	4,835	3,309	16,522
3	Exceptional items - (loss) / gains (net)	-	(4,762)	-	(5,189)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4,500	73	3,309	11,333
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3,281	(134)	2,562	8,232
6	Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	3,438	(417)	2,755	8,537
7	Paid up Equity share capital (par value Rs 2/- each, fully paid)	1,938	1,938	1,938	1,938
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as per Balance sheet				
9	Earnings per share (before and after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 2/- each)				
	Basic (Before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	3.31	3.33	2.57	12.19
	Diluted (Before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	3.31	3.33	2.57	12.19
	Basic (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	3.31	(0.21)	2.57	8.20
	Diluted (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	3.31	(0.21)	2.57	8.20

* Not annualized

S.No.	Particulars	STANDALONE			
		Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year ended
		30.06.2025	31.03.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	27,856	29,494	25,335	107,752
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3,623	4,295	2,241	13,172
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,639	(511)	1,755	5,868

The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 07 August 2025.

The results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) notified under the Companies (Ind AS) Rules, 2015 prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2025 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results are available on the websites of BSE http://www.bseindia.com, NSE http://www.nseindia.com and also on Company's website at http://www.nrbbearings.com/

Place : Mumbai
Date : 07.08.2025

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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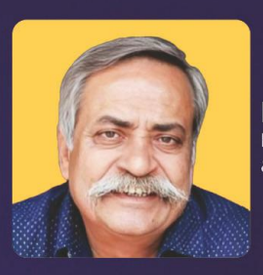
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Dates for Putin's India visit 'almost' finalised, says Doval

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File photo of PM Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Brics Summit in Kazan, Russia, in Oct 2024

India and Russia have "almost" finalised the date for President Vladimir Putin's visit to India for the annual India-Russia summit, said NSA Ajit Doval during his visit to Moscow. Both sides had said last year Putin would travel to India in 2025 for the annual summit but they have not been able to confirm a date till now for what would be the president's first visit to India since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Official sources later said no specific time or date had been indicated by the NSA in his engagements. They also denied Russian media reports that Putin is coming in Aug. The leaders are likely to meet in any case this month on the margins of the SCO summit in Tianjin. Doval also called on Putin during his visit.

"We are very excited to learn about the visit of President Putin to India. I think the dates are almost finalised. Summit-level meetings have always been watershed points that have given direction to the relationship," said Doval in a meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu in which they discussed energy and defence cooperation. Underscoring time-tested ties with India, the Russian official said Moscow is ready to work with India to form a just and sustainable world order and ensure the supremacy of international law.

Putin's visit will also follow a US-India trade war that has been exacerbated further by US President Trump's efforts to force India to cut down energy and defence imports from Russia. With the Kremlin confirming that Putin and Trump are likely to meet in the "coming days", India is hoping Trump would be successful in brokering a Russia-Ukraine ceasefire that would take care also of some of the sticking points in India's ties with the US. Doval was briefed about US special envoy Steve Witkoff's talks with Putin that led to the announcement about a Trump-Putin meeting. EAM S Jaishankar is also scheduled to travel to Moscow soon.

Doval expressed hope that the Modi-Putin summit would provide new directions for development of bilateral ties and produce a "tangible and substantial" outcome. Doval further said that under prevailing global uncertainties, the India-Russia old strategic and privileged partnership has got a very special role to play. He also thanked Russia for support after the Pahalgam terror attack.

Shoigu was quoted as saying that for Moscow, the most important thing is to comprehensively strengthen the special privileged strategic partnership with India, which is based on "mutual respect, trust, equal consideration of each other's interests, and the desire to promote a unifying agenda".

Give the bully an inch, he'll take a mile: China envoy amid tariff war

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New Delhi: "Give the bully an inch, he will take a mile," wrote Chinese ambassador Xu Feihong in a post on X, a day after US President Donald Trump slapped an additional 25% tariff on India for its trade with Russia. The remark was seen by some as expressing solidarity with countries like India and Brazil, at the receiving end of Trump's trade war.

Xu's post also tagged Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi's remarks, after his talks with the Brazilian president's chief advisor Celso Amorim, that using tariffs as a weapon to suppress other countries violates the UN Charter, undermines WTO rules and is both unpopular and unsustainable.



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Amid the trade standoff with the US, PM Narendra Modi is likely to visit China this month for the SCO summit where he will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and also Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Show of oppn unity at Rahul's dinner

Rahul Briefs Netas On 'Voters List Manipulation'

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Congress MP Rahul Gandhi delivers a presentation on 'manipulation of voters list' at the dinner meet in New Delhi on Thursday

New Delhi: INDIA bloc bigwigs met at Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's new official residence for a dinner on Thursday, with the gathering designed to reinforce the message of unity amid joint protests and close coordination during the Parliament session that has brought its proceedings to a halt over the electoral rolls review (SIR) in Bihar.

The event lived up to its high-profile billing, with leading lights of the INDIA bloc like Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, Sharad Pawar, Farooq Abdullah, Uddhav Thackeray and Aditya Thackeray, Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav, Abhishek Banerjee, TR Baalu, Dipankar Bhattacharya, Mahua Majhi, MA Baby (CPM) and Mehbooba Mufti turning up for the event. Also present were KC Venugopal, D Raja of CPI, NK Premachandran of RSP, Sadiq Ali Shihab Thangal of IUML, Mukesh Sahani (VIP), Kamal Haasan, Jose Mani, PK Kunhalikutty, Sanjay Raut, Derek O'Brien, chief ministers Siddaramaiah, Revanth Reddy and Sukhwinder Sukhu, Tiruchi Siva, Ramgopal Yadav, Supriya Sule, Kanimozhi, Dimple Yadav, among others.

Ahead of the dinner, Rahul gave a presentation on the "manipulation of voters list" through a party study of an assembly seat under the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency, on which he held his "atom bomb" press conference earlier in the day.

RJD politician Tejashwi spoke about the "special intensive review" in Bihar and said the alliance will take out a statewide protest march against it. He also thanked the allies for a show of support in Parliament and invited them for the march being planned.

Abdullah flagged the need for statehood for J&K, while also criticising the ban on books. He also raised the issue of four Rajya Sabha vacancies in the UT, which have not been filled yet. Briefing reporters, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said, "The way we have shown unity in Parliament to put the Modi govt in the dock on people's issues, the same amity and brotherhood was witnessed.

TN plans to sell indigenous dog breeds online to save lineage

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu, home to several indigenous dog breeds such as Rajapalayam and Kanni sighthound, is developing a portal for online sale of pedigree puppies to preserve lineage authenticity and curb illegal pet trade on social media.

The animal husbandry department is tracing the germline lineage of around 10 native breeds, including Chippiparai and Kombai, to verify pedigree before breeding pups at the renovated Saidapet native dog conservation centre, which can house over 50 dogs.

Department secretary N Subbaiyan said the portal will keep prospective buyers informed about available breeds, age of pups, and photos. "Although there's no foolproof mechanism to track owners after sale, we will work with local bodies to follow up on the well-being," he said, adding that illegal online sales make enforcement difficult, but a credible govt platform would encourage more responsible purchases.

Animal welfare activists, however, urged the govt to promote adoption of indie dogs instead. Arun Prasanna of People for Cattle in India said native breeds like Rajapalayam and Kombai aren't suited for urban homes and may be abandoned if their needs aren't met.

Brazil's Lula dials PM as Trump slaps 50% tariff on both nations

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New Delhi: Brazilian President **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** dialled PM Modi to discuss "imposition of unilateral tariffs", exploring possibility of greater integration between the two countries. Backing India's upcoming Brics presidency, Lula accepted Modi's invitation to visit India early next year, according to a readout by his office.



While India has opted to avoid any direct confrontation with Trump, Lula has taken him on, ruling out direct talks between him and the US prez that he said would end in 'humiliation'

Both Brazil and India have been slapped with 50% tariffs by the US & Lula earlier this week, when asked about Trump's remark that the Brazilian president was going to call him, had said he was going to dial Modi. While India has chosen to avoid any direct confrontation with Trump, Lula has taken him on, ruling out direct talks between him and the US president that he said would end in "humiliation". Brazil, however, is still negotiating for a trade deal with the US like India.

Lula said during the hour-long conversation that Brazil and India are the two countries most affected by tariffs and both leaders, according to a Brazilian statement, reaffirmed the importance of defending multilateralism and the need to address the challenges of the current situation.

On his talks with Lula, Modi later said in a post on X that a strong, people-centric partnership between Global South nations benefits everyone.

As a preparatory step for Lula's visit, according to Brazil, the leaders agreed that Vice-President Geraldo Alckmin will travel to India next Oct for the Trade Monitoring Mechanism meeting. "The delegation will include Brazilian ministers and business people to discuss cooperation in trade, defence, energy, critical minerals, health, and digital inclusion," said the Brazilian statement.

A separate statement by India said the leaders exchanged views on regional and global issues and agreed to enhance cooperation in trade, tech, energy, defence, agriculture, health and people-to-people ties. Modi recalled his visit to Brazil last month during which the two agreed on a framework to strengthen ties in same areas.

"Building on these discussions, they reiterated their commitment to take India-Brazil Strategic Partnership to new heights. The two leaders exchanged views on various regional and global issues of mutual interest. The two leaders agreed to remain in touch," said the Indian statement.

According to a Reuters report from Brasilia, Lula has said he is open to negotiating a trade deal with the US, but dismissed Trump's complaints about the trial of his right-wing ally and former president Jair Bolsonaro as a threat to Brazilian sovereignty & judicial independence.

India & US should find common ground: Bibi

Jerusalem: The foundation of India-US relationship is "very solid" and both sides should find common ground to resolve the tariff issue, Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** said on Thursday.

The PM also said the military equipment supplied to India by Israel performed well during Operation Sindoor and that the defence cooperation between the two countries are on an upswing. In an interaction with a group of visiting Indian journalists, Netanyahu said he would like to visit India "soon". As India-US ties are reeling under some strain after US President Trump imposed 50% tariff on Indian goods, the Israeli PM said both sides should amicably resolve the issue.



To a question on whether he would give any advice to PM Narendra Modi on dealing with Trump, the Israeli leader half-jockingly said he would do so privately. "Modi and Trump are terrific friends of mine. Yes I would give Modi some advice (on dealing with Trump), but privately." "There is a basic understanding in relationship between India and the US. The basis of the relationship is very solid. It will be in the interest of India and the US to arrive at a common ground and resolve the tariff issue," he said. "Such a resolution will be good for Israel as well..." The Israeli PM also noted that there is huge scope for further expand India-Israel cooperation, including in areas such as intelligence sharing, countering terrorism and high-technology. "We have developed a lot of technology in screening data and social networks. We are cooperating in this domain as well."

Without providing specific details, Netanyahu said Israel would like to quickly wrap up "mutual defence and economic agreements". Asked whether Israel helped India during Operation Sindoor, Netanyahu said the equipment provided by his country much before the conflict to Indian military performed well. "...Israeli equipment used during Operation Sindoor were battle proven. PTI

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1L fake voters in K'taka seat that BJP swept in 2024: Rahul

EC Colluding With BJP, Some Voted Multiple Times, He Says

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Rahul said BJP has built narratives of specific issues influencing polls

New Delhi: Following through on his claim of "atom bomb evidence of voter manipulation" in favour of governing BJP, Congress' Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said over one lakh voters were downright fake in Mahadevapura assembly seat that BJP swept to narrowly win Bangalore Central Lok Sabha constituency in 2024. There are eight segments in the LS seat.

He accused EC of colluding with BJP to "destroy Indian democracy and steal elections", and argued that if EC now does not provide electronic voters' data of 10-15 years and CCTV footage, then it is "partaking in crime" since the two are now "evidence of crime". He urged the judiciary to intervene to save Indian democracy.

Addressing a press conference in the form of data point presentation of Congress' Mahadevapura study, with the national anthem played at the end, Rahul said, "This is a crime being committed against the Constitution, Indian flag... I want the nation to know that there is a huge criminal fraud being perpetrated on India by EC and the party in office."

Citing the study, Rahul claimed BJP won Bangalore Central by 32,707 votes while 1,00,250 fake votes were polled for it. He said fake votes were in five categories — duplicate voters (11,965), fake/invalid addresses (40,009), bulk voters in one address (10,452), invalid photos of voters (4,132) and "misuse of Form 6" for becoming first-time voter (33,692). Showing files, he cited examples to assert people have voted multiple times in different booths of the seat, while addresses shown on voters' lists are like "Street 0", "House no 0". He said there were as many as 80 voters shown in one address, even 50 in one-bedroom house, while attempts to cross-check resulted in beating up of researchers or confirmation that they did not live there.

Rahul said it is famously claimed that first-time voters vote for PM Modi, but Form 6 instances in Mahadevapura showed there were no first-time voters in the 18-23 age group, and instead the age group was in 90s and 50s, etc.

"This is how Bangalore Central was stolen. The reason EC does not provide us data is because it is happening across country," he said, adding, "The difference between (BJP) winning and (Congress) losing in Haryana polls was 22,779 votes, and in one Karnataka assembly seat they have stolen four times of that vote." He said there is a pattern of BJP winning an LS seat by sweeping a solitary assembly segment, underlining, "Modi is PM by a slender majority of 25 seats."

To a question, Rahul said he is a politician and his word to the people should be taken as an oath, as he mocked EC for asking for it instead of reacting to his presentation by promising to check the information he had provided.

Rahul said BJP has built narratives of specific issues influencing elections like Ladli Behna scheme, Pulwama, now Operation Sindoor, and anti-incumbency has eluded BJP. However, he said there were suspicions about BJP's victories, like in Maharashtra polls after being swept out in LS elections in the state. He said doubts became concrete when EC refused to provide machine-readable voters' lists, and then showed a surge in voting after 5.30pm while deciding to destroy CCTV footage.

Ideologically hollow Cong systematically attacking constitutional institutions: BJP

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New Delhi: BJP on Thursday termed Rahul Gandhi's allegation of poll fraud against EC a "calculated deceit through a selective outrage" and accused Congress of "systematically" attacking constitutional bodies under a larger conspiracy against India's democracy and the Constitution.

"The ideologically hollow Congress is systematically attacking constitutional institutions. It cannot be ruled out that there is a larger conspiracy against democracy and the Constitution behind this calculated deceit," Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on X.

He labelled Gandhi "bayan bahadur" (someone who makes tall claims) and accused him of insulting the "decision" of people. "He (Gandhi) has completely lost his composure in the agony of losing power," he said.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra rejected Rahul's claims, saying, "This selective outrage is being noticed by people of India. When you win in Himachal, you don't claim there was any fraud."

Patra said the allegations made by Rahul and the data provided by him are yet to be verified, but it appears he is at the peak of "political frustration" as even after EC shared voter lists of various states, Congress has not raised any objection regarding any name in the list.

"Rahul is neither verifying data nor appearing in court. This shows that he is running away from truth and facts," Patra said, adding, "From Rahul's press conference today, it is clear that he is even more strongly advocating for conducting an SIR."

BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad said voters will continue to reject Congress for such "irresponsible and shameless" character and conduct. Union minister Kiren Rijiju also rejected Rahul's allegations as bogus.

Rahul's hard disk is corrupt: Fadnavis

Mumbai: Dismissing Rahul's allegations of vote theft and rigged polls, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said the "chip in Rahul's head is stolen and his hard disk is corrupt." He accused Rahul of "undermining" democracy, adding that Congress is struggling with its "irrelevance". "People will teach them a lesson," he said. Fadnavis said, "There has been no theft of votes either in Maharashtra or anywhere else in the country." He accused Rahul of "consistently lying, making wrong statements, and stealing people's mandate.". Fadnavis said Rahul's figures keep changing. "Last time he said there was an increase of 75 lakh votes. He now says there is an increase of one crore votes. He is doing cover firing," he said. TNN

Declare it under oath, CEOs of 3 states challenge Rahul

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New Delhi: The chief electoral officers (CEO) of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Haryana, reacting to Rahul Gandhi's allegations of "massive voter fraud" during the 2024 Lok Sabha poll in Karnataka and the latest assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana, have said they would initiate the necessary proceedings after he declares under oath that he believes the wrongful inclusions and exclusions cited by him to be "true to the best of his knowledge and belief".

"You are kindly requested to sign and return the enclosed declaration/oath under Rule 20(3)(b) of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, along with the name(s) of such elector(s) so that necessary proceedings can be initiated," the three CEOs said in separate letters sent to Rahul.

EC sources said the CEOs were expecting to receive the signed declarations from Rahul by Thursday evening. "Else, they will keep reminding him to submit these at the earliest, so his claims can be investigated," said a commission official.

"Rahul should either sign the declaration and preferably post it on social media, or stop misleading the people with baseless allegations against EC. Why is he running away from signing the oath, which is being sought in accordance with the rules? The law is the same for a politician and any other citizen," the official told **TOI**.

Rule 20(3)b of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 states that the registration officer may require that the evidence tendered by a person regarding wrongful inclusion/exclusion from the roll, be given on oath.

The evidence sought from Rahul under his oath must include the name of the person cited for inclusion/exclusion, his part number of electoral roll and his serial number in the roll. Rahul must also declare that he understands that presenting false evidence or making a false declaration in connection with the electoral roll shall invite a jail term of up to three years (seven years if the false claims are repeated in court) under Section 227/229 of BNS and up to a year's imprisonment under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

The Karnataka CEO is due to meet a Congress delegation in Bengaluru on Friday. Sources said he would insist on a signed declaration before the alleged "voter fraud" can be probed.

Notwithstanding the allegations, the election results in the three states will hold since the window for filing a challenge via an election petition is long over. Significantly, Congress was given copies of the draft as well as final electoral roll for Karnataka, Haryana and Maharashtra ahead of the last LS/assembly polls, but not a single appeal was filed against entries in the final roll at the level of the district magistrate or the CEO.

Incidentally, a Congress govt was in office in Karnataka during the annual summary revision of the Karnataka roll ahead of the LS polls. The officials involved in roll revision — electoral registration officers (EROs), assistant EROs, booth level officers (BLOs), etc — are essentially state govt officials, though under the superintendence of EC for the duration of the roll update.



Under oath, Rahul Gandhi must declare that he understands that presenting false evidence or making a false declaration in connection with the electoral roll shall invite a jail term of up to three years under BNS Section 227/229 and up to a year's imprisonment under Representation of the People Act

Claim on two K'taka voters not borne out by EC search

New Delhi: Two of the electors from Mahadevapura assembly constituency (AC) in Karnataka, who Congress MP Rahul Gandhi claimed were also found registered at 2-3 other places in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, were not found enlisted as electors in either of these states in a search run through their EPIC numbers on Thursday, reports **Bharti Jain**.

An investigation by the office of the UP chief electoral officer into the status of Aditya Srivastava (EPIC no FPP6437040) and Vishal Singh (EPIC no INB2722288) found they were not registered as electors in the state, according to documents seen by **TOI**.

Rahul had on Thursday claimed a search run by his party members on March 16, 2025, had found Aditya, son of S P Srivastava, registered at four places — Jogeshwari East AC (booth no 197) in Mumbai Suburban district of Maharashtra, Mahadevapura AC (at booth nos. 458 and 459) in Bangalore Urban district and Lucknow East AC (booth no. 84) in Lucknow district, UP.

However, the search by the UP CEO's office found Aditya registered as an elector only in Mahadevapura, though the relative's name mentioned in his details was Ritika Srivastava. "He is not enlisted as a voter in the roll for Lucknow East AC," the CEO's office reported.

A search in the Maharashtra roll also did not throw up his name as an elector from Jogeshwari East AC.

Similarly, Vishal Singh, son of Mahipal Singh — who Rahul said was found registered at Mahadevapura AC (at booth nos. 458 and 513) and Varanasi Cantt AC (booth no. 82) — was not enlisted as an elector in Varanasi Cantt AC. A search shows him enlisted as an elector only in Mahadevapura AC (booth no. 513) of Bangalore Urban district.

Govt stalls film's release, puts lens on Cannes entry

Mumbai: Information and broadcasting ministry suspended the release of Marathi film 'Khalid Ka Shivaji' for a month following concerns raised by Maharashtra govt over historical inaccuracies and potential impact on public order, cultural affairs minister Ashish Shelar said on Thursday. He said an inquiry has been initiated into how the film was sent to Cannes festival and whether anyone played mischief.

Shelar posted on X: "I&B... has suspended certification of the film for one month under Sec 6(2) of Cinematograph Act, 1952. This decision follows serious objections regarding historical inaccuracies in the film and its potential to hurt cultural sentiments and disturb public order, especially during Dahi Handi and Ganeshotsav."

In April, Shelar had announced that four Marathi movies, including 'Khalid ka Shivaji', were selected by a panel appointed by Maharashtra Film, Theatre and Cultural Development Corporation for Cannes film festival. TNN

Tejashwi: EC blaming me for its own mistake

Patna: As Election Commission asked Bihar leader of opposition Tejashwi Yadav to respond to allegations that he holds two EPICs, the RJD neta on Thursday hit out at the poll body, accusing it of attempting to pin on him a mistake made by its own officials, reports **Manoj Chaurasia**.

"Whose lapse is it if two EPIC numbers were issued to me?... They make the mistake themselves and are seeking an explanation (from me)," Tejashwi said, and added that he would send a "good" reply.

Speaking before departing for New Delhi to attend a key INDIA bloc meeting, Tejashwi denied receiving any notice from EC itself but admitted having got one from "the electoral registration officer (ERO)".

That notice sought his reply by Aug 8. In the letter, the ERO reminded Tejashwi that he had earlier been asked to submit the details of his EPIC.

If oppn wants to discuss VP polls, we are ready: Rijiju

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After a brief meeting of alliance members at the new Parliament building, parliamentary affairs minister **Kiren Rijiju** said that they took a unanimous decision to authorise PM Narendra Modi and JP Nadda, who are leaders of the House in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, respectively, to decide their vice-presidential candidate.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh chaired the meeting, which was attended by Union home minister Amit Shah besides Nadda and Rijiju from BJP, JDU's Dileshwar Kamath and Lalan Singh, Shiv Sena's Shrikant Shinde, TDP's Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, and LJP's Chirag Paswan. BJP allies like Anupriya Patel (Apna Dal) and Upendra Kushwaha (RLP) and Ramdas Athawale (RPI) were also a part of the discussions.

The victory of an NDA candidate is a foregone conclusion. Against the maximum strength of 788, the effective strength of the two Houses is 781 due to one vacancy in the Lower House and six in the Upper House, including one caused by the recent death of former Jharkhand chief minister Shibu Soren. NDA's strength is around 422, comfortably above the majority mark of 391.

Asked if NDA will reach out to opposition to evolve a consensus on the next vice-president, Rijiju told reporters that as of now, Modi and Nadda have been authorised to identify the alliance's candidate.

The opposition INDIA bloc already hinted at fielding its candidate. "There are certain conventions. If opposition parties come and discuss with us, we will always discuss with them. But this is a constitutional process which we have to do," Rijiju said.

The election is being held as Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned as vice-president on July 21, the first day of Parliament's monsoon session. Though he had resigned citing health reasons, his departure is believed to have been triggered by the souring of his ties with govt, making his continuation untenable.


The election is being held as Jagdeep Dhankhar (above) resigned as VP on July 21, the first day of Parliament's monsoon session

Manekshaw, Brig Usman added to NCERT books

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New Delhi: Chapters on the lives and sacrifices of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw and top gallantry award winners Brigadier Mohammad Usman and Major Somnath Sharma have been added to the NCERT syllabus this academic year, defence ministry said on Thursday.

The newly-introduced chapters, in Class VIII (Urdu), Class VII (Urdu) and Class VIII (English) respectively, aim to provide students with inspirational narratives of courage and duty. Manekshaw, the country's first five-star general, is remembered for his "exceptional leadership and strategic acumen", especially during the 1971 war. Brigadier Usman, posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra, was martyred during the 1947-48 conflict in J&K, while Major Sharma became the first recipient of Param Vir Chakra for his heroic defence of Srinagar airport in 1947.

"As part of efforts to establish National War Memorial (NWM) as a prominent national landmark, defence ministry partnered with education ministry and NCERT to integrate NWM and related references into the school curriculum," an official said.

"Through these stories and their inclusion in the curriculum, students will not only gain insights into India's military history but also absorb important life lessons on resilience, empathy, emotional intelligence, and the importance of contributing to nation-building," the official added.

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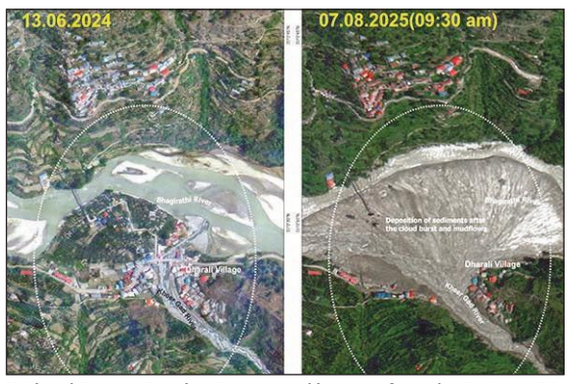
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Eastern Dharali doesn't exist anymore, shows Isro sat map

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National Remote Sensing Centre used imagery from the Cartosat-2S satellite to assess the scale of destruction. The post-event image, from Thursday, was compared with pre-event data from June 2024

Dehradun: A high-magnitude flash flood damaged multiple buildings, altered river paths, and left behind a 20-hectare debris field in Uttarkashi's Dharali and Harsil villages on Aug 5, satellite images released by the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) on Thursday revealed. The satellite data will now aid ongoing rescue and relief efforts in the affected region.

The National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), a wing of Isro, used imagery from the Cartosat-2S satellite to assess the scale of destruction. The post-event image, from Thursday, was compared with pre-event data from June 2024. It showed a fan-shaped debris spread measuring approximately 750m by 450m at the confluence of the Kheer Gad and Bhagirathi rivers.

Isro said that the flood had significantly widened stream channels and altered river morphology, both considered typical indicators of flash flood events. It also confirmed that several buildings in Dharali had either been swept away or buried under thick layers of silt and rubble.

The flood caused large-scale infrastructure damage, including washed-away roads and collapsed bridges. The images have identified zones that remain inaccessible or submerged, helping authorities prioritise rescue and recovery operations. Isro said a scientific analysis is underway to determine the cause of the flood. It added that the event highlights the increasing vulnerability of Himalayan settlements to extreme weather and climate-driven disasters.

'There was mud & pebbles in their lungs, bones broken, minds shattered'

Dehradun: Mud in their lungs. Ribs smashed into them. Stones in their throats. Bones broken. Minds in pieces.

As rescue operations continue in Dharali and Harsil, at least a dozen injured — including villagers and Army personnel who were part of the second line of response — are battling trauma in hospitals across Uttarakhand, reports **Shivani Azad**.

Many of those admitted were part of rescue teams when they got swept away in the sludge — thrown nearly 150 metres by a raging mix of water, stones, and silt. "Most have blunt injuries — some to the chest, some on the head, others on the legs," confirmed doctors at AIIMS and Uttarkashi.

In some cases, doctors in Uttarkashi were shocked to pull out sand and tiny stones from deep inside patients' tracts, lungs, and wounds. "All the patients here are stable now," said Dr Prem Pokhriyal, PMS of Uttarkashi district hospital. "During surgery, we extracted mud, pebbles and silt from their injuries."

No intention to bring bill in Parl to lower age of consent: Govt

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In its written submissions settled by additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, govt said in a minuscule number of cases, where adolescents out of emotional curiosity or mutual attraction, may engage in romantic or physical relationships, courts must carefully scrutinise such instances on a case-by-case basis, using discretion and sensitivity to the facts.

However, the Centre said it has no intention to bring a legislation in Parliament to lower the age of consent. "This judicial discretion, however, is distinct from legislative dilution. The moment the statute begins to generalise such exceptions, it weakens the bright-line protective standard that currently acts as a deterrent and shield for all children," it said.

Attempts to reduce the age of consent under the IPC/BNS was contrary to the legislative intent and undermined the protective object of the provision, as envisaged through the application of the 'mischief rule' of statutory interpretation, it said. The Centre quoted a nearly two-decade-old study by the WCD ministry, which found that 53.2% of children reported facing one or more forms of sexual abuse, and 50% of abusers were persons in positions of trust or authority, such as parents, relatives, neighbours or school staff.

SC says evaluate NEET booklets manually

Intervention Comes After Candidate Alleges Error

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Despite repeated representations by candidates about faulty booklets & scoring discrepancies, NTA has maintained its processes are foolproof

New Delhi: In a setback for National Testing Agency (NTA), Supreme Court has ordered manual evaluation of a NEET-UG 2025 answer sheet after a candidate alleged that the question paper was stapled incorrectly, resulting in a jumbled sequence of questions. The direction comes amid growing criticism that NTA has failed to adequately address students' grievances, with some even being told to seek redressal "from courts."

Despite repeated representations by candidates about faulty booklets and scoring discrepancies, NTA has largely maintained that its processes are foolproof. However, in this case, SC took serious view of the complaint and rejected NTA's suggestion that no real harm was caused.

TOI on June 11, in its report titled "Students raise serious concerns over errors in NEET-UG papers" highlighted the issue. Candidates interviewed had flagged faulty booklets with jumbled page orders, stating they marked incorrect answers due to mismatch between questions and the OMR sheet. When asked specifically about such instances, NTA responded by saying, "There are four series of question papers. The jumbling is thus of four types. There are four sets of keys. These are applicable to the respective series." Students, however, said this response ignored cases where jumbling was not just due to booklet series but stapling or printing errors. "We were told that nothing could be done and that we should take it up legally if we had a problem," said a candidate from Odisha.

In this particular case before the top court, the petitioner claimed the sequencing in his paper was highly erratic — running from question numbers 1 to 27, followed by 54 to 81, then 28 to 53, 118 to 151, 82 to 117, and 152 to 180. This disordered layout, he argued, made it virtually impossible to match the questions correctly with the standard serial OMR sheet, which was in the expected 1 to 180 format.

In its Aug 5 order, SC said, "We have heard learned ASG (additional solicitor general) appearing for the respondent(s). She has submitted a copy of the question paper in order to explain that there was a mistake merely in the stapling of the question paper which led to erroneous sequencing in as much as sequencing was not in seriatim and that this could not have caused any prejudice to the petitioner herein." "However, in order to satisfy ourselves, we direct that the petitioner's paper shall be evaluated manually and the result of the evaluation be placed on the record. The said exercise shall be carried out within a period of one week," it had said.

HC orders Vijay film screening protection amid protest threat

Chennai: Madras HC Thursday directed Tamil Nadu police to provide adequate protection for the screening of **Vijay Deverakonda**-starrer Kingdom in the state, amid threats from Naam Tamilar Katchi, which claims the Telugu film misrepresents Sri Lankan Tamils and disrespects Lord Murugan.

Justice D Bharatha Chakravarthy observed that no third party has right to obstruct the screening or intimidate theatre owners once CBFC has cleared the film for public viewing.



"In a democracy, filmmakers have the right to express their views. In this case, the movie is a work of fiction. Even if its content is considered offensive by some, that alone cannot justify blocking its exhibition," the court said.

NTK chief coordinator Seeman condemned the film and warned of blockades at theatres. Protesters also tore down banners of the film in Ramanathapuram, prompting the filmmakers to approach the court. Citing the 2016 order in the Perumal Murugan case, the court said if someone finds a book or film objectionable, they can simply choose not to read or watch it.

However, it upheld the right of political parties & public to stage peaceful protests — with prior police permission and only in designated areas. TNN

Rescue hampered by tough terrain & damaged roads

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People stranded in disaster-hit areas are brought safely to Jollygrant Airport with the help of Chinook helicopters

NDRF commandant Sudesh Kumar Drall said, "We've deployed sniffer dogs to locate those possibly trapped beneath the rubble. Local residents are helping us identify spots where people were likely present during the flash flood, so we can focus our search efforts more effectively."

Rescue efforts are being hampered by the challenging terrain and damaged infrastructure. Villages like Jhala, Mukhba and Harsil remain partially cut off, with the highway blocked at six points. A crucial bridge near Gangnani, swept away in the torrent Monday night, is yet to be rebuilt.

To aid evacuation, six helicopters completed 85 sorties Thursday between Harsil and Matli, ferrying stranded residents to safety. Additionally, IAF's Mi-17 chopper carried out one sortie, Chinook completed two, while the Cheetah and ALH helicopters flew four and one sorties, respectively.

Meanwhile, National Disaster Management Authority convened a review meeting in Delhi. Officials from Army, IAF, BRO, IMD, ITBP and NDRF were present. A central team will visit the disaster-hit areas in Uttarkashi next week.

Singh also directed state officials to monitor a newly formed lake in the upper Harsil region, urging a joint Army-state team to assess its risk and ensure controlled water discharge.

Border Roads Organisation has mobilised resources to restore key road links. BRO DG, Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, who visited Harsil on Thursday, said, "Our teams are in mission mode to launch a Bailey bridge at Limchigadh, where a 30m-long bridge was washed away, cutting off access to Dharali, Mukhba and nearby villages. We're also repairing four severely damaged sections near Bhatwari to reconnect Gangotri and Dharali."

HC: Pigeon feeding ban stands, need expert panel to end impasse

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HC said it cannot be expected to play the role of experts on medical and health issues

Mumbai: Bombay HC Thursday said its interim orders granting no relief to feeders against a drive to close down kabootarkhanas and permitting BMC to initiate action against those who obstruct or flout its decision continues till next Wednesday as does its protection against razing of heritage pigeon congregation sites. The court, however, added it was for the state govt and BMC to end the "impasse" by relying on an expert panel to go into the larger public health concerns which the pigeon-vs-people conflict presents.

Next Wednesday, the HC will consider names of experts who can be appointed to the committee to be set up by the state. "If the committee's opinion is such that feeding areas are rightly closed by BMC, then certainly such expert opinion needs to prevail," it added. Stating the BMC ban on feeding pigeons in public spaces very much stands, it said if "the petitioners intend to have any further orders, they are free to file interim applications".

The court allowed counsel for Dadar Kabootar Khana Trust, Anil Sakhare, to make a representation to BMC when he sought a time slot for feeding pigeons daily 6-7 am. The bench said it had only refrained from staying the civic action and denied petitioners interim relief when they challenged the BMC's policy. The court said it cannot be expected to play the role of experts on medical and health issues, hence, a scientific study would need to be conducted before a decision is taken.



Two jawans die as CRPF vehicle falls into Udhampur ravine

Jammu: Two CRPF personnel died and 16 others were injured Thursday when a vehicle ferrying them skidded and rolled down a ravine in J&K's Udhampur, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**.

Official sources said the accident took place when the personnel were returning from an operation in Basantgarh. The deceased jawans were identified as Anand Koach (27), from Meghalaya, and Arvind (36), from Bihar.

The injured were rushed to Northern Command Hospital in Udhampur. Udhampur DC Saloni Rai and other officials rushed there and ensured specialised care. CRPF chief GP Singh, J&K L-G Manoj Sinha, Union minister and Kathua-Udhampur MP Jitendra Singh and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi expressed grief over the jawans' deaths.

In a lst, Panipat refinery to fuel jets with used cooking oil

New Delhi: In a national first, Indian Oil's Panipat refinery has been certified to produce sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) by converting used cooking oil into jet-grade fuel. The move marks a milestone in the country's green aviation push and aligns with global carbon reduction goals, reports **Saurabh Sinha**.

Swiss-based Cotecna Inspection Group, through its Indian arm Cotecna Inspection India Pvt Ltd, issued the certification after a coordinated effort between the petroleum and aviation ministries and DGCA. "This is the first Indian refinery certified as a co-processing plant for SAF," said an official. "The focus now shifts to ramping up production to ensure a meaningful SAF presence in coming years and meet emissions targets."

The Panipat unit complies with CORSIA — carbon offsetting & reduction scheme for international aviation — a key initiative under UN's International Civil Aviation Organisation to curb aviation-related emissions.

Lone candidate in fray? SC weighs NOTA option

'What If NOTA Outvotes The Contestant?'

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Since 1971, that is in the last 54 years, there have been six uncontested elections in total. In the 20 general elections since 1951, there have been only nine uncontested elections, said senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to examine a proposal to make 'none of the above (NOTA)' choice available to voters even when a single candidate is in the fray to enable them to express their approval of him/her, and countermand the elections if NOTA votes exceed votes polled by the candidate.

Despite Centre and EC terming NOTA, put in place based on SC's 2013 judgment, a failed idea for the poor response it received from voters, a bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and N K Singh said, "It is an interesting question. It is true that elections in India are keenly contested. But imagine a situation where the voters do not want the single candidate in the fray, who would otherwise be elected unopposed, to be their representative in the assembly or Lok Sabha?"

Justice Kant added, "If there is resentment among voters against the single candidate, then the voters will come out in numbers and choose NOTA. If NOTA votes exceed the votes garnered by the single candidate in the fray, then what should be done? This may be academic, but a very interesting question which may require judicial deliberation."

Attorney general R Venkataramani said it was purely a non-plausible concept in the Indian context. For EC, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi said NOTA had never impacted an election since its inception. Every winning candidate has so far got higher votes than NOTA even though some of the losing candidates had secured less than NOTA votes, he said.

However, he said EC would scrupulously conduct elections as mandated by law and the orders of the SC. Additional solicitor general S D Sanjay asked the bench what would happen if an election was countermanded because of NOTA getting more votes than the single candidate in the fresh election.

Responding to a PIL on the issue filed by 'Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy', EC in its affidavit said candidates getting elected unopposed from a Lok Sabha constituency was very rare. Since 1991, there has been only one such instance, Dwivedi said. "Since 1971 till today, that is in the last 54 years, there have been six uncontested elections in total. In the 20 general elections since 1951, there have been only nine uncontested elections," he added.

"Treating NOTA as a mandatorily contesting candidate in all direct uncontested elections does not find place in the statute and the same would require legislative amendments in the provisions of Representation of the People Act, 1951, and the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961," EC said.

Ceiling price of 4 emergency-use meds, retail price of 37 others capped

New Delhi: Govt has fixed the ceiling price of formulations of four emergency-use medicines and fixed retail price of 37 other drug formulations, including antibiotics and painkillers, of certain companies, reports **Durgesh Nandan Jha**.

The emergency-use medicines include Ipratropium, used to prevent wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing and chest tightness in people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Its ceiling price was fixed at Rs 2.96 per ml. For Sodium Nitroprusside, an injectable used to rapidly lower BP in hypertensive emergencies, during surgery to reduce bleeding, and in cases of acute heart failure, it was fixed at Rs 28.99 per ml; for Diltiazem, used to treat high BP and chest pain, it was fixed at Rs 26.72 per capsule; and for Povidone Iodine, used for skin disinfection before and after surgery and minor wound care, it was fixed at Rs 6.26 per gram.

"Manufacturers selling branded or generic or both versions of the medicines at a price higher than ceiling price (plus GST) shall revise the prices downward not exceeding the ceiling price...," National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) said.

Manufacturers having an MRP lower than ceiling price shall continue to maintain the existing MRP, said NPPA.

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चेतावनी

जीविका में प्रखंड स्तरीय पदों पर बहाली के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना एवं चेतावनी

बिहार ग्रामीण जीविकोपार्जन प्रोत्साहन समिति (जीविका) द्वारा प्रखंड स्तरीय सात पदों: प्रखंड परियोजना प्रबंधक (Block Project Manager), आजीविका विशेषज्ञ (Livelihoods Specialist), क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक (Area Coordinator), लेखापाल (Accountant & DPCU/BPIU Level), कार्यालय सहायक (Office Assistant & DPCU/BPIU Level), सामुदायिक समन्वयक (Community Coordinator), प्रखंड सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी कार्यकारी (Block IT Executive) की बहाली हेतु विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किए गए हैं। इन पदों के लिए आवेदन केवल ऑनलाइन माध्यम से जीविका की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट (brlps.in) पर ही स्वीकार किए जा रहे हैं।

इस संदर्भ में, सभी संबंधित अभ्यर्थियों, अभिभावकों एवं आमजनों को सूचित एवं सतर्क किया जाता है कि वे किसी भी ऐसे व्यक्ति के झांसे में न आएं जो इन पदों पर चयन करवाने के लिए पैसे या अन्य किसी अनैतिक माध्यम से वादा करते हैं।

यदि कोई भी अभ्यर्थी ऐसे प्रलोभनों या जालसाजी का शिकार होता है तो इसकी जिम्मेदारी जीविका की नहीं होगी। जीविका चयन प्रक्रिया में पारदर्शिता बनाए रखने के लिए पूर्णतः प्रतिबद्ध है स सभी नियुक्तियाँ केवल योग्यता, निर्धारित प्रक्रिया एवं मेधा के आधार पर ही की जाएगी।

अतः आप सभी से अनुरोध है कि किसी भी प्रकार के धोखे से बचें और जीविका की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट (brlps.in) पर अपलोड किये गए सूचनाओं पर ही विश्वास करें।

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शुद्धि पत्र

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अन्तर्गत राजकीय तिब्बी कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल, पटना के विभिन्न विभागों में सहायक प्राध्यापक के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या–58/2025 से 67/2025 की कंडिका–3 (v) में अंकित अनिवार्य योग्यता को विभागीय पत्रांक–1143(आ.चि.), दिनांक–06.08.2025 के आलोक में निम्न रूप से संशोधित किया जाता है:–

"भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति राष्ट्रीय आयोग, आयुष मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के दिशा–निर्देश के अलोक में सभी अभ्यर्थियों के पास टीचर कोड अथवा NTET (National Teacher's Eligibility Test) परीक्षा उत्तीर्णता होना आवश्यक होगा"।

विज्ञापन की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।

स्वा/–
परीक्षा नियंत्रक
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION
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Appointment of First Registrar and Finance Officer of "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University (TSU)

"Tribhuvan" Sahkari University Act, 2025 for the establishment of "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University (TSU) in the State of Gujarat has been passed by Parliament and assented to by the Hon'ble President of India on 3rd April 2025. Applications are invited for the following vacancies:

A. **Eligibility conditions for the Statutory Post of First Registrar and Finance Officer:**

1. **Registrar – 01 Post [Unreserved]**

a) **Direct Recruitment**
Essential:

i) Master's Degree with at least 55% of the marks or an equivalent Grade in a point scale, wherever the grading system is followed.

ii) At least 15 years of experience as Assistant Professor in the Academic Level 11 and above or with 8 years of service in the Academic Level 12 and above, including as Associate Professor, along with experience in educational administration.

OR

Comparable experience in a research establishment and/ or other institutions of higher education

OR

15 years of administrative experience, of which 8 years shall be as Deputy Registrar or an equivalent post.

Age: Preferably below 57 years on the closing date of receipt of application.

b) Deputation

Applicants from Central or State Governments, Autonomous bodies or Statutory bodies are also eligible, subject to the condition that they are holding an analogous post or eight years' experience at Pay Level 12.

OR

Applicants from Central Universities, Centrally Funded Technical Institutions or State Universities are also eligible, subject to the condition that they are holding an analogous post or eight years' experience at Pay Level 12 and they fulfill the essential educational and other qualifications required for direct recruitment mentioned above.

Maximum Age limit for applicants from Central Government: Not exceeding 58 years on the closing date of receipt of application (as per the O.M No. AB-14017/11/2017-Estt.(RR) dated 05-02-2018, issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Department of Personnel & Training)

Tenure: Initially for a period of three (3) years and may be eligible for re-appointment for another term of two (2) years or till attaining the age of 62 years, whichever is earlier.

2. **FINANCE OFFICER – 01 Post [Unreserved]**

a) **Direct Recruitment**
Essential:

i) Master's Degree with at least 55% of marks or an equivalent grade in a point scale, wherever the grading system is followed.

ii) At least 15 years of experience as an Assistant Professor in the Academic Level 11 and above or with 8 years of service in the Academic Level 12 and above, including as an Associate Professor, along with experience in educational administration.

OR

Comparable experience in a research establishment and/ or other institutions of higher education,

OR

15 years of administrative experience, of which 8 years shall be as Deputy Registrar or an equivalent post.

Age: Preferably below 57 years on the closing date of receipt of application.

b) Deputation:

Applicants from the Indian Audit and Accounts services or other Central Organized Services or officers of the State Government are also eligible, subject to the condition that they are holding an analogous post or eight years' experience at Pay Level 12.

OR

Applicants from autonomous bodies, statutory bodies, Central University, Centrally Funded Technical Institutions or State Universities are also eligible, subject to the condition that they are holding an analogous post or eight years' experience at Pay Level 12 and they fulfill the essential educational and other qualifications required for direct recruitment mentioned above.

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B. Salary and Service Conditions

- The post carries a pay of level-14 (Rs. 1,44,200-2,18,200/- per month) in the pay matrix of the 7th CPC with other pay and allowances as provided by the TSU Act, 2025, Statutes and Ordinances of the University, as amended from time to time.
- The terms and conditions of the services will be those as mentioned in the TSU Act, 2025, Statutes and Ordinances of the University, as amended from time to time.

C. **Procedure for appointment**

- The first Registrar and Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for this purpose by the Central Government, as per the TSU Act, 2025 and Statutes of the University.
- The advertisement is available on the websites ***https://www.education.gov.in,*** **https://www.cooperation.gov.in,** and **https://www.irma.ac.in.**
- Candidates are required to **"APPLY ONLINE ONLY"** on the Ministry of Education, Government of India, SAMARTH portal as per the link given below:
  https://moegroupant.samarth.ac.in/
- The above link will be active from 7th August 2025 & 10:00 Hours to 7th September 2025 & 17:00 Hours.

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा आपसी सहमति के आधार पर काश्तकारों से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। क्रय हेतु काश्तकार, गाटा संख्या, क्षेत्रफल व काश्तकार का हिस्सा निम्नलिखित तालिका में अंकित है:–

ग्राम मकसूदपुर सैक्टर– 11 के अन्तर्गत

क्रमांक	काश्तकार का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	काश्तकार का हिस्सा	हिस्सानुसार क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1.	राजवीर दत्तक पुत्र खचेडू नि० ग्राम मकसूदपुर	13	145	0.0630	मे से	0.0105
2.	बोबी त्यागी व अमित त्यागी पुत्रगण रूपचन्द त्यागी नि० ग्राम सुल्तानपुर गौतमबुद्धनगर।	80	03म	1.0890	मे से	0.2530
3.	रूपचन्द त्यागी पुत्र कड़े त्यागी व ललित कुमार पुत्र रूपचन्द त्यागी नि० ग्राम सुल्तानपुर गौतमबुद्धनगर।	80	03म	1.0890	मे से	0.3162
4.	दीप्ति मित्तल पुत्री सतीश मित्तल, शिवम मित्तल पुत्र सतीश मित्तल नि० चिरंजीव बिहार गाजियाबाद	94 93	27म 60	0.9390 0.3100	मे से	0.9390 0.0190
5.	अनुज कुमार त्यागी, बोधराज त्यागी, भरत भूषण त्यागी व जयवती पत्नी फकीरचन्द नि० ग्राम मकसूदपुर।	48 13	112 म 145	0.5910 0.0630	मे से	0.1970 0.0026

ग्राम फाजिलपुर सैक्टर– 11 के अन्तर्गत

6.	कान्ति त्यागी पुत्र राजेन्द्र त्यागी कृष्ण त्यागी पुत्र ज्ञानबोध त्यागी नि० ग्राम इन्द्रापुरम गाजियाबाद।	61 88	104 127 म 128 ख	1.0140 0.7770 0.1390	मे से	0.1691 0.0519 0.1390
7.	अंकुर त्यागी पुत्र राजेन्द्र सिंह त्यागी नि० ग्राम इन्द्रापुरम गाजियाबाद।	61 88	104 127 म 128 ख	1.0140 0.7770 0.1390	मे से	0.1268 0.0388 0.0069

ग्राम आकलपुर सैक्टर– 09 के अन्तर्गत

8.	यशपाल पुत्र महेन्द्र नि० ग्राम कयामपुर	156	139	1.6510	मे से	0.1834
9.	पवन कुमार पुत्र वेदपाल सिंह नि० ग्राम	07 97	138 244ब	0.2210 0.2150	मे से	0.1105 0.0632

ग्राम उस्मानपुर, इनर्फोमल सैक्टर एवं 07 आबादी भूखण्ड के अन्तर्गत

10.	समरदीन पुत्र आशिक अली नि० उस्मानपुर।	150	99	2.3860	मे से	0.1301

प्रस्तावित भूमि प्राधिकरण के नियोजित सैक्टर– 11, 09 व इनर्फोमल सैक्टर एवं 07 आबादी भूखण्ड के अन्तर्गत होने के कारण क्रय हेतु प्रस्तावित है। उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिवस के अंदर यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण कार्यालय/सी०आर०सैल में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

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यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लॉन के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/हाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: AGC–EL–C-T-02-2025-26 Date : 05.08.2025

Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), North Central Railway, Agra for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Name of work with its location : "Electrification of various services buildings (MTJ & MORA), newly constructed Platforms at Bhuteshwar, Approach Road, etc. at Various Location in Connection with the Mathura Jn- Yard Remodeling & Flyover at Bhuteshwar work of Agra Division of North Central Railway".

Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 50,16,649.83/- | **Bid Security : 1,00,300/-**

Completion Period : 12 Months from the date of issue of acceptance letter including monsoon period., **Tender closing date & time : 01.09.2025** upto **15:00** hrs., **Validity of offer :** 60 days from the date of tender opening. Tenderers can only submit their offer through web portal **www.ireps.gov. in** up to **15:00** hrs on **01.09.2025.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 1395/25 (D)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const.-I Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

1.	**Name of work and location:** Construction of covered shed over Washing cum pit lines No. 3.4& 5 in DLT complex and covered shed over Washing cum pit lines No. 9 & 10 in Rajdhani complex and other allied works to facilitate high speed train's maintenance at Coaching Maintenance complex in New Delhi Railway station (NDLS)
2.	**Completion period of the work:** 18 (Eighteen) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
3.	**Approx. cost of work:** Rs. 3972.73 Lakh (Rupees Thirty nine crore seventy two lakh seventy three thousand only)
4.	**Earnest money amount (to be deposited Online):** Rs. 21,36,400/- (Rupees Twenty one lakh thirty six thousand four hundred only)
5.	**Date Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender:** Tender may be uploaded up to 11.30 hrs. on 30.08.2025 on IREPS web site i.e **www.ireps.gov.in** the bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 30.08.2025.
6.	**Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document:** Above tender document will be available on IREPS web site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** from 07.08.2025 to 30.08.2025. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender are given in tender documents.The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 220-Acs-1-1281-Shed-NDLS Dated 07.08.2025 2408/25

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F. No. SDM /HQ/EAST/MISC./CORES/2023/621 Dated : 05/08/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proceedings under Section 90 of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002)

Vide Order No. R-11017/117/2015-L&M (FTS-20034) dated 25.03.2025, the Central Registrar of Co-Operative Societies has appointed the undersigned as Official Liquidator of Human Welfare Credit & Thrift Co-operative Society Ltd. Office No. 8, D-5, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi -110092 (Regn. No. MSCS/CR/476/2012) (hereinafter called the Society) registered under Multi State Co-Operative Societies Act, 2002.

This Notice is hereby given to persons having knowledge of the facts and circumstances, interest, liabilities relating to **Human Welfare Credit & Thrift Co-operative Society Ltd.,** or who wish to assist the official Liquidator. The statements/claims along with documentary evidence will be accepted till 08/10/2025 (In-person/Registercd Post/Speed Post/Courier.)

It is mentioned here that no Statement/Claim will be accepted after the expiry of given time limit.

Sd/-
(AMOL SRIVASTAVA, IAS)
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR/
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
DISTRICT EAST

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0201/25-26.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown **Age:** About 30-35 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 4 feet 5 inch, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Blue t-shirt & brown white printed half nikkar, was found dead at Platform No. 2 in Train No. 12329, S-7 Coach, Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi, was taken to Hedgewar Hospital where the doctor declared him brought dead on **dated 06.08.2025** under area of **P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD. No.18A, dated 06.08.2025**, has been Lodged at **P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, 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.

Dead Body has been preserved in GTB Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 Hours. If any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S.- Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi
DP/10522/Rly/2025 **Ph.: 011-22145602, 8750871314**

Typos, technicalities used to deny citizenship claims in Assam: Report

Legal Process In Declaring 1.6L 'Foreigners' Questioned

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Even as citizenship issues are being raised in many parts of the country, a new report questions the legal process followed by the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) and Gauhati high court in declaring 1.6 lakh people as "foreigners" in Assam.

According to the report, citizenship was denied on the basis of minor spelling errors and confusion between honorific titles and actual names, while credible oral testimony was dismissed. The findings were based on an analysis of over 1,200 Gauhati HC orders, key Supreme Court judgments, orders of the FTs, and extensive interviews with lawyers and litigants. Among the cases cited are:

- Barpeta resident Rahman Ali submitted documents for citizenship in 2012, listing his father's name as Khurshed Ali. His claim was rejected a year later with the authorities ruling that this was a discrepancy as his father's name registered as Furshed Ali in the 1965 and 1970 voter rolls, even though it was correctly registered as Khurshed in 1989, 1997 and 2010.
- Maharjan Nessa's uncle's testimony was dismissed in 2019 because he was unaware of when her father had purchased land in Gobardhana village in Baksa district, a detail irrelevant to her citizenship status.
- Ibrahim Ali's petition was denied because his father's name appeared as 'Late Nurul' in the 1989 voter roll and 'Nurul Islam' in the 1965 and 1970 voter rolls for Toktoki village in Nagaon district.



The report titled 'Unmaking Citizens: The Architecture of Rights Violations and Exclusion in India's Citizenship Trials' by the National Law School of India University and Queen Mary University of London describes this as a 'burgeoning crisis'.

The report comes at a time when Parliament has enacted the new Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025

Besides such rejections, there are over 85,000 pending cases. The FTs are expected to hear a million appeals from those excluded from the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The report titled 'Unmaking Citizens: The Architecture of Rights Violations and Exclusion in India's Citizenship Trials' by the National Law School of India University and Queen Mary University of London describes this as a "burgeoning crisis". It argues that the FTs — rather than being flawed exceptions—have become routine instruments of exclusion.

The report comes at a time when Parliament has enacted the new Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025. In this context, the report calls for an urgent, fundamental rethinking of the legal structures governing citizenship in India, calling the current system not just broken, but actively unjust.

"Even though the citizenship verification process has ostensibly been carried out under the cover of law and sometimes even under court supervision, our report shows that it fails to align with core constitutional and legal principles," says Mohsin Alam Bhat, law professor at Queen Mary University and co-author of the report. "People are asked to produce unreasonable documentation. Worse, the system is designed to reject even the documentary and oral evidence they do manage to provide."

Some of the reasons for denying citizenship are against settled law, the report says. For instance, FTs and the Gauhati HC routinely rejected crucial official documents, such as gram panchayat certificates and voter rolls, over minor formatting flaws, inconsistencies in ink color, or the absence of details like specific govt headers. Slight variations in a person's name, title, or age became grounds for denial, even though such inconsistencies are common in rural records. Even when credible witnesses, including family members with direct knowledge, testified to a person's citizenship or familial relationships, their statements were often dismissed just because they could not recall details like the precise year a family moved to a village, the date of a marriage, or a birth date.

Additionally, FTs and the HC have routinely dismissed post-1971 documents as "irrelevant" or "not proof of citizenship". This led to documents like Aadhaar, PAN cards, and ration cards, which could establish continuous residence or familial ties, being summarily rejected.

Another challenge has been the steadily weakening qualifications for FT members. In 2011, only retired officials of the judicial service were eligible. By 2015, advocates who had 10 years of experience could be appointed. In 2019, this was further broadened to include civil servants and lawyers with only seven years of experience.

The report argues that the courts have not treated these procedural violations as errors of law serious enough to invalidate FT proceedings. Bhat says, "The high court has adopted the same narrow approach to evidence as the tribunals, rejecting testimony and documents for minor, technical discrepancies without considering them in totality, as settled evidentiary practice would require."

HC: 'Udaipur Files' can be released, won't prejudice tailor murder trial

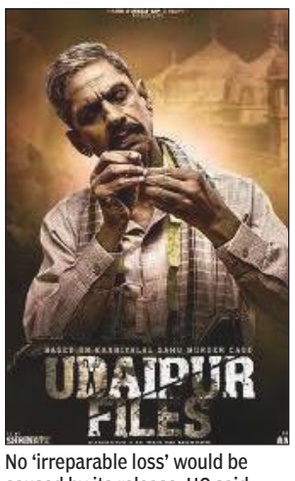
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New Delhi: Udaipur Files can hit theatres as planned, Delhi high court ruled Thursday and rejected a plea to block its release over fears it would prejudice the trial in the 2022 murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in the Rajasthan city that bears the movie's name.

A bench led by Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela said the release of Udaipur Files would not interfere with ongoing court proceedings. The bench said the film had already been cleared by expert bodies under the cinematograph law and that no "irreparable loss" would be caused by its release.

"The balance of convenience lies with the movie producer," the court said, "the petitioner has not been able to establish a prima facie case." The petition was filed by one of the accused in the case.

The controversy stems from the real-life killing of the 40-year-old tailor, who was hacked to death inside his shop on June 28, 2022.



No 'irreparable loss' would be caused by its release, HC said

The attackers were allegedly motivated by Lal's online post supporting a politician amid a blasphemy row.

They recorded and circulated the murder video, sparking nationwide outrage and communal tension.

Udaipur Files is expected to portray those events, which the petitioner said could bias judicial proceedings.

He said that the film's release would violate his right to a fair trial.

His counsel Menaka Guruswami said the movie lifted lines from the chargesheet, directly referenced the murder, and would influence public opinion and witnesses.

"Right to a fair trial is supreme. Witnesses are to be examined. The film will prejudice the trial," Guruswami said in court, urging judges to watch the film themselves before passing orders.

The court disagreed. "The exhibition of the film won't affect the trial. A trained judge will be hearing the case — not someone who would be influenced by a movie," the bench said.

Govt counsel said all legal processes had been followed. "This is as fair and transparent as it can be," Centre's lawyer said, while defending I&B ministry's decision to allow the release earlier this week.

Senior advocate Gaurav Bhatia appeared for the film's producer and said the movie avoided naming any accused or showing specific roles. "Tickets are already booked," he informed the court.

3 dead after taking quack's de-addiction doses in K'taka

Kalaburagi: Three alcoholics died and another person fell seriously ill soon after a quack administered them some de-addiction doses at a village in Karnataka's Kalaburagi district on Wednesday, reports **Muneshwar Sonnad**.

Police on Thursday arrested the absconding accused, Fakirappa alias Mutya, of Imadapura village who had been administering the concoction for past few years, Kalaburagi SP Adduru Srinivasulu told **TOI**.

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2 Punjab cops suspended for thrashing journalist

Yudhvir Rana | TNN

Batala: Two Punjab Police commandos were caught on camera assaulting a journalist in daylight on a busy street in Batala. Both have been suspended and face an inquiry, DSP Sanjiv Kumar said Thursday.

The victim, Balwinder Singh, is a reporter with a Hindi daily. The clip shows a uniformed cop kicking him in the head four times as he lay unresponsive in a puddle. Batala senior SP Suhail Qasim Mir said the assault occurred on Aug 1 but came to light when the video was shared on social media on Wednesday.

Mir said the two attackers were identified as sub-inspectors Mandeep Singh and Surjit of the 5th Battalion of Punjab Police Commandos, stationed in Punjab's Bathinda. They were deployed in Batala on law and order duty ahead of Independence Day.

The two officers were staying in a hotel, where Balwinder approached them and asked some questions — ostensibly in connection with their presence. The exact nature of the conversation remains under

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investigation but it appears the line of questioning did not sit well with the officers.

The situation escalated and the two officers allegedly assaulted the journalist.

Based on the victim's statement, police registered an FIR on Aug 2. Both officers were suspended and the commander of 5th Battalion was informed to initiate disciplinary action, said senior SP Mir.

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1.	51	35	1.5270	में से	0.0843	मीनाक्षी सिंह पुत्री के०पी० सिंह व भविष्या सिह पुत्र श्रीपाल सिंह निवासी नंगला हुवम सिंह माजरा करौली बांगर।
2.	188	112	1.2510	1/3 भाग	0.4170	जयप्रकाश पुत्र विजयपाल निवासी ग्राम दस्तमपुर।
3.	188	112	1.2510	1/3 भाग	0.4170	हेमचन्द पुत्र विजयपाल निवासी ग्राम दस्तमपुर।
4.	111	97	1.7760	सम्पूर्ण	1.7760	भग्गी सिंह पुत्र पूरन निवासी ग्राम दस्तमपुर।
5.	209	117	2.2820	1/3 भाग	0.7607	सुभाष चंद गर्ग पुत्र स्व० श्री दीनदयाल गर्ग निवासी ग्राम दस्तमपुर परगना व तहसील जेवर जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर वर्तमान निवासी गुर्जरवारा ऊंचा गाँव, बल्लभगढ़, फरीदाबाद, हरियाणा–121004।
6.	209	117	2.2820	1/3 भाग	0.7606	ललित किशोर पुत्र स्व० श्री दीनदयाल गर्ग निवासी दस्तमपुर तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर उ०प्र० वर्तमान निवासी 8–ए गांधी रोड, ग्वालियर म०प्र०।
7.	209	117	2.2820	1/3 भाग	0.7607	श्याम बिहारी गर्ग पुत्र स्व० श्री दीनदयाल गर्ग निवासी दस्तमपुर तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर उ०प्र० वर्तमान मकान नं०–एफ०सी०ए० 10, गली नं०–2, बी ब्लॉक, आदर्श नगर, मलेरना रोड, बल्लभगढ़, फरीदाबाद।
8.	157	227	0.4430	1/24 भाग	0.0369	पुष्पा पत्नी हरीशंकर व हरकेश पुत्र हरीशंकर निवासी ग्राम दस्तमपुर।
	136	128	0.5500	1/3 भाग	0.1833	
					0.2202	
9.	33	130	1,1440	में से	0.0381	हर्षित कौशिक पुत्र चक्रवर्ती कौशिक निवासी एम–6/2, गली नं0–13, ब्रहमपुरी दिल्ली।
10.	33	130	1.1440	1/5 भाग	0.2288	खेमचन्द पुत्र रघुवीर शरण निवासी दस्तमपुर।
	34	228	0.8120	सम्पूर्ण	0.8120	
	34	129	1.1310	सम्पूर्ण	1.1310	
					2.1718	
11.	33	130	1.1440	में से	0.0382	किरन शर्मा पत्नी चक्रवर्ती शर्मा निवासी म–6/2, गली नं0–13, ब्रहमपुरी दिल्ली।
12.	33	130	1.1440	में से	0.0381	कनक कौशिक पुत्र चकवर्ती शर्मा निवासी म–6/2, गली नं0–13, ब्रहमपुरी दिल्ली।
13.	236	170	0.6740	में से	0.1685	सविता अग्रवाल पत्नी राजीव अग्रवाल निवासी ग्राम मुढरह।
14.	113	184	1.6070	1/4	0.4017	चन्द्रपाल पुत्र उदय सिंह निवासी ग्राम पारसौल।
15.	154	166	1.0860	में से	0.0843	दर्शन देवी पत्नी कमल सिंह चौहान निवासी शाहपुर गोवर्धनपुर सेक्टर–128, नोएडा।
16.	45	193	1.5620	में से	0.0646	होमवीर सिंह व तदवीर सिंह पुत्रगण सतपाल सिंह निवासी ग्राम चकबीरमपुर।
17.	45	193	1.5620	में से	0.1669	प्रकाशी देवी पत्नी सतपाल सिंह निवासी ग्राम चकबीरमपुर।
18.	32	287	1.2680	में से	0.1391	जगवीर सिंह पुत्र श्यौदान सिंह निवासी ग्राम चकबीरमपुर।
	164	109	0.9610	में से	0.1312	
		49	1.0830	में से	0.2760	
					0.5463	
19.	235	45	3.1060	में से	0.1726	कुनाल चौहान पुत्र स्व० रविनद्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
20.	235	45	3.1060	में से	0.1726	ऋषभ चौहान पुत्र स्व० रविनद्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
21.	235	45	3,1060	में से	0.6902	प्रिया पत्नी स्व० सविन्द्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।

सेक्टर–8, मुढरह

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1.	75	614	1.6000	में से	0.0857	हरीराम पुत्र प्रभु सिंह निवासी बिरोंडी चक्रसेनपुर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
2.	75	614	1.6000	में से	0.1469	हरीपाल पुत्र प्रभु सिंह निवासी बिरोडी चक्रसेनपुर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
3.	358	611ख	1.2650	में से	0.0843	प्रवीन गुप्ता पुत्र श्यामलाल गुप्ता निवासी रन्हेरा।
4.	358	611ख	1.2650	में से	0.1265	राजकुमार अग्रवाल पुत्र श्री नानकचन्द निवासी मौहल्ला कोट, आजाद चौक, काजीवारा जेवर गौतमबुद्धनगर।
5.	358	611ख	1.2650	में से	0.0843	योगेश गुप्ता पुत्र श्यामलाल गुप्ता निवासी रन्हेरा।
6.	108	656ख	0.2910	में से	0.0970	अजय कुमार चौहान पुत्र चरण सिंह चौहान

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		654 ख	0.3670	में से	0.1223	निवासी ग्राम गिझोड सेक्टर–53. नोएडा।
					0.2193	
7.	365	415	0.5390	में से	0.1797	संजीव गोयल पुत्र प्रेमचन्द निवासी बी–37, महाराणा प्रताप इन्कलेव पीतपुरा दिल्ली।
8.	97	623	1.6170	में से	0.2021	कान्ती देवी पत्नी श्योराज सिंह निवासी ग्राम मुढरह।
	372	631	0.2280	में से	0.0095	
	373	632	0.3540	में से	0.0147	
	374	633	0.3040	में से	0.0095	
	372	634	1.5020	में से	0.0939	
	372	636	0.2510	में से	0.0157	
	374	645	0.4300	में से	0.0134	
	374	659	0.3040	में से	0.0095	
					0.3683	
9.	372	631	0.2280	में से	0.0190	सुरेन्द्र सिंह पुत्र प्रहलाद सिंह निवासी ग्राम मुढरह।
	373	632	0.3540	में से	0.0295	
	374	633	0.3040	में से	0.0190	
	372	634	1.5020	में से	0.1877	
	372	636	0.2510	में से	0.0314	
	374	645	0.4300	में से	0.0269	
	374	659	0.3040	में से	0.0190	
					0.3325	
10.	286	664	1.2140	में से	0.2023	रनपाल पुत्र रतनलाल निवासी बिरोडा तहसील सदर जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।
11.	286	664	1.2140	में से	0.2023	विजयपाल पुत्र रतनलाल निवासी बिरोडा तहसील सदर जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।

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1.	191	1068	0.5540	में से	0.0692	अशोक कुमार शर्मा पुत्र किशनलाल शर्मा निवासी ग्राम।
		1039	0.8610	में से	0.1076	
					0.1768	
2.	191	1068	0.5540	में से	0.0693	उर्मिला देवी पत्नी किशनलाल शर्मा निवासी ग्राम।
		1039	0.8610	में से	0.1076	
					0.1769	
3.	237	1098	1.6450	में से	0.2294	प्रकाशी पत्नी सतपाल सिंह निवासी ग्राम चकबीरमपुर।
4.	545	1040	0.6100	में से	0.0509	राजू शर्मा पुत्र गिर्राज शर्मा निवासी ग्राम रन्हेरा।
		1073	1.3660	में से	0.1139	
					0.1648	
5.	545	1040	0.6100	में से	0.0508	विरमा देवी पत्नी गिर्राज शर्मा निवासी ग्राम रन्हेरा।
		1073	1.3660	में से	0.1138	
		1069	0.8360	में से	0.0697	
					0.2343	
6.	237	1098	1.6450	में से	0.0824	यशोदा गर्ग पत्नी आनन्द कुमार गुप्ता निवासी मौहल्ला सराय नैन सिंह कस्बा जेवर।
7.	422	1075	0.6770	1/5 भाग	0.1354	महावीर शर्मा पुत्र लीलाधर निवासी ग्राम रन्हेरा।
		1064	0.3760	1/5 भाग	0.0752	
					0.2106	
8.	422	1075	0.6770	1/5 भाग	0.1354	महेन्द्र शर्मा पुत्र लीलाधर निवासी ग्राम रन्हेरा।
		1064	0.3760	1/5 भाग	0.0752	
					0.2106	

सेक्टर–8, मिल्क करीमाबाद

क्रम सं०	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
1.	80	38	0.9550	1/18	0.0531	कुनाल चौहान पुत्र स्व० रविनद्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
		39	0.7590	1/18	0.0422	
		40	0.4400	1/18	0.0244	
		41	0.4400	1/18	0.0244	
					0.1441	
2.	80	38	0.9550	1/18	0.0531	ऋषभ चौहान पुत्र स्व० रविनद्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
		39	0.7590	1/18	0.0422	
		40	0.4400	1/18	0.0244	
		41	0.4400	1/18	0.0244	
					0.1441	
3.	80	38	0.9550	2/9	0.2121	प्रिया पत्नी स्व० सविन्द्र सिंह निवासी ग्राम सदरपुर, सेक्टर–45, नोएडा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
		39	0.7590	2/9	0.1686	
		40	0.4400	2/9	0.0978	
		41	0.4400	2/9	0.0978	
					0.5763	

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर अपर मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

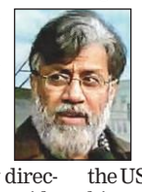
डिप्टी कलेक्टर

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लॉन के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग / हाउसिंग / कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीद फरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

Court lets Rana talk to kin on getting new counsel

New Delhi: Delhi's Patiala House court Thursday allowed 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks plotter **Tahawwur Rana** to have a phone conversation with his family for the limited purpose of discussing the engagement of a new legal aid counsel.

At present, advocate Piyush Sachdeva from Delhi Legal Services Authority is Rana's legal counsel. The Pakistan-born Canadian moved court after Tihar Jail authorities rejected his application to talk to his family over the phone.



Rana is allegedly a close aide of David Coleman Headley, alias Daood Gilani, a US citizen and the main conspirator in the attacks that killed 166.

On July 15, the court allowed Rana's plea seeking directions to jail authorities to provide him with a bed and a mattress. Authorities had opposed the plea, reasoning that inmates aged 65 or older could be given a bed under the jail manual. Rana is 64. On July 9, after NIA filed a supplementary chargesheet, the court extended Rana's judicial custody until Aug 13. Rana was brought to India after the US Supreme Court dismissed his review plea against extradition on April 4. TNN

Forces release joint doctrines for cyberspace, amphibious ops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The armed forces have come up with new joint doctrines for cyberspace and amphibious operations, with the former especially emerging as a key element of non-contact warfare, blurring the demarcation between war and peace.



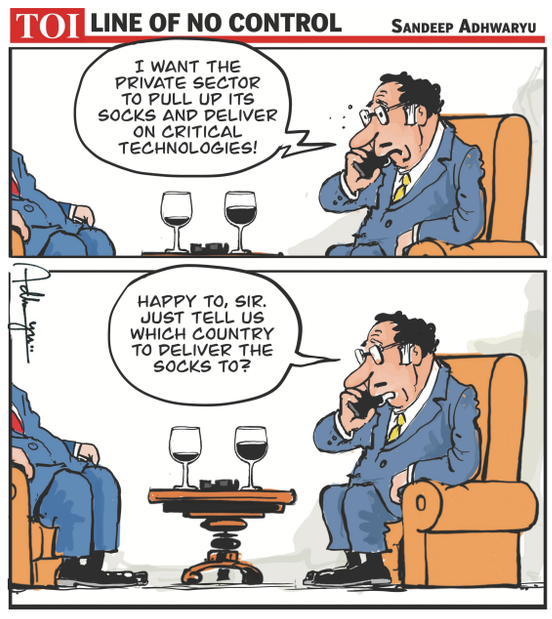
The "declassified versions" of the doctrines were released during a meeting chaired by Chief of Defence Staff General **Anil Chauhan** with the three Service chiefs, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, General Upendra Dwivedi and Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, here on Thursday.

Cyberspace operations have become critical in modern-day warfare, especially in the backdrop of China developing potent cyber warfare and cyber espionage capabilities.

"The armed forces are conscious of the pursuits in the cyberspace domain by our adversaries, including software and hardware initiatives, which are indicative of the increased threats of aggressive cyberspace exploitation," the CDS said, in the doctrine's foreword.

"Operations in cyberspace can be equated to manoeuvre warfare, where speed and agility are of utmost importance... The armed forces, through a collaborative whole of nation approach, will befittingly respond to and face the challenges posed by our adversaries in cyberspace," he added.

The doctrine outlines a unified approach to defend national cyberspace interests, integrating offensive and defensive cyber capabilities.



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED, PANCHKULA	TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF RADIANT WARMER ON 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	06.08.2025 26.08.2025	RS. 86,80,000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com
2	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED, PANCHKULA	TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF 2 YEARS RATE CONTRACT OF LED PHOTOTHERAPY AS MENTIONED AGAINST ITEM IN SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT	06.08.2025 26.08.2025	RS. 34,68,000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 37426

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA
Email ID - ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com
Letter No. 1585 Date: 31.07.2025

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GEPNIC e Procurement Notice

1. Name of the work : Construction and Maintenance of Road works for the year 2024 - 2025. (4 Nos of Works)
2. Class of contractor : "A" & "Special" of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.664.24 Lakhs to Rs. 1055.00 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 Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada	NCB-15/RWCRGDA /2025-26	Dt. 11.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Dt. 26.08.2025 upto 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 25.08.2025 upto 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 29.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

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

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
Rural Works Circle, Rayagada
OIPR-25196/11/0026/25-26

Office of The Superintending Engineer

7th Circle, PWD Gopeshwar
E Mail: sepwdgpr@gmail.com

Letter No. 3356/50 Yatayat-7/2025 Dated: 07.08.2025

E-Tender Notice (Two Bid)

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D, Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from **18.08.2025** on https://www.uktenders.gov.in.

SL. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest money (Rs Lakhs)	Cost of e-tender docu-ment	Validity of tender (in days)	Comple-tion period (in months)	Contractor's category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Under the state sector, under Nanda Devi raj jaat pilgrimage 2026 Repair and protection work on the Karan-prayag Nauti - Paithani motor road near the Maa Nanda Temple in Nauti from km 1 to 30 including damaged walls, causeways, cul-verts and drains.	3.59	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	9	Registerd in Category "B" and above for Road work. in Uttarakhand State.
2	Under the state sector, under Nanda Devi raj jaat pilgrimage 2026 Repair and protection work on the Aadibadri-Nauti motor road including damaged walls, causeways, cul-verts. (Length 38.53 Km.)	6.20	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	9	Registerd in Category "A" and above for Road work. in Uttarakhand State.

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"ENGAGEMENT DRIVE FOR BATTALIONS OF ODISHA SPECIAL STRIKING FORCE (OSSF)"

The engagement drive in the rank of Sepoys, NCOs and Ministerial staffs for 3 OSSF Battalions in Odisha Police was continuing on every Monday. Now, all the posts in the rank of Sepoys, NCOs and Ministerial staffs have been filled-up. Hence, the engagement drive for OSSF Battalions is hereby postponed until further orders.

Sd/-
I.G. of Police (Operations),
Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
OIPR-12110/11/0023/25-26

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-NIT No : 06 of 2025-26 Dated : 04/ 08/ 2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited for engagement of eligible Transaction Advisor, for providing end-to-end transaction advisory services for adaptive reuse of heritage property including proposed Heritage Hotel at **"Mubarak Mandi Heritage Hotel Project"** on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, from Transaction Advisory firms which are already approved and empaneled by **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, Government of India (GOI) and National Land Monetization Corporation Ltd (NLMC) Department of Public Enterprise Ministry of Finance, Government of India** for the following work.

S. No	Name of the Work	Cost of Document (In Rupees)	EMD (in the shape of FDR/CDR/BG) in favour of "Accounts Officer, MMJHS"
1.	Request For Proposal for Engagement of Transaction Advisor (TA) for providing end-to-end Transaction Advisory services for Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Property including proposed Heritage Hotel **"Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex"**, at Jammu on PPP mode from the consultancy firms empaneled by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, Government of India and National Land Monetization Corporation Ltd, (NLMC) Department of Public Enterprise Ministry of Finance, Government of India on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis.	Rs. 6,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-

Schedule of Events :

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per schedule given below :

Sr No	Event Description	Time line
1	Date of issue of Tender	05.08.2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding document.	From 05.08.2025 to 23.08.2025 e- Procurement Portal (**www.jktenders.gov.in**)
3	Pre-bid meeting (Date & time)	12.08.2025 (Tuesday) at 11:30 AM
4	Pre-bid meeting venue	Online (Link shall be shared separately) /Offline at Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Project Division-II Jammu.
5	Last date of receiving written queries	Next day by 6.00 PM from the day of pre-bid meeting i.e. 13.08.2025.
6	Address/email id for sending queries	mubarakmandiheritagesocietyjmu@gmail.co / xenprojectdivision2@gmail.com.
7	Last date & time for **submission (upload)** of online bidding document.	23.08.2025 till 06:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (www.jktenders.gov.in)
8	Last date & time for **submission of EMD** in Hard (Physical) Copies (Offline Mode)	25.08.2025 by 05:00 PM
9	Date & Time of **opening of technical bid** (online)	26.08.2025 on or after 12:00 PM on the e-Procurement Portal (**www.jktenders.gov.in**)
10	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid (online)	To be notified after Technical Bid evaluation is completed.

No:- EE/PD-II/2025-26/614-617
Dated :- 05-08-2025

Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Project Division-II
Jammu.

DIP No: DIP/J-4312/25/06/08/2025.

JHARKHAND MEDICAL & HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT CORPORATION LTD.

MCH BUILDING, RCH CAMPUS, NAMKUM, RANCHI – 834010
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Advertisement No.: JMC/HR-01/HR-25/179/1299 Date: 07.08.2025

Selection of Company Secretary on Retainer Basis

Applications are invited for the selection of Company Secretary on Retainer Basis for "Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited". Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development & Procurement Corporation Limited is seeking to appoint One Company Secretary on Retainer Basis as per the term and condition of JMHIDPCL.

Interested applicants may view the detailed terms and conditions of the position from our website: **https://jmhidpcl.jharkhand.gov.in** .

Eligible candidates must fill in their applications in accordance with the terms & conditions. **Last date for receiving the application is 29.08.2025 till 5:00 pm.** (On all working days from 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M except holidays). Applications received beyond this date/time shall not be accepted.

Sd/-
Managing Director
JMHIDPCL

PR 359115 Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Dev & Procurement Corp Ltd(25-26)#D

Office Of The Superintending Engineer

9th Circle Public Work Department, Dehradun
Office Of The Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle PWD, Dehradun Uttarakhand
Website- http://pwd.uk.gov.in **E-mail: sepwdddun09@gmail.com**

Letter No. 5634/1C-9/2025 Dated: 06/08/2025

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
e-tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer 9th Circle, Public Works Department, Dehradun on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites tender in two bid system for the following works. Information regarding tender shall be available on **https://www.uktenders.gov.in** from date **12.08.2025.**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of of Tender Docu-ment) (In Rs.)	Validity of Tender (In Days)	Period of Comple tion (In Month)	Contractor Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	New Construction work of motor road from Sauda Dwara to Chameli Chowk in Raipur Constituency of Dehradun District under Under the Honorable C.M. Ghosna no. 385/2019. (Second Phase Stage-2)	6.41	5000.00 + 18% G.S.T.	120	15	Registered in **'A'** & above category in Road works in Central Govt./ State Govt./ any Govt. Undertaking
2.	Widening work of road between Nagal Jwalapur to Doiwala in Doiwala Constituency of Dehradun District under the Honorable C.M. Ghosna no. 385/2019,	24.33	5000.00 + 18% G.S.T.	120	18	Registered in **'A'** & above category in Road works in Central Govt./ State Govt./ any Govt. Undertaking

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in**. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions please refer to website. **[A] Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/42, Dated: 30/07/2025. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[247]**; **14255006**; 1) Off time delay relay (Type-RE17RMMW) to Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0064 Alt.C,2) Auxiliary Contact Block Type-LADC22 to Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0064 Alt.C; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 14/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[248]**; **14252785A**; HOSE FOR CAB HEATER TO SPEC/DRG NO. CLW/ES/3/0436/A [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 % , Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 18/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[249]**; **14252936**; Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System Without "Trough" To Specn./Drg. No. RDSO/2007/EL/SPEC/0055 REV. '2'. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 % , Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 20/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[250]**; **25255121**; Diesel Hopper Tipper Dumper, Capacity: 11 cubic meter as per Specification No.MT/2358 dt.26.06.2025. [Warranty Period: 12 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 20/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[251]**; **25255082A**; VVVF Drive 3-Phase AC Traction Motor Testing Plant for Light load for Testing upto Full/Rated Speed, Qty. 02 nos., as per Specification no. MT/2371 Date 28.05.2025, HSN Code: 85044010. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 20/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[252]**; **25255086A**; Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning & proving test of 50/10 T EOT Crane as per technical specification No ELAAU/DKAE/0010. Drawing of all relevant part items to be provided along with supply of EOT Crane; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 26/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[253]**; **25255052B**; Loco Underframe Fixture for WAG 9/9H, Qty. 01 no., as per specification no. MT/2353 dated 25.01.2025, HSN Code: 8479. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 27/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[B] Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/43, Dated: 01/08/2025. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[254]**; **25255005A**; Battery Operated Broad Gauge Rail cum Road Shunter (1676mm track gauge), Capacity-500 Ton, (HSN Code: 86011000) as per Specification No. MT/2351 dated 09.01.2025. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 11/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[255]**; **31252504B**; Set of Harnessed Cable for WAG-9HC Locomotives as per Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0646/E; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 22/08/ 2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[256]**; **14252707**; Set of Neoprene Hose for Other Section to Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0094/E (set details attached) [Quantity Tolerance (+/): 5 % , Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 21/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[257]**; **14252950**; Rotary Switch CAB Heater / Fan To Spec./Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/0108 Alt-A. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 20/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[258]**; **14252647**; Set Of Support For WAG-9HC To Spec/Drg No. CLW/ES/3/0159/G [set details attached] [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents.**; 21/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[259]**; **14253004A**; LED Type Driver-S Desk & Assistant Driver-S Desk Illumination As Per RDSO Specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/TL/0091-2016(REV.1), Type-F2, DRG. NO. LW76094 Alt. (A) And Housing Assembly of LED Type Driver-S Desk & Assistant Driver-S Desk Illumination As Per Drg. No. CLW/ES/3/SK-1/0672/A. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery] [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 22/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[260]**; **14252543B**; 1) AC Circuit Breaker 41 A, 3pole (Type 16) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/ 3/0096/L (one set comprises of items as per item details attached), 2) CKT. Breakers Without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-1) 6A or 10A to CLW Spec./Drg No.CLW/ES/3/0037/H (comprises of items as per item details attached), 3) CKT. Breaker Without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-2) to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/3 /0037/H (comprising of items as per item details attached), 4) CKT. BREAKER WITHOUT AUXILIARY CONTACTS (TYPE - 3) to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/ 3/0037/H. (comprising of items as per item details attached), 5) AC Circuit Breaker 63 A, 3pole (Type 17) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of items as per item details attached), 6) AC Circuit Breaker 6A OR 10A, 3pole (Type 18) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos to CLW Spec./Drg No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of items as per item details attached.), 7) AC Circuit Breaker 6A or 10A, 1 Pole (Type 20) to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of items as per item detail s attached) 8) AC Circuit Breaker 16 A, 3 Pole (Type 14) with Aux. Contact: 2 Nos to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/3/0096/ L (one set comprises of items as per item details attached), 9) AC Ckt. Breaker 11 A, 1 Pole Revised (Type-21) to CLW Spec./Drg No. CLW/ES/3/ 0096/L, 10) CKT. Breakers Without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-7) to CLW Spec./Drg No.CLW/ES/ 3/0037/H (comprising of item as per detail attached), 11) CKT. Breakers Without Auxiliary Contacts For AUX. Compressor (Type - 6) to C LW Spec./Drg No.CLW/ES/3/ 0037/H; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 21/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[261]**; **14252993C**; Set of BUS BAR For Other Section For WAG-9HC (Consisting of 04 Items) For CLW/CRJ And Dankuni To CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0118/M (Set Detail Attached) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 20/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[262]**; **25255078B**; Electric Baking Oven, Capacity 48 KW, Qty. 05 nos. as per Specification no. MT/2359 Date 28/7/2025. HSN Code: 85141000, [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 28/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**. **[263]**; **25255094B**; Dynamic Balancing Machine, Qty. 01 no. as per Specification no. MT/2373 Date 28. 07. 2025, HSN Code: 90311000. [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery]; **As per Tender/ Documents.**; 26/08/2025; **₹ 0.00**.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND BASIN MANAGER,
MAHANADI BASIN, AT-BURLA, DISTRICT-SAMBALPUR, PIN-768017
E-mail Id - cebmumbburla@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No - CE & BM-MB-10/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO - CE & BM-MB-10/2025-2026 (Online)

1	Name of the work	:	Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Sukha Canal Section, Barpali Irrigation Division, Barpali).
2	No of works	:	One (01) number
3	Class of contractor	:	"Special Class" and "Super Class"
4	Bid identification No	:	CE&BM-MB-10/2025-2026 (Online)
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs. 30.78 Crores
6	Period of completion	:	24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
7	Date and time of availability of Bid Documents in the portal	:	Dated-13.08.2025 at 11.30 AM to Dated-02.09.2025 up to 5.00 PM.
8	Last date/time for receipt of Bids in the portal	:	Dated-02.09.2025 up to 5.00 PM.
9	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	Dated-03.09.2025 at 11.30 AM, O/o Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla
10	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla, Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha,768017 Email Id: **cebmumbburla@gmail.com**

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Mahanadi Basin, Burla
OIPR-32508/11/0017/25-26

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COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION, ODISHA
PRAJNAPITHA, SAMANTAPUR, BHUBANESWAR-751013
No.8/2025/COE/CON/2798/CHSE. Dt.-06.08.2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL QUESTION PRINTERS

Applications with all relevant documents and contact details are invited only from credible, reputed and Confidential Firm with at least 10 years of experience in similar business and dealing with different State Boards and Universities of the country for empanelment of lists of Confidential Question Printer under Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar. The application must reach by speed post latest by 29.08.2025, addressing the name of the undersigned with inner cover super-scribed with "**Application for empanelment of Confidential Question Printer**" and the outer cover super-scribed with "**Confidential**".

The correct address is to be written only in the inner envelop.

Sd/-
Dr. Prasanta Kumar Parida
Controller of Examinations
Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha,
C/2, Prajnapitha, Samantapur,
Bhubaneswar-751013
OIPR-11013/11/0001/25-26

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-II-09/2025-26

1. The Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road works
3. No. of work : 1 No.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs. 10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class/ Special Class/Super Class
6. Available of bid document the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 13.08.2025 to 5.30 PM of 01.09.2025
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 02.09.2025 at 11.30 A.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Roads-II), Odisha
OIPR-34181/11/0037/25-26

बिहार सरकार

बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग,

19, हार्डिंग रोड, पटना–800001

आवश्यक सूचना

PR.NO.-001879 (B&C) 2025-26

विज्ञापन सं०–23 / 2025, स्टाफ नर्स

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अन्तर्गत **स्टाफ नर्स** के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन सं०–23 / 2025 से संबंधित दिनांक–30.07.2025, 31.07.2025, 01.08.2025 एवं 03.08.2025 को आयोजित परीक्षा के प्रश्न–पत्र पर **दिनांक–08.08.2025 से 11.08.2025 तक** अभ्यर्थियों से Online Portal पर आपत्ति प्राप्त किया जाना है।

उक्त से संबंधित विस्तृत दिशा–निर्देश एवं आपत्ति Portal का Link आयोग के **Website-www.btsc.bihar.gov.in** पर प्रकाशित कर दी गयी है। अभ्यर्थियों को निदेश है कि आयोग के Website का सतत् अनुश्रवण करते रहेंगे।

उक्त सूचना **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

प्रभारी सचिव,
बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, पटना

PR. No. 011059 (B & C) 25-26

नशामुक्त हो जाए बिहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग

15, नेहरु पथ (बेली रोड), पटना – 800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या–41 / 2025,
मोटरयान निरीक्षक प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा

विज्ञापन संख्या– 41 / 2025, मोटरयान निरीक्षक प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा का प्रवेश पत्र आयोग के वेबसाईट पर दिनांक 06.08.2025 को अपलोड कर दिया गया है। उम्मीदवारों के प्रवेश पत्र आयोग के वेबसाईट https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in अथवा www.bpsconline.bihar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध रहेंगे, जिन्हें डाउनलोड कर उम्मीदवार परीक्षा में भाग ले सकते हैं।

1. **अभ्यर्थी आयोग के वेबसाइट https://bpsconline.bihar.gov.in/candidate/login पर जाकर अपने Account में Login करें। फिर 'My Account' में जाकर संबंधित विज्ञापन के सामने View विकल्प पर Click करें। इसके बाद Admit card Exam centre का विकल्प दिखाई देगा जहाँ से अभ्यर्थी अपने परीक्षा केन्द्र की विस्तृत जानकारी दिनांक–08.08.2025 से प्रिंट कर सकते हैं।**
2. **सभी अभ्यर्थी e-Admit Card की एक अतिरिक्त प्रति अपने साथ परीक्षा केन्द्र पर ले जाना सुनिश्चित करेंगे एवं परीक्षा अवधि में वीक्षक के समक्ष हस्ताक्षर कर उन्हें सुपूर्द कराना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।**
3. **अभ्यर्थियों को e-Admit Card में दिये गये समयानुसार परीक्षा केन्द्र में प्रवेश की अनुमति दी जायेगी।**
4. **उम्मीदवारों को डाक से (By Post) प्रवेश पत्र नहीं भेजे जाएंगे।**

स्वा/–
परीक्षा नियंत्रक
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD.

GEOPIC, KDMIPE Campus, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248195

EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

With reference to the Expression of Interest (EOI) invited by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) for **"Hiring services of container-based High-Performance Computing Cluster (HPCC) along with seismic processing software for five years,"** it is hereby informed that the last date for submission of EOI has been extended to **18.08.2025**, and the email ID for submission of EOI-related documents has been changed to **cshw_geopic@ongc.co.in**. All other terms and conditions of the EOI remain unchanged. For further details, please visit: **https://tenders.ongc.co.in**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurerment Tender Notice 17/2025 dated 04.08.2025

Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, **Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj** invites the E-procurement tenders.

Tender No.	Description	Qty.	EMD	Tender Opening Date
19256970	SAFETY FOOTWEAR	12864 Nos.	₹ 1,77,210/-	02.09.2025

Note:- (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital Signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed on their body.The above tender notice has been uploaded on **http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in** In case of any difficulty hepdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description of work	Due date
252613 003296	Procurement of Surface Liquid OBA for PM#1 & 3.	**21.08.2025**
252613 003363	Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electrical Equipments at Boiler area of RSPS#2 in TNPL Unit-I.	**22.08.2025**
252623 001809	For Supply and Application of Thermal Insulation for TM#5 Equipments & Piping at TNPL Unit-II.	**25.08.2025**
252623 001792	Procurement of Descaling Agent for Continuous Digester for Pulp Mill of TNPL Unit - II.	**22.08.2025**
Email	**252613003296 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 252613003363 - pmd1@tnpl.co.in 252623001809 - pmd2@tnpl.co.in 252623001792 - purchaserm.u2@tnpl.co.in**	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal. Detailed Terms & conditions, tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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National Science Centre

(A Unit of National Council of Science Museums)
Pragati Maidan, Near Gate No.-4, Bhairon Road, New Delhi - 110001

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Tender ID: 2025_NCSM_871272_1

National Science Centre, a unit of National Council of Science Museums, on behalf of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India, invite open online e-tenders from reputed and experienced agencies under appropriate class/category to and capable of carrying out the following works. The details of the work are following.

S. No	Name of work	EMD (INR)	Time of completion
1	Setting up of Kedar Parichay Museum at Kedarnath Dham Uttarakhand.	40,00,000.00	240 days

E-Tender Time Schedule

(i)	Start date of downloading of bids document	31 July, 2025
(ii)	Document Download / Sale End Date	21 August, 2025 (02:00 PM)
(iii)	Pre Bid Meeting Date	11 August, 2025 (11:00 AM) at National Science Centre, Delhi.
(iv)	Last date of submission of Bids	21 August, 2025 02:00 PM

E-Tender published at http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, bidders may participate in the tendering process as per the detail given on the CPP portal and published NIT already uploaded on the portal. Details of NIT & Tender document are also available in the website of NSCD i.e www.nscd.gov.in

कार्यालय नगर पालिका मण्डल, आबूरोड जिला-सिरोही (राज)

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क्रमांकः–एबीआर/एमयूएन/निर्माण/2025–26/493 दिनांक : 23.07.2025

–: ई–निविदा सूचना (E-NIT 08 /2025-26) :–

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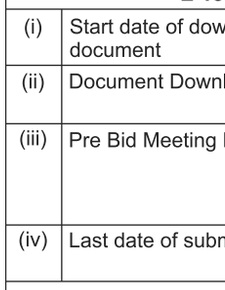
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निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाईट **http//:eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** व **http//:sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** से डाउनलोड किया जा सकताहै। ईच्छुक संवेदको को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट **http//:eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर पंजीकृत होना आवश्यक है।

राज.संवाद/सी/25/7582 अध्यक्ष अधिशाषी अधिकारी

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Bablu

General public is hereby informed that a Male **Namely Bablu S/o:** Shyam Lal **R/o** G-106, Mittal Colony Pul Prahlad Pur, **New Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his home Since 08.06.2025 at 11:00 PM, In this regard a **DD No: 43A, Dt. 20.06.2025,** has been registered at **P.S.: Pul Prahlad Pur, New Delhi**. The description of the missing Male as under.

Age: 32 years, **Height:** 5'6" **Face:** Round **Built:** Normal, **Complexion:** Fair; **Wearing:** Blue Shirt and White Colour Lower & Shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Male may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **S.H.O**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **PS: Pul Prahlad Pur, New Delhi**
DP/10417/SE/2025 **Ph No. 8750870934**

नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

मुरलीपुरा स्कीम, सब्जी मण्डी, जयपुर।

क्रमांक :– जसअ/2025/164 दिनांकः 06.08.2025

ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या 176–177/2025–26

केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के विभागों में पंजीकृत ''एए'' व ''ए'' श्रेणी के ठेकेदारों एवं नगर निगम जयपुर के उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से विभिन्न विकास कार्यों की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कार्यों की अनुमानित लागत, टेण्डर बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की तारीख, टेण्डर शर्त आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण राज्य सरकार के ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **www.sppp.raj.nic.in** तथा नगर निगम ग्रेटर, जयपुर की Web Site **www.jaipurmc.org** पर देखी व **Download** की जा सकती है तथा निर्धारित अवधि तक ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर अपलोड की जा सकेगीं। **SPPP portal UBN No. JMC2526WSOB01156 to UBN No. JMC2526WSOB01157**

अधिशाषी अभियन्ता
मुरलीपुरा जोन
राज.संवाद/सी/25/7701 नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर।

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7722/P-3/EMP-13089 dated 05.08.25

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_146610_1 for the Procurement of Grinding elements for XRP-803 and HP-803 Bowl Mills installed at Stage-II & III. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 06.08.25/ 02.00 PM onwards.

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

RTP-93/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/2051

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in

E-Tender Enq. No. 7720/P-1/EMP-13081 dt. 01.08.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_146269_1 for Procurement of Paddy Straw based Non torrefied Pellets for Co-firing in PSPCL thermal Power Plants For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07.08.25 from 05.00 PM onwards.

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

RTP-94/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/2058

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-N-2025-126	**Approx Cost : 199519261.37**
Description of work : Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi-Sithouli-Cess widening and slope protection work.	
Earnest Money : 1147600.00	**Date of closing Tender : 10.09.2025 at 15:00 hrs.**
Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 12 Months	

• Tender on line can be submitted **up to 15:00 hrs on 10.09.2025.** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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UJVN Limited

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्र सं0: 551 दिनांकः 06/08/2025

e-Tender corrigendum Notice-18

In continuation to uploaded below e-tender for construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP (3X40 MW), Munsyari, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, date corrigendum has been uploaded in the portal.

Tender No. (Package-II): 02/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25

Tender No. (Package-III): 03/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2024-25

Name of work (Pac-II): Construction of Feeder tunnel, Desander, HRT, SFT, surge shaft, valve house, adits and its appurtenant works & associated project roads.

Name of work (Pac-III): Construction of underground Power House Building, Tail Race tunnel, Switch yard and other associated work of Power House site, Adits , MAT, vertical pressure shaft & steel liner including branch tunnel & associated project roads.

Bid submission closing date on portal: 19.08.2025 upto 16:00 Hrs

For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in".**

DGM (Civil), Munsyari

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. AGC/Br/L/2025-26/03 **Dated** 05.08.2025

E-Tender Notice

Dy.Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/North Central Railway/Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 15:00 hrs: on **28.08.2025.** The details of the Tender are as under:-

Tender No.: Br-AGC- 2025-03	**Approx. Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 56808616.29
Name of work: Construction of 2-Lane ROB no. 157 (at present ROB no. 153) by increasing height and rebuilding of old ROB at km 83/5-6 between Agra Fort-Idgah stations.	
Bid Security (₹) : ₹ 434100.00	**Completion Period :** 12 Months
Date of Opening of tender : 28.08.2025	
Eligibility Criteria For similar work : Construction of bridge on pile or well foundation	

Note: 1: E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderer. **2:** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** up to 15.00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. **3:** 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 issued by CCA under IT Act, 2000. **4:** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **5:**The tenderers shall submit certificates as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **6:** The supplier / contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7:** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8:** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 9:** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **10:** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **11:**Tender on line can be submitted up to **15.00** hrs. of due date of tender opening. **12:**The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered.

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Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road,
Bangalore – 560079. Phone: +91-80-29619801, Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/EQPT/HFW/BSU/TND/ 22/2025-26 **Date: 06.08.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: Tender Notification No:1. KSMSCL/EQPT/HFW/BSU/TND/ 22/2025-26, Date: 06.08.2025

2. KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/NDD/ALBENDAZOLE TAB/26/2025-26, Dated: 06.08.2025 (IND-0270).

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. **TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF "BLOOD STORAGE UNITS EQUIPMENT" UNDER STATE BLOOD CELL PROGRAMME FOR THE FY 2025-26 (IND 0269)**
2. **Re-Tender for the supply of Albendazole Tablets under NDD (NHM) Program for 2025-26 (NHM-NFDS Budget) (IND-0270)**

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **06.08.2025.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/-
General Manager (Admin & procurement)
KSMSCL, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/2221/SHIRDISAI/2025-26

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866. Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक सं. 552 दिनांक 06.08.2025

e-Tender corrigendum Notice-05

In continuation to uploaded below e-tender for construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP (3X40 MW), Munsyari, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, date corrigendum has been uploaded in the portal

Tender No.: 01/DGM(Civil)/SBR/2025-26

Name of work : Construction of Coffer dam, Barrage, intake and its appurtenant works including river diversion works, Hydro mechanical works & associated project roads and bridges etc.

Bid submission closing date on portal: 19.08.2025 upto 16: 00 Hrs

For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in".

DGM (Civil), Munsyari

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

SEARCH FOR MISSING


Pankaj Srivastava

General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Pankaj Srivastava, S/o: Nand Kishore, R/o: H.No.F-2, Bhihari Colony, Shahdara, Delhi** has been Missing from his house since **04.08.2025** at **6.30 P.M.** In this regard a missing report case vide **DD No.116A dated 04.08.2025** has been lodged at **P.S Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

His Physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 37 Years, **Height:** 5' 7", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Black Color Sando, Black Color Trouser.

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

Phone No.: 011-24368638, 011-24368641 | Fax no.: 011-24368639 | Email id : cic@cbi.nic.in | Website : http://cbi.nic.in

SHO
P.S – Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Phone: 011-23968730, 8750870123.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING


Sapna

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sapna, D/o** Vinod Kumar, **R/o** H.No. F-10, Near Karan Public School, Aman Vihar Delhi, **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, wearing Blue Colour T Shirt and Lower has been Missing from her house since 05.08.2025 at 03: 00 A.M., in the area of P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR No. 456/25 U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita,2023 Dated 05.08.2025 has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her, please inform to the undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 9050316914,8750870321

DP/10499/RD/2025

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-tender notice No: MECH-ONF-HSD-FP-PRYJ-25 Date: 04.08.2025

E-Tender Notice

Tender through e-tendering system- "Open Tender in Double Packet System" for and on behalf of the President of India are invited for the work of "Provision of additional HSD oil Fuelling Point at different locations over PRYJ division (PRYJ, CNB & TDL station).

Similar work definition for minimum Eligibility Criteria : Work of supply, installation and commissioning any of the following works for Central or State Government organization/Indian Railway/Public Sector undertaking: "Erection and commissioning of Fuel pipeline work in Indian Railway yard for fueling purpose in Rolling stocks"	
Approx. value of work (in₹): ₹1,78,43,285.03	**Bid Security (in₹):** ₹ 2,39,220.00
Cost of tender form (in ₹): NIL	**Period of completion :** 09 Months
Date & time of closing tender : 04.09.2025, 15:00 Hrs.	
Date & time of opening tender : 04.09.2025, 15:30 Hrs.	

Note- (1) The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available up to **15:00** hrs of **04.09.2025** in website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderers require submitting their e-tender on this website only. **(2)** Tenderers other than in the form of e-tendering shall not be accepted against above e-tenders. For this purpose, contractors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates. **(3)** Rates entered into rate page and dully signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates in any other financial entity on any other form/letter if attached by tenderers shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed digitally by the tenderer. **(5) Bid Security:** All the tenderers/Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards Bid Security through ONLINE payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card credit card etc, **However, the Bid Security** shall be deposited either in cash through e-payament gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per **Annexure-VIA** and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. **(6)** Tender will be opened at the specified time & date. In case the specified date is declared a holiday, the tender would be opened at the same time on the next working day. **(7)** In case of any difficulty help desk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(8)** Any conditional offer will be summarily rejected. Other terms & condition may be seen in tender documents. **(9)** The said supplier of goods and/or services would be subjected to GST ACT and Rules as applicable from time to time. (As per railway board letter no 2016/AC-II/1/6 dated **12 may 2017**). **1401/25 (MG)**

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone),
9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagara, 2nd Block, Bengaluru -11

No: SADH(S)TENDER/12/2025-26 Dated: 06.08.2025

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover System) **(STD KW-4)**

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only) The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites Tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Development of Parks.

Sl No.	Name of the work
1.	Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and other Civil Works in Chikkapete Constituency Parks. **Total Estimated Cost** : ₹.**2,50,00,000.00, Estimated Cost: (excluding GST): ₹.2,25,65,449.00, EMD: ₹.3,38,500.00**
2.	Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and other Civil Works in Padmanabhangara Constituency Parks. **Total Estimated Cost** : ₹.**2,25,00,000.00, Estimated Cost: (excluding GST): ₹.2,02,52,271.00, EMD: ₹.3,03,800.00**
3.	Beautification, Landscape Development, Water Facility and other Civil Works in BTM Layout Constituency Parks. **Total Estimated Cost** : ₹.**1,50,00,000.00, Estimated Cost: (excluding GST): ₹.1,28,43,950.00, EMD: ₹.2,00,000.00**

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification is **06.08.2025 (2)** Tender can be downloaded from **07.08.2025. (3)** Pre bid meeting on **08.08.2025** at **4:00** pm. **(4)** Tender Closing date **14.08.2025** at **4:00** pm. **(5)** Technical bid opening date is **16.08.2025** at **4:30** pm. **(6)** Financially Bid Opening Date After approval of Technical bid.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone)

Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB), Pune.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Empanelment of Consulting firms and Individual Consultants

MSAMB invites proposals from experienced and reputed consulting firms and individual consultants for need-based consultancy services for various projects to be undertaken by MSAMB within and outside Maharashtra State.

Consultants are requested to submit their proposals in the prescribed format. For details regarding eligibility, selection criteria, formats, etc., please visit www.msamb.com.

Any corrigendum/addendum will be published only on www.msamb.com.

Managing Director

SEARCH FOR MISSING


Amrita Singh

General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Amrita Singh, D/o : Sh. Lalit Thakur, R/o: H.No. I-4, Gali No.04, Rama Park, Mohan Garden, New Delhi** has been Missing from her house since **05.08.2025 at 8.30 A.M.** In this regard a missing report case vide **GD No. 60A dated 05.08.2025** has been lodged at **P.S Mohan Garden, New Delhi.**

Her Physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 23 Years, **Height:** 4' 11", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Pink Color T-Shirt, Half Pant and Hawai 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 person please inform to the following.

Phone No.: 011-24368638, 011-24368641 | Fax No. : 011-24368639 | Email id : cic@cbi.nic.in | Website : http://cbi.nic.in

SHO
P.S – Mohan Garden, New Delhi
DP/10420/DW/2025 Phone : 8750871029, 8851199334, 9868498760

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 4820252026 Dated: 05.08.2025

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) /North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-tendering process for the following works up to **13:30 hrs.** on **29.08.2025.** The details of the tender is as under:

Tender No.: 141	**Approx Cost of work (Rs.):** 5,55,65,993.97
Name of Work: Provision of Ballast Less Track on Line No. 18 of Platform No. 9 of Prayagraj Railway Station under Assistant Divisional Engineer/Line/Prayagraj.	
Earnest Money (Rs.): 4,27,800.00	**Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months

Date of Opening of tender: 29.08.2025, **Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any RCC/PSC work, **Note: 1.** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30 hrs**. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **29.08.2025. 3.** 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 Certificates issued by **CCA** under **IT Act-2000. 4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **6.** The supplier/contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 9.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking of payment gateway only. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **11.** Tender online can be submitted up to **13:30 hrs** of tender opening date i.e. **29.08.2025. 12.** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-1) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1397/25 (ADM)**

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मंडल, बिलासपुर

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना
Portal : http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन लोक निर्माण विभाग, बिलासपुर मण्डल, बिलासपुर में निम्नलिखित कार्य नवीन ई-पंजीयन में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार हेतु सरल क्र. 1 से 2 हेतु दिनांक 13.08.2025 एवं सरल क्र. 3 से 4 हेतु दिनांक 18.08.2025 एवं सरल क्र. 5 से 15 हेतु दिनांक 25.08.2025 तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	नि.आ.सू. क्र./ दिनांक	कार्य का नाम	लागत (लाख में)
1	206	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग कोरबा अंतर्गत विभिन्न मार्गों में डब्ल्यू.एम.एम. एवं बी.टी. पेच रिपेयर कार्य। **चतुर्थ आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग, कोरबा।मंद संख्या-24-3054-0134**	25.00
2	207	लोक निर्माण विभाग, उपसंभाग भैसमा अंतर्गत विभिन्न मार्गों में डब्ल्यू.एम.एम. एवं बी.टी. पेच रिपेयर कार्य। **चतुर्थ आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग, कोरबा।मंद संख्या-24-3054-0134**	25.00
3	208	जिला गौरेला पेण्ड्रा मरवाही के ग्राम रानीझाप से खोडरी रेल्वे स्टेशन पहुंच मार्ग के कि.मी. 1 से 2/4 =1.40 कि.मी. का निर्माण कार्य। **द्वितीय आमंत्रण। पेण्ड्रा संभाग पेण्ड्रा। मद संख्या - 42-5054-2457**	156.33
4	209	नवीन व्यवहार न्यायालय भवन, खरसिया जिला रायगढ़ में रैम्प निर्माण कार्य। **द्वितीय आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग रायगढ़। मद संख्या- 67-4059-2450**	23.35
5	210	लोक निर्माण विभाग हाईकोर्ट उपसंभाग क्र.-2 बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत आवासीय भवनों (माननीय उच्च न्यायालय आवासीय परिसर बोदरी के सेक्टर-2 एवं 3) में विशेष मरम्मत एवं लघुमूल गौण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 2 बिलासपुर मद संख्या - 67-2216-2450**	100.00
6	211	लोक निर्माण विभाग हाईकोर्ट उपसंभाग क्र.-2 बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत गैर आवासीय भवनों (माननीय उच्च न्यायालय मुख्य भवन) में विशेष मरम्मत एवं लघुमूल गौण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 2 बिलासपुर।मद संख्या 67-2059-2449**	100.00
7	212	वर्ष 2025-26 एवं 2026-27 के लिये माननीय उच्च न्यायालय परिसर बोदरी बिलासपुर में स्थापित फायर फायटिंग सिस्टम का संधारण एवं रख-रखाव कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। संभाग क्र. 2 बिलासपुर। मद संख्या 67-2059-2449**	92.75
8	213	जिला कोरबा के विकासखण्ड पाली अंतर्गत ग्राम लाफा में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग, कोरबा। मद संख्या - 8443 (जमा कार्य)**	65.93
9	214	विकासखण्ड पाली अंतर्गत पुराने आई.टी.आई. भवन पाली का रेनोवेशन कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग, कोरबा। मद संख्या - 8443 (जमा कार्य)**	24.50
10	215	जिला कोरबा के चाकाबुड़ा में प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र भवन का निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। कोरबा संभाग, कोरबा। मद संख्या - 8443 (जमा कार्य)**	64.40
11	216	जिला रायगढ़ के गुड़हन मार्ग लं. 1.20 कि.मी. निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़। मद संख्या - 24-5054-1222**	176.61
12	217	मुख्यमंत्री शासकीय अस्पताल रूपांतरण कोष अंतर्गत जिला रायगढ़ के मातृ एवं शिशु अस्पताल लैलूंगा में बाउण्ड्रीवाल निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़। मद संख्या - 8443 (जमा कार्य)**	19.46
13	218	जिला रायगढ़ अंतर्गत वि.ख. पुसौर के ग्राम पंचायत तुरंगा में मिनी रटेडियम निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़। मद संख्या - 8443 (जमा कार्य)**	61.81
14	219	नवीन मंद योजना वर्ष 2023-24 के प्रावधनिय बजट अनुसार उप जेल सारंगढ़ में अतिरिक्त बैरक्स निर्माण कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। सारंगढ़ संभाग, सारंगढ़। मद संख्या - 67-4059-8040**	118.18
15	220	जिला न्यायालय परिसर रायगढ़ जिला रायगढ़ के मुख्य भवन में भूतल एवं प्रथम तल में टाईल्स लगाने एवं मरम्मत कार्य। **प्रथम आमंत्रण। रायगढ़ संभाग, रायगढ़। मद संख्या - 67-4059-2450**	51.12

निविदा में भाग लेने की प्रक्रिया एवं निविदा के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी विभाग के उपरोक्त वेबसाईट में देखें जा सकते है।

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PM's readiness to pay 'personal price' marks escalation of resistance

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The PM's response on Thursday built upon his earlier public "no", the one at Varanasi on Saturday, to US's pressure. The US has not only been demanding low tariffs on certain farm products such as corn, soybeans, apples, cotton, almonds and ethanol, but also pitching for allowing entry of its genetically modified produce like maize, soy, canola & cotton into Indian market. It also wants India to let in beef and cattle feed, which has bones & other animal parts; both absolutely "no-go" zones for govt.

During trade negotiations, India resisted the US demand to lower tariffs on these products as it will negatively impact Indian farmers who produce maize, soybean, pulses, cotton and fruits and nuts. India also opposed the American move to push GM products due to biosafety concerns.

Significantly, the "whatever-it-takes" assertion came during the PM's speech at an event to mark the centenary of legendary agricultural scientist M S Swaminathan, the driving force behind 'Green Revolution' which helped India overcome its dependence on US foodgrains and shake off the stigma of "ship-to mouth" economy. Modi's statement about his readiness to pay a "personal price" also marked an escalation of Indian resistance and the transformation of the trade dispute into an issue of national pride and self-reliance.

With Modi taking it upon himself to lead the "resistance", Trump's claim, already neutered by his hectoring, that he had leveraged a promise of a tariff deal to get India to pause Operation Sindoor, appeared to have receded into the background.

Outlining his vision for Indian agriculture, Modi, on the occasion, pushed for combining traditional Indian agricultural practices with modern science, and emphasised the need to ensure nutritional security, crop diversification and development of climate-resilient crop varieties. He also pitched for integration of AI and machine learning in agricultural systems.

"Govt has always considered the strength of farmers as the foundation of national progress," Modi said, noting that the policies formulated in recent years were not merely about assistance, but about instilling confidence among farmers.

SC scotches Justice Varma's bid to fault process of inquiry

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New Delhi: Rejecting Justice **Yashwant Varma**'s petition on Thursday, a Supreme Court bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A G Masih said it was "unreasonable to even think that despite an incident of the present nature, the CJI would wait for Parliament to take action".

"The CJI, upon being informed of a judge's remissness, does have the authority — moral, ethical and legal — to take such necessary action as is warranted to keep institutional integrity intact. Any adverse impact on the credibility of the institution could prove dear," it said, adding that no judge, be it in trial courts, HCs or in the SC, is above the law.

SC also scotched attempts by Justice Varma to fault the process of inquiry and the CJI's decision in not giving him a personal hearing prior to recommending his removal. It said, "The CJI has scrupulously followed the in-house procedure, which does not envisage a hearing to be given to the judge under probe after he has expressed his inability to resign or voluntarily retire."

Writing the 57-page judgment that surgically resected the core of argument senior advocate Kapil Sibal had made to shield



the judge's intriguing behaviour post-discovery of sacks of burning cash at his official residence in Lutyens' Delhi on March 14 night and his participation in the inquiry without protest, Justice Datta said, "Justice Varma's conduct does not inspire much confidence for us to entertain the writ petition."

The bench faulted him for not raising objections in time to either the uploading of videos of the burning cash on the SC website, process of inquiry, findings of the committee and recommendation for removal, and questioned the audacity of the judge to doubt the legal sanction behind the in-house procedure.

The only solace to Justice Varma was the bench's remark that since the entire inquiry process is essentially confidential, the then CJI could have avoided being too fair and transparent and not uploaded the video of the burning cash, since it was not required under the in-house procedure. At the same time, Justice Datta pointed out that the judge did not protest the uploading of the video at a relevant time.

Justice Datta said even if the CJI had not made any recommendation for Justice Varma's removal, "Parliament's power to initiate proceedings for removal of a judge for alleged misbehaviour or incapacity remains unfettered". It can be initiated even when the committee finds the judge not guilty, it said.

"The power, competence, authority and jurisdiction of Parliament to decide what is in the best interests of the nation is left untrammelled by the in-house procedure; hence, it is fallacious to argue that the in-house procedure is a parallel and extra-constitutional mechanism for removal of a Judge," Justices Datta and Masih said.

The bench said it would be quixotic to argue that the in-house inquiry is a removal mechanism. It is only to help the CJI to take a prima facie view of a judge's alleged misconduct and decide whether or not to recommend the govt to initiate removal motion in Parliament.

Rejecting aspersions on the CJI's actions after the inquiry report, the bench said, "We have no hesitation to say that the CJI is not a mere post office between the inquiry committee and the President/PM that the report is to be forwarded without any remarks/recommendation. The CJI is clearly an important person, if not the most, in the larger scheme of maintaining institutional interest and credibility to ascertain whether a judge has indulged in misconduct."

Sambhal 'sacred symbol of Hindu tradition': Yogi

Bareilly: In his first visit to Sambhal after last year's Nov 24 violence that broke out during a court monitored survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid, UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said "Sambhal is a sacred symbol of Hindu tradition" as it is believed to be the birthplace of the prophesied lord Kalki, the 10th and final incarnation of Lord Vishnu, reports **Krishna Chaudhary**.

He said those trying to suppress this truth for political gains will have to face consequences for their "sins". Yogi was in Sambhal to inaugurate & lay the foundation stone for 222 development projects worth Rs 659 crore.

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3.	68	115स 120 129स 133 140 170स	0.0290 2.3300 0.0130 0.2500 0.9470 0.4280	में से	0.0024 0.1942 0.0011 0.0209 0.0789 0.0357 **0.3332**	कपिल कुमार शर्मा पुत्र जुगेन्द्र नि० भुन्नातगा
4.	68	115स 120 129स 133 140 170स	0.0290 2.3300 0.0130 0.2500 0.9470 0.4280	में से	0.0025 0.1941 0.0010 0.0209 0.0789 0.0356 **0.3330**	मिथलेश पत्नी जुगेन्द्र नि० भुन्नातगा
5.	149 149 191	117 118 193	0.0240 0.0380 2.9290	में से	0.0020 0.0032 0.4882	राजकुमार शर्मा पुत्र जग्गनलाल नि० भुन्नागता54
6.	149 149 126 182 148 229 167	117 118 144/6 144/8 144/1 144/5 144/9	0.0240 0.0380 0.1010 0.3620 1.2520 1.3850 0.0330	में से	0.0003 0.0004 0.0190 0.0151 0.1565 0.1154 0.0007	ब्रजपाल पुत्र महीपाल नि० भुन्नागता
7.	113	188/3	1.7840	में से	0.1265	प्रखर राय त्यागी पुत्र योगेन्द्र कुमार त्यागी नि० उटरावली
8.	237 113 130 130 04	188स 188/3 149 150 163	0.1370 1.7840 0.0250 0.0250 2.5900	में से	0.0114 0.0317 0.0005 0.0005 0.1079	प्रवीन कुमर पुत्र राजवीर शर्मा नि० के 92 कृष्णा गली मौजपुर भजनपुरा नोर्थ दिल्ली
9.	113 237 130 130 04	188/3 188स 149 150 163	1.7840 0.1370 0.0250 0.0250 2.5900	में से	0.0105 0.0114 0.0006 0.0006 0.1079	चन्द्रवती पत्नी राजवीर शर्मा नि० के 92 कृष्णा गली मौजपुर भजनपुरा नोर्थ दिल्ली
10.	113 237 130 130 04	188/3 188स 149 150 163	1.7840 0.1370 0.0250 0.0250 2.5900	में से	0.0106 0.0114 0.0005 0.0005 0.1079	जयवीर शर्मा पुत्र राजवीर शर्मा नि० के 92 कृष्णा गली मौजपुर भजनपुरा नोर्थ दिल्ली
11.	177	185	0.9320	में से	0.0922	जतिन गर्ग पुत्र महेशचन्द नि० रबूपुरा
12.	182	144/8	0.3620	में से	0.0603	पंकज शर्मा पत्नी लोकेश शर्मा नि० नोएडा
13.	196	182	0.9490	में से	0.4745	लाल सिंह पुत्र केसरी नि० भुन्नातगा
14.	196	182	0.9490	में से	0.1732	विशाल पुत्र सतीशचन्द नि० भुन्नातगा
15.	224	181	0.5140	में से	0.5140	सतीश चन्द पुत्र चन्दर सिंह नि० भुन्नातगा
16.	196	182	0.9490	में से	0.2373	अतुल कुमार पुत्र सतीशचन्द नि० भुन्नातगा
17.	177	185	0.9320		0.0288	
18.	63 126 125 182 148 299 167 149 149	174 144/6 144/7स 144/8 144/1 144/5 144/9 117 118	1.6680 0.1010 0.2560 0.3620 1.2520 1.3850 0.0330 0.0240 0.0380	में से	0.1043 0.0190 0.0640 0.0151 0.1565 0.1154 0.0007 0.0002 0.0004	बिजेन्द्र पुत्र महीपाल नि० भुन्नातगा
19.	177	185	0.9320	में से	0.1265	पवन कुमार पुत्र रणधीर नि० 7एच विक्रान्त अपार्टमेंट सै–13 रोहिणी–दिल्ली

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20.	20	378	1.7690	में से	0.0632	कमलेश पत्नी ज्ञानचन्द शर्मा नि० मुकीमपुर शिवारा
21.	70	469	0.4900	में से	0.2450	देशराज पुत्र हरि सिंह नि० गाजियाबाद
22.	02	474/2	0.0500	में से	0.0056	उर्मिला देवी पत्नी केहर सिंह व अशोक सिंह पुत्र केहर सिंह नि० भुन्नागता
23.	119	496	0.3800	में से	0.1057	कार्तिक तेवतिया पुत्र पवन कुमार नि० 7एच विक्रान्त अपार्टमेंट सै–13 रोहिणी–दिल्ली

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क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
24.	98	462	0.9860	में से	0.1265	शिखर त्यागी पुत्र योगेन्द्र त्यागी नि० उटरावली

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क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
25.	212	434	0.0890	में से	0.0030	दलीप सिंह पुत्र किशन प्रताप सिंह नि० हाउस नं० 39 निकट राजपूत धर्माशाला पर्वतीय कालोनी पार्ट फरीदाबाद
26.	94 169	430 431 433	0.2660 0.1900 0.2280	में से	0.0444 0.0316 0.0380	सुनीता देवी पत्नी सतीश नि० मौ० शान्ती नगर कस्बा रबूपुरा
27.	94 169	430 431 433	0.2660 0.1900 0.2280	में से	0.0443 0.0317 0.0380	सुनीता जैन पत्नी चन्द्रप्रकाश जैन नि० मौ० म० नं० 66-1 शहीद नगर कस्बा रबूपुरा

(ग्राम उटरावली के अन्तर्गत)

क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
28.	499	917	1.8790	में से	0.2349	जितेन्द्र नाथ अवस्थी पुत्र ओंकार नाथ अवस्थी नि० ग्राम भाईपुर ब्रहमनान
29.	499	917	1.8790	में से	0.2349	जयप्रकाश गुप्ता पुत्र दौलतराम गुप्ता नि० ग्राम भाईपुर ब्रहमनान

(ग्राम रबूपुरा, फिल्म सिटी, सै०-21 के अन्तर्गत)

क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
30.	676	1328	0.8560	में से	0.1070	नितिन पुत्र नेत्रपाल नि० रबूपुरा
31.	676	1328	0.8560	में से	0.1070	नरेन्द्र पुत्र नेत्रपाल नि० रबूपुरा
32.	676	1328	0.8560	में से	0.1069	विवेक पुत्र नेत्रपाल नि० रबूपुरा
33.	676	1328	0.8560	में से	0.1069	सुरेन्द्र पुत्र नेत्रपाल नि० रबूपुरा
34.	48	282	0.5310	में से	0.5310	अशोक कुमार पुत्र मुरारीलाल नि० रबूपुरा
35.	383 653 355 383 382 382	1380 1010 1308 1324 1315 1326	1.8050 0.5710 0.3540 0.7020 0.0950 0.2640	में से	0.6017 0.0951 0.0590 0.2340 0.0317 0.0880	दरोगा शर्मा पुत्र हीरालाल नि० रबूपुरा
36.	383 653 355 383 382 382	1380 1010 1308 1324 1315 1326	1.8050 0.5710 0.3540 0.7020 0.0950 0.2640	में से	0.6017 0.0952 0.0540 0.2340 0.0316 0.0880	कालीचरण पुत्र हीरालाल नि० रबूपुरा
37.	1179	766	2.4250	में से	0.2813	सुमन कुमार पुत्र महेशचन्द नि० रबूपुरा
38.	1196 1182	680 679	0.5560 1.3180	में से	0.0123 0.0879	विदिया व सुरेन्द्र पत्नी व पुत्र शंकर नि० रबूपुरा

(ग्राम रबूपुरा, सै०-11 के अन्तर्गत)

क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
39.	1173	2007	0.8480	में से	0.1413	कुशलपाल पुत्र रामपाल मौहम्मदपुर जादो
40.	1173	2007	0.8480	में से	0.1413	कृष्णापाल पुत्र रामपाल मौहम्मदपुर जादो
41.	840	1999	1.8430	में से	0.1152	सुनीत शर्मा पुत्र सतीश शर्मा नि० भुन्नातगा
42.	840	1999	1.8430	में से	0.1152	उषा पत्नी सतीश शर्मा नि० भुन्नातगा
43.	950	2000/2	0.2020	सम्पूर्ण	0.2020	शिवराज पुत्र हुलासी नि० भुन्नातगा
44.	1116	2001	2.9340	में से	0.3668	सुन्दरलाल पुत्र रोशनलाल नि० भुन्नातगा
45.	369	2021	0.9690	में से	0.3230	प्रथम पुत्र धर्मीन्देर नि० दिल्ली

(ग्राम रबूपुरा सैक्टर-28, मेडिकल डिवाईस पार्क, डाटा सेन्टर पार्क, कॉर्मशियल व फ्यूचर यूज के अन्तर्गत)

क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
46.	1050	1087	4.6780	में से	0.6822	वसीम पुत्र महमूद नि० रबूपुरा

(रबूपुरा, सैक्टर-21 व 34 के मध्य 100 मी० चौड़ी सड़क के अन्तर्गत)

क्रम सं	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
47.	225	184	0.9350	में से	0.0850	ममता देवी पत्नी नरेश कुमार नि० निलौनी शहापुर

प्रस्तावित भूमि प्राधिकरण के नियोजित सै० यथा 11, 13, 21, 28, 33, 34 के अन्तर्गत होने के कारण क्रय हेतु प्रस्तावित है।

• उक्त भूमि को क्रय करने हेतु तालिका में अंकित काश्तकारों द्वारा सहमति प्रदान की गई है जिसके क्रम में प्राधिकरण द्वारा उक्त भूमि आपसी सहमति के आधार पर क्रय की जानी प्रस्तावित है।

• प्रस्तावित भूमि को प्राधिकरण की 84वीं बोर्ड बैठक की मद संख्या 03 के अनुसार रुपये 3808/प्रति वर्ग मी० की दर से सम्बन्धित भूस्वामी के पक्ष में भुगतान किया जाएगा व 07 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखण्ड आवंटित किया जाएगा।

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ग्वालियर रोड झाँसी (उ.प्र.)
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पत्रांक: 937/W-16/05
दिनांक: 05.08.2025

e-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate e-tender in **Two Bid system on Turn-key Basis** are hereby invited on behalf of the Chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for **Survey, Soil investigation, Design, Supply of all materials, labour, T&P etc. required for Construction, Erection, Completion, Testing & Commissioning of Water Supply Works such Intake well, Foot over bridge, water treatment plant (15 MLD), Main CWR cum Pump house, RCC Over Head Tank, Rising Main, Feeder Mains, Distribution System, Boundary Wall, Site development, including PLC SCADA automation and other appurtenant works of water supply as specified in tender document of NAGAR PALIKA PARISHAD KALPI WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, DISTRICT-JALAUN on Turnkey Basis.** from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available for download from **08.08.2025** by **15:00 Hrs.** E- bids can be submitted till **08.09.2025** up to **17:00 Hrs.** and technical bid shall be opened on **08.09.2025** at **17:30 Hrs.** in Office of The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Jhansi in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is **Rs. 20000.00 + GST @ 18%** for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal **http://etender.up.nic.in** & U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) website **www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.**

श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी पोर्ट कोलकाता
Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
(Formerly KOLKATA PORT TRUST)

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-I

NIT No.SMPK/KDS/Mech/C/ADV/708, dated: 25.07.2025 for Hiring of 2 Nos. Diesel Electric/Diesel Hydraulic Locomotive, each having hauling capacity of 4500 MT and power 1350 HP or above, for a period of 5 years for Kolkata Dock System, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. Submission of tender will be started online from 14.08.2025 at 12.00 hrs. Last date of submission has been extended upto 27.08.2025 by 14.00 hrs. Details available at https://smp.smportkolkata.in

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

CORRIGENDUM

No.: 73254026A, Dated: 04/08/2025. The following Corrigendum is prepared against **Tender No. 73254026A** scheduled to be open on 11/08/2025 at 11.00 hrs. is carried out as under: **Sl. No.; Particulars; As per Tender Document; To be Read as: [1];** Item Details Description; Existing; Complete Shell Assly. For WAG-9HC Locomotive with Pneumatic Piping & Painting. Drg.: As per Annexure -A (5 Sheets) and Annexure -C (2 Sheets) of Spec- CLW/MS/3/152 ALT-12. **[2];** Tender Opening Date; Existing; **11/08/2025, 11.00 hrs.**

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E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF PP BAGS

Tender ID:2025_KFL_783183_1 Date:- 06/08/2025

E-tender is invited for the above from established manufacturers having own manufacturing unit in India. For more details please visit Kerala Government E-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(Sd/-)
Managing Director

LOOK OUT NOTICE



Saroj @ Raj Thapa (27) Lok Nayik Puram, Bakkarwala, DDF flat, Pocket C Room.No. 1139, Pincode 110041, Delhi is the accused in Pattambi Police Station Crime No. 723/2025 U/s 6 of POCSO ACT 2012 & 65(1), 351(3) BNS registered in connection with sexual assault against a minor girl. The accused is absconding and anyone with information about this person is requested to contact the following numbers **0466 2212224 - Pattambi Police Station, 9497987157, 9497980625**

F2/432/2025/I&PRD

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2025/08/1, Date: 06.08.2025. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-tender for the following works **before 15.00 hrs.** on the date mentioned against items and will be **opened at 15.30 hrs. Sl.No.**-1. **Tender No.: E-KGPW-DEN-06-2025. Description of work:** Augmentation and upgradation of infrastructure facilities of Production Shops of Kharagpur workshop for maintenance of Rolling Stock. **Tender Value:** ₹ 6,35,12,004.04. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 4,67,600. **Completion Period of the work:** 18 months. **Sl.No.**-2. **Tender No.: E-KGPW-DEN-07-2025. Description of work:** Upgradation of CBC overhauling section and corrosion repair shop of Wagon Repair shop, Kharagpur Workshop. **Tender Value:** ₹ 97,73,136. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,95,500. **Completion Period of the work:** 12 months. **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 0 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of Opening:** 28.08.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). **Bidding start date:** From 14.08.2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 28.08.2025 (for Sl.No. 1 & 2 each). Interested tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/descriptions/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for these works will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all tenders. **(PR-493)**

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical/General), North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India invites Online (E-Tendering) "Single Tenders" for the following work:-

Sl.No.-01, Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-20-25-26, Name of work: Schedule maintenance of A-Check and Escorting duties for Power Cars of Train No. 15103/04 (Banaras Intercity Exp.).....05193/94 (CPR MCTM SPL Exp.) of Greaves cotton make DG Set (Total-9 Nos Power Cars) for 2 years. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 3,49,89,681.22, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹ 3,25,000/-, Completion period: 24 Months. Date & time of Closing Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs.

Sl.No.-02, Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-21-25-26, Name of work: Schedule maintenance of A-Check and Escorting duties for Power Cars of Train No. 15103/04 (Banaras Intercity Exp.).....05193/94 (CPR MCTM SPL Exp.) of KIRLOSKAR OIL ENGINES LTD (KOEL) make DG Set (Total-7 Nos Power Cars) for 2 years. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 3,11,45,313.15, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹ 3,05,700/-, Completion period: 24 Months. Date & time of Closing Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs.

Sl.No.-03, Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-22-25-26, Name of work: Schedule maintenance of A-Check and Escorting duties for Power Cars of Train No. 15103/04 (Banaras Intercity Exp.).....05193/94 (CPR MCTM SPL Exp.) of Cummins make DG Set (Total-14 Nos Power Cars) for 2 years. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 5,98,45,275/-, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹ 4,49,200/-, Completion period: 24 Months. Date & time of Closing Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening Tender: 29-08-2025, 14:30 Hrs.

• For full details of above E-Tender work and to participate in tenders please visit Indian Railway Website *www.ireps.gov.in*

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/General,
CPRO/Vidyut-112 **Varanasi**

Never travel on roof and foot boards.

Bengal to recruit 1k docs, 5k nurses to fill hosp vacancies: After 3 years, Bengal govt will recruit 621 assistant professors, 1,227 doctors & over 5,080 nursing staff to fill vacant posts at state medical facilities. TNN

HP institutes to reserve 1 seat per course for orphans

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh govt has decided to reserve one seat per course for orphaned students across all govt, govt-aided, and private technical education institutions. Himachal is the first state nationwide to grant legal rights to orphans by enacting a law, said an official.

The initiative aims to provide equitable access to quality technical education for orphaned children, among the most vulnerable sections of society, govt said in a statement. By eliminating structural and financial barriers, govt seeks to offer these students a fair opportunity. TNN

Rizwan & Shakeel opened fire when asked to stop: Cops

▶Continued from P1

Siblings Raju Tiwari (46), alias Rizwan, and Sanjay Tiwari (44), aka Shakeel Khan, were on their way to Sitapur from Pihani on a motorcycle around 4.45am when they were waylaid by a joint police team near Dulhapur Tiraha. "When signalled to stop, the duo fired at us. In retaliatory firing, both were hit. They were taken to hospital but didn't survive their injuries. A carbine (9mm), a pistol (.32 bore), two country-made guns (.315 bore), 36 live rounds, and 13 used cartridges of various bores were found on them," said ASP Rajkumar Mishra of STF's Noida unit, who led the operation with DSP Navendu Kumar.

The shootout capped a 152-day hunt for the duo. Police had announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh each on information about their whereabouts. The brothers were born out of an interfaith marriage and retained both parents' surnames, sources said.

In the day's other shootout involving a wanted criminal, STF personnel killed gangster Ashish Ranjan Singh, alias Chhotu (28), in Gadwa village of Prayagraj, over 300km from Sitapur. He was wanted for at least four high-profile murders in the state and carried a bounty of Rs 4.5 lakh on his head.



Brothers Raju Tiwari (left) and Sanjay Tiwari were on the run since March 8. They were wanted in the murder case of journalist Raghvendra Vajpayee

Police seized an AK-47 (7.62mm) along with a magazine, seven live and 10 used cartridges of 7.62mm, a 9mm country-made pistol and a bike without a registration number.

"Ashish and a henchman were en route to Sangam City to possibly carry out a crime when the STF team intercepted them. The gangster fired from an AK-47 rifle and a 9mm pistol, prompting STF to retaliate," an officer said. The Sitapur "encounter" in which siblings Raju and Sanjay were killed led the wife of their victim to question if it was an attempt to prevent the truth behind the conspiracy from coming out. She had been demanding a CBI probe.

Journalist Raghvendra (36) was shot dead on March 8 near the Hempur railway overbridge on the Lucknow-Delhi highway. A temple priest identified as Shivanand Baba, alias Vikas Rathore, allegedly paid the killers Rs 4 lakh to target him after he purportedly caught the former engaging in illicit activity inside a temple.

Suspects Shivanand, Nirmal Singh and Aslam Ghazi were arrested, but the hired killers were absconding all this while.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Sr. Regional Electrical Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, Shirwad, Karwar invites sealed Bids are invited from experienced contractors for Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Passenger Lift for Platform No.1 and 2 at Thivim station and 3 Nos. of Passenger Lift for Udupi station of Konkan Railway under Karwar region. **E-Tender No. KR-KW-EL-T-12-2025, dated : 08/08/2025. Cost of work :** ₹ 150.88 lakh (excluding GST), **Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid** : 29/08/2025 up to 15:00 hrs. For further details please visit : www.ireps.gov.in

RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)
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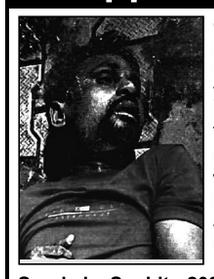
RISL invites e-bids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No./ Date/ Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost / EMD	Start of Sale / Last Date
25217005/05.08.2025 RIS2526SLOB00023	Selection of Agency for Providing Project Support Unit (PSU) for e-Governance Initiative.	Rs. 80 Lacs/- Rs. 1,60,000/-	05/08/2025 08/09/2025

Details can be seen on the websites **http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in.** Bids are to be submitted through **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/7733 SA (Joint Director)

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: About 35-40 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue T-Shirt and Navy Blue Lower was found near Nizamuddin Railway Station toil tax was in unconscious condition brought to ERI in SJH where Doctor declared brought dead at 10:05 PM on 01.08.2025. In this regard, a **DD No. 21A, U/s 194(1) Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 dated 02.08.2025** has been lodged at PS Hazarat Nizamuddin Rly. Station, Delhi. The dead body has been got preserved at Safdarjung Hospital Mortuary Delhi for 72 Hrs identification.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Decease but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this decease may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Hazarat Nizamuddin
Rly Station, New Delhi
Ph. : 011-24356743,24358593
8750871311

DP/10460/Rly/2025

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Horticulture

Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation & Value Addition Project
Project Management Unit, HPSHIVA
Navbahar, Shimla - 171002

Request for Expression of Interest for **Detailed design and Construction Supervision Consultant for Farmers Enterprise Innovation Centre (FEIC) and Farmers Advisory and Capacity Development Centre (FACDC)** under Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition Project (HP SHIVA) Project.

Date of Publication of EOI	**6th August, 2025**
Loan No. & Title	Loan No. 4291-IND; Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation & Value Addition Project (HPSHIVA)
Package No. & Title	**CS-13 & Detailed design and Construction Supervision Consultant for Farmers Enterprise Innovation Centre (FEIC) and Farmers Advisory and Capacity Development Centre (FACDC) under HPSHIVA Project**
Deadline for Submission of EOI	**21st August, 2025**
Maximum budget	**USD 309642**

1. The Government of India (GOI) has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation & Value Addition Project (HPSHIVA).** Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract named above.
2. The consultant shall be selected and engaged in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (Consulting Guidelines) or the ADB Procurement Policy 2017 ("Policy") and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers 2017 ("Procurement Regulations").
3. Please note that **only** on-line submission of EOI in **ADB's Consultant Management System** (CMS) https://cms.adb.org is allowed. All off-line and manual submission of EOI is **not permissible.**
4. Interested firms should arrange to get themselves registered on the ADB's CMS portal and obtain CMS registration number as a prior requisite for submitting their EOIs through the CMS portal.

Project Director (HPSHIVA)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 2

Advt.No. 0821/07/08/2025

NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida G.B. Nagar, (UP)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्रुप हाउसिंग भूखण्डों का आवंटन ई निविदा के माध्यम से किये जाने हेतु ग्रुप हाउसिंग भूखण्ड योजना 2025-26 (i) का प्रकाशन दिनांक 09.07.2025 को किया गया था तथा इस योजना के अन्तर्गत सम्मिलित भूखण्ड संख्या जीएच ई–1/ए. सैक्टर–44, नौएडा क्षेत्रफल 13800 वर्गमीटर के आवंटन हेतु बिड/ ई०एम०डी० जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि दिनांक 01.08.2025 थी ।

उल्लेखनीय है कि योजना के ब्रोशर में उल्लिखित नियम एवं शर्तो के अनुसार यदि प्रथम बार में किसी भूखण्ड के विरूद्ध ३ से कम निविदाएँ आती हैं तो ऐसी स्थिति में उस भूखण्ड के विरूद्ध आवेदन प्राप्त करने हेतु 7 दिन की अवधि बढाये जाने का प्राविधान है।

उक्त योजना में सम्मिलित भूखण्डों के विरूद्ध पर्याप्त आवेदन प्राप्त न होने के कारण भूखण्ड संख्या जीएच ई–1/ए. सैक्टर–44, नौएडा के आवंटन हेतु बिड/ई०एम०डी० जमा करने हेतु दिनांक 08.08.2025 से 14.08.2025 तक योजना 7 दिन के लिये प्रथम बार रोल ओवर की जा रही है।

उक्त भूखण्डों हेतु समय सारणी निम्नानुसार हैः–

क्र० सं०	विवरण	तिथि
1	**प्रथम** रोल ओवर **प्रारम्भ** की तिथि	**08.08.2025**
2	पंजीकरण एवं रजिस्ट्रेशन धनराशि **जमा** करने की अन्तिम तिथि **एवं बिड सायं सबमिशन (फाईनल बिड सबमिशन) की अन्तिम तिथि**	**14.08.2025 सायं 5.00 बजे**

जिन आवेदकों द्वारा उक्त भूखण्ड के सापेक्ष अपने आवेदन जमा कर दिये गये हैं. उन्हें पुनः आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

प्रबंधक
ग्रुप हाउसिंग

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab
Anaaj Bhawan, Sector - 39 C, Chandigarh.

Expression of Interest (EOI) for
Prospective Logistics Company Providing Inland Transportation by Rail for Containers

This notice is being floated with the aim of preparing and showing way forward for the Prospective logistic company for providing inland transportation of container by rail for the forthcoming competitive bidding process.

Department of Food Civil Supplies, Govt. of Punjab plans to transport the jute bales from various jute mills situated in West Bengal to various destinations in Punjab by a process of Two Packet Tender to be floated shortly. The purpose of this EOI is to prepare the prospective logistic companies for the forthcoming Competitive Bidding Process and also to take their suggestions and inputs in order to achieve the objective of engagement/ empanelment/ development of logistic company to provide transportation of jute bales in containers by rail. Further details are available in department's website http://foodsuppb.gov.in

1. Date and Time of Interactive Meeting :- 14/08/2025 at 12 hrs at Anaaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C, Chandigarh 160036
2. Date and Time of Submission of EOI :- 21.08.2025 Upto 14.00 Hrs at the communication address mentioned below.

COMMUNICATION ADDRESS :-
Director, Department of Food & Civil Supplies,
Anaaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C, Chandigarh - 160036

DPR/Pb.:1026/12/2025-26/2065

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA, HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT)
MAHARASHTRA MARITIME BOARD
Indian Mercantile Chambers, 2nd Floor, Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001.
Tel.: 022-69041777 Fax:022-69041740
Website: https://mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in
Email: ceo.mmb@maharashtra.gov.in/ceommb@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice (Year 2025-26)
Main Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in

Digitally signed E-Tender for following work is invited by Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai, from Registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriate class and having experience in Consultant Project, for following work in Tender Form.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money Amount in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.
1	Appointment of Consultant for the Preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Implementation of Passenger Water Transport on New Routes and Upgradation of Existing Operational Routes in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)	2,50,000/-	2,360/-

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Portal https://mahatenders.gov.in **07.08.2025 at 12:00 to 21.08.2025 at 15:00 hours** (IST)
* The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason is reserved.

Sd/-
Senior Administrative Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai

DGIPR/2025-2026/2040

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

S.W.M.C.No.A7/1720/2025

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender is invited for the following work in single stage two cover system by Superintending Engineer (SWM), in Solid Waste Management Department.

File No. and Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Document and EMD
S.W.M.C.No.A7/1720/2025 "City Cleaning Project: Collection & Transportation of Solid Waste, Street Sweeping waste (including street sweeping activities) Horiculture Waste and Collection & Storage Hazardous Waste in the Zone 4 & 8 (Package 7) to the designated processing facilities / dumpsites / Depositing centers of Greater Chennai Corporation"	Rs.3,00,000/- + 12% GST and EMD of Rs.4.13 Crores
Pre bid Meeting	06.08.2025 at 11.00 am
Bid submission due date	11.09.2025 at 3.00 pm
Bid opening date	12.09.2025 at 4.00 pm

Tenderer can view and download the details of E-Tender from website **http://tntenders.gov.in** from **22.07.2025** onwards, on payment of cost of tender document through online. EMD amount should be paid through online i.e., through E-tender portal, details which are given in Tender Document

DIPR / 4256 / Tender / 2025 **Superintending Engineer (SWM)**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TAMILNADU TEXTBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION,
CHENNAI - 600 006

Phone : 044-28275852
Fax No: 044-28224493
E-mail : jdtntbesc@gmail.com

"EVK Sampath Maaligai"
No.68, College Road,
Chennai- 600 006

Rc.No.5713/PUR-1/2025

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Date. 07.08.2025

1	Description of E-Tenders	Supply and delivery of (i) Woollen Sweater (ii) Rain Coat iii)Ankle Boot iv)Shoes, (v) Footwear (Velcro Sandal) (vi)School Bag studying in Govt. and Govt. Aided Schools in TamilNadu for the year 2026-2027		
2	Pre-Bid meeting date & time Place: TamilNadu Textbook & Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6	1) Woollen Sweater	25.08.2025	2.00 p.m
		2) Rain Coat	25.08.2025	2.00 p.m
		3) Ankle Boot	25.08.2025	2.00 p.m
		4) Shoes	26.08.2025	11.00 a.m
		5) Footwear (Velcro Sandal)	26.08.2025	11.00 a.m
		6) School Bag	26.08.2025	2.00 p.m
3	Last Date and Time for Submission of E-Tenders (Woollen Sweater, Rain Coat, Ankle Boot, Shoes , Footwear (Velcro Sandal), School Bag)	09.09.2025 at 06.00 p.m.		
4	E-Tenders Opening Date &Time. Place: TamilNadu Text book & Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6	1) Woollen Sweater	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
		2) Rain Coat	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
		3) Ankle Boot	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
		4) Shoes	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
		5) Footwear (Velcro Sandal)	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
		6) School Bag	10.09.2025	10.00 a.m
5	Tender Document and other details are available in the Websites and can be downloaded free of cost	a) http://www.textbookcorp.tn.gov.in b) http://tntenders.gov.in		

Sd/-
Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority Tamilnadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, Chennai-6

DIPR/4245/TENDER/2025

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 40 Years **Height:** 5'6" **Complexion:** Fare, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** 'NEERAJ' Mark on left hand. **Wearing:** Blue Pant Only was found on Footpath near Sindhi Baba Mandir Majnu ka Tila outer Ring Road Delhi. on 24.07.2025. In this regard, a **DD No. 65A Dt. 24.07.2025** has been lodged at PS Timarpur, Delhi.

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

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

SHO
P.S., Timarpur, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23814421, 8750870130

DP/10508/N/2025

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone.: 0135 - 22523225 Fax- 0135 - 2761549
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Ref. No.: 557 Dated : 07.08.2025

e-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (HQ), UJJWAL, Maharani Bagh, Dehradun, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

Tender No. 07/EE(HQ)/2025-26
Name of work/supply/services etc.: Providing Manpower services for a period of one year on outsource basis for UJVN Ltd. Head Office at Dehradun
Estimated cost : Rs. 27,79,031.00 (Including GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 07.08.2025 (16.00 hrs)
Last date for submission of bids on website: 28.08.2025(16.00 hrs.)
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in"** **Executive Engineer (HQ)**

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurerment Tender Notice 18/2025 dated 06.08.2025

Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, **Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj** invites the E-procurement tenders.

Description: Supply, Installation, testing, commissioning and proving test (on turn key basis) of CNC Vertical Turning Lathe machine as per specification no. NCR-ELS-CNB/CNC-VTL/2024.

Tender No.	Qty.	EMD	Tender Opening Date
19256651	01 No.	₹ 4,95,040/-	10.09.2025

Note:- (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital Signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(3)** Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed on their body.The above tender notice has been uploaded on **http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in** In case of any difficulty hepdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached.

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North central railways @CPRONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation Limited
"SARAS SANKUL" J. L. N. MARG, JAIPUR – 302017, Ph. No. 2702501-08 :
Direct: 0141-2710209 Email : rcdf@raiasthan.gov.in

No. :- RCDF/EDP/F.8(249B)/2025-26/20484-514 Dated :- 05/08/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-tenders are invited for "Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC/ATS/FMS) for End-to-End Dairy ERP for Milk Unions & End-to-End Manufacturing ERP for Cattle Feed Plants of Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation (RCDF)". Other details can be obtained from **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in , www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** i.e. spp portal and our website; **www.sarasmilkfed.rajasthan.gov.in.**

(UBN No: CDF2526SLOB00673)

Raj.Samwad/C/25/7731 **General Manager (P&A)**

जीवन में गाये स्व-हमारा प्यारा

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is here by informed that this man (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Sabir Khan **S/o:** Sami Khan, **R/o:** H. No. L-21, Gali No. 13, Brahampuri, Delhi, **Age:** 60 Years, **Height:** 5 feet 7 inch, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Surmai color kurta pyjama and hawai chappal in feet has been missing since **16.07.2025** at **09:00 am** from Brahampuri Road, Near Sanatan Dharm Mandir Parking under area of **P.S. Seelampur, Delhi**.

In this regard a **DD No. 073A, dated 03.08.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Seelampur, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this man but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S.- Seelampur, Delhi
Ph. 011-22562989, 8750870721
DP/10474/NE/2025

Ministry of Culture
Government of India

Notice Inviting Tender

Request for Proposal for Selection of a Specialist Consultant for Content Development for the **Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum**, New Delhi has been floated on 05 August 2025 by Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Interested bidders may see details on **eprocure.gov.in** and **indiaculture.gov.in. Last date for bid submission is 26 August 2025.**

CBC 09101/11/0014/2526

DELHI PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITY
(The First Pharmacy University in India and a State University of GNCT of Delhi)
(Established under Act 07 of 2008, Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
Pushp Vihar, Sect-III, M.B. Road, New Delhi-110017
Accredited by NAAC as "A Grade"
Website: https://dpsru.edu.in/

Engagement of Faculty Positions (Rect. Notice No. DPSRU/STA-GF/2025/02)

DPSRU invites qualified and motivated candidates to appear in upcoming walk-in interview to be held from 18/08/2025 to 02/09/2025 at Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University. Details of the available vacancies are as below:

1. Assistant Professor on short term engagement basis for 06 months or till the end of odd semester, whichever is earlier for the following specializations: -

Sr. No.	Specialization	Sr. No.	Specialization
1.	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	6.	Biomedical Sciences
2.	Pharmaceutical Analysis	7.	Physiotherapy
3.	Pharmaceutics	8.	Ayurvedic Pharmacy
4.	Pharmacology	9.	Clinical Research
5.	Pharmaceutical Management/ International Trade Management	10.	Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

2. In addition, Guest Faculties are required in the following specializations: Biomedical Sciences, Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Management, Health Care & Hospital Management, International Trade Management, Clinical Research, Physiology, Sociology, General Medicine, Cardio Vascular and Thoracic Surgery, Paediatrics, Microbiology, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Executive M. Pharm, Drug Regulatory Affairs, Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Communication Skills, Computer Applications, Yogic Sciences, French Language.

Engagement of Project Associate-II Positions

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the engagement of 06 Project Associate-II Positions for 06 months at DPSRU.

For further details and schedule please visit the University's website: https://dpsru.edu.in/

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0200/25-26 Offg. Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	DNIT NO.125830 DATED 07.07.2025 (EPC-D NO. 131/PD&C)	" OPENING DATE OF CORRIGENDUM-1 IS 04.08.2025 WITH EXTENSION IN DUE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION UPTO 19.08.2025 17:00 HRS. "	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
2	HVPNL	E.NIT NO.21/XEN TS DIV HVPNL HISAR/2025-26 DATED 08.07.2025 TENDER REF.NO. /E-TENDER ID:2025_HBC_457027_1 2025DADDD3F9 195F 483C 838D CA635A9A989A967HVP	DATE OF BID OPENING - 06.08.2025 AT15:00HRS LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 09.09.2025 (15:00 HRS)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
3	HVPNL	NIT NO.26/CWD-2/VOL-XIX/HVPN/2025-26 DATED 02.07.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.2025_HBC_455699_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 06.08.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 18.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
4	HVPNL	NIT NO.10/CWD-2/VOL-XIX/HVPN/2025-26 DATED 20.05.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.2025_HBC_447854_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 07.08.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 18.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
5	HVPNL	NIT NO.28/CWD-2/VOL-XIX/HVPN/2025-26 DATED 03.07.2025 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO.2025_HBC_455927_1)	"DATE OF OPENING BID 07.08.2025 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 18.08.2025 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)"	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
6	HVPNL	QDP-1477 (NIT NO. 1357 DATED 03.06.2025	"CORRIGENDUM-2/EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 19.08.2025 TILL 17:00 HRS. "	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 37438

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No. GSU-II-PRYJ-04-2025 Dated : 06.08.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Engineer-II/GSU/Prayagraj, North Central Railway, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work through **Open Tender–Single Packet System**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Tender No. : DYCE- II-GSU-PRYJ-04-2025	**Approx Cost of work (INR):** 64.66 Lacs
Brief Description of work : Final Location Survey and preparation of DPR for 31.40 Km for various Connectivity between (i) Chheoki- Karchana 3rd line, (ii) ROR for MMTH between Boraki- Dankaur (iii) Etawah-Ekdil-New Ekdil (iv) Bhimsen-New Bhimsen Y connection (v) Etawah –Udimor (vi) Tundla – New Tundla in Prayagraj Division of North Central Railway	
Amount of EMD (INR) : 1,29,300/-	**Cost of Tender Document :** 0.00/-
Tender Opening date and Time : 29.08.2025 15:00 Hrs.	
Completion Period : 05 months	

Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-works tender will be available on website **https://ireps.gov.in** up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rate entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head attached by tenderer shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **5.** In case of any difficulty, helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 1406/25(AS)

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उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि०
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत

ई-निविदा सूचना व निविदा संसोधन सूचना

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत निम्नानुसार ई० निविदायें आमंत्रित करता है :-

1. इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1102/वि0वि0म0(च0)निविदा दिनांक 06.06.2025 से दैनिक समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित/आमन्त्रित ई० निविदा संख्या 27/2025-26/वि0वि0म0(च0), 28/2025-26/वि0वि0म0(च0) एवं 29/2025-26/वि0वि0म0(च0) में निविदा कार्य के विवरण कॉलम में अंकित टर्नकी शब्द के स्थान पर सेमीटर्नकी पढा/माना जाये।
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NICOLE KIDMAN & KEITH URBAN HAVE RULES SET FOR KIDS IF THEY WISH TO JOIN FAMILY BIZ: NO FASHION TILL THEY ARE 16, SCHOOL COMES FIRST

FORMER SUPERMAN ACTOR DEAN CAIN SAYS HE'S SIGNED UP TO BECOME AN ICE AGENT TO SUPPORT TRUMP'S DEPORTATION AGENDA

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— DALAI LAMA



2x tariffs on India a warning to China, which may also face the same: Trump

US Prez Says There Are Many More Secondary Sanctions Coming

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Punitive secondary tariffs on India is a warning shot aimed at China which could also face similar tariffs US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday, amid indications that New Delhi is becoming collateral damage in a great power fracas.

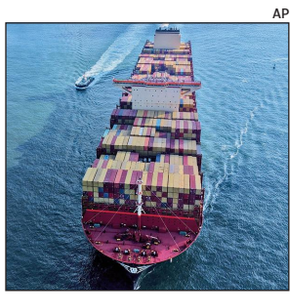
Asked at a White House event why New Delhi is being singled out for secondary tariff when China is buying more Russian oil than India does, Trump interrupted the questioner twice to say "It's okay-...it's okay" before warning there will be more secondary sanctions against countries buying Russian oil and gas. "It's only been eight hours (since he announced secondary tariffs on India) so let's see what happens...you're going to see a lot more. You're going to see so much secondary sanctions," he said.

Asked another time if China could face similar penalties for buying Russian oil, he said, "It may happen. I don't know, I can't tell you yet. But we did it with India. We are doing it probably with a couple of others, one of them could be China."

Trump's feckless approach towards China has been called out by several commentators, including allies like Steve Bannon, even as the MAGA supremo had turned on Russia even though it wasn't too long ago that he was taunted as "Putin Puppet." The pussyfooting on Beijing appears to be on account of the realisation that it is China that holds the aces rather than US.

Trump himself acknowledged that India is the second largest buyer of Russian oil behind China ("They're very close to China in terms of the purchase of oil from Russia"), but he indicated that the shock delivered to India, a country he has frequently referred to as a "friend," may have have jolted Russia and China to resume talks with Washington. "I don't know if that had anything to do with it, but we've had very productive talks today," he said, referring to his envoy Steve Witkoff's parleys in Moscow.

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Trump indicated that the shock tariff on India may have jolted Russia and China to resume talks with Washington

Trump also confirmed that the Witkoff visit had set the stage for his meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin in the next few days, although he was chary about the outcome of the summit because he had been disappointed before.

Trump's remarks left the impression that he was using punitive tariffs on India as a warning to China and Russia in an effort to sunder their energy ties and bring the war on Ukraine to an end. While secondary tariffs on India are set to kick in on Aug 27, a US trade delegation is scheduled to visit India days before that.

By most accounts, India has become the fall guy for the American and European frustration with Russia. Several analysts are pointing out that India stepped up Russian oil purchases at US prompting to ensure Russian output flows into the global market to keep oil prices in check. Europe is said to account for purchase almost 25% of Russian oil via India, which has a large refining capacity.

For that matter even the US purchases oil refined in India although its origin and quantity is not clear. Trump himself had no problem with this arrangement till he went ballistic with Russia. Even some American commentators say the hypocrisy is stunning.

Apple coming home, Intel CEO must quit for China ties: Trump

White House Reshapes Tech Industry To MAGA Specs

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: In an ominous sign for foreign-born CEOs of globalised American tech companies, MAGA supremo Donald Trump on Thursday asked the Malaysia-born CEO of Intel, Lip-Bu Tan, to "resign immediately," reportedly for his ties to China, hours after declaring "Apple is coming back home (to the US)."

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Trump is seen through a gift given to him by Apple CEO Tim Cook

Reuters/File



Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan is a Malaysian who grew up in Singapore

"The CEO of INTEL is highly CONFLICTED and must resign, immediately. There is no other solution to this problem. Thank you for your attention to this problem!" Trump posted on social media platform without elaborating on the problem. This came after he had brought the tech giant Apple to heel at a White House event on Wednesday, demanding it make all its products start to finish in the US rather than in foreign countries.

While he did not mention China or India, which now assembles almost all the newer model iPhones for the US market, Apple CEO Tim Cook politely demurred, saying the company is already making much of its cutting edge technology in America and phones were only being assembled abroad, while suggesting it will take time to pivot the entire manufacturing process to the US. A fawning Cook also presented to Trump a unique glass made by Corning mounted in a 24-karat gold base designed by a former US Marine Corps corporal who now works at Apple, a gift that pleased the President who has festooned the Oval Office with gold plated objects and themes.

Trump's unprecedented demand — or directive — that the Intel CEO resign follows questions raised by Republican Senator Tom Cotton about Bu Tan's ties with the Chinese military even as the company received $8 billion under the Biden-era Chips Act.

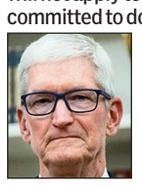
In a letter sent to Intel's board and its chairman Frank Leary, Cotton wrote that he is concerned "about the security and integrity of Intel's operations and its potential impact on US national security," given Tan's past role at Cadence Design, which recently faced a criminal case for exporting chip design tools to a Chinese military university during Tan's tenure as CEO. He sought to know if the board was aware of subpoenas targeting Cadence Design – which also has operations in India and which Tan ran from 2008 to 2021 before joining Intel.

Tan, 66, a Malaysian born in Johor, grew up in Singapore before he came to the US to earn Master of Science in nuclear engineering and an MBA from the University of San Francisco. He is now a US citizen.

While Trump has demanded that companies like Apple and Tesla refrain from manufacturing in India and other foreign countries, he has been more accommodating of Microsoft, Google, and IBM — all of which have India-born CEOs who have made a bee-line to the White House in recent months.

Trump says US to levy 100% tariff on imported chips, but some firms exempt

President Trump said the US will impose a tariff of about 100% on imports of semiconductors but offered up a big exemption — it will not apply to companies that are manufacturing in the US or have committed to do so. The move is part of Trump's efforts to bring manufacturing back to the US, and his remarks on Wednesday were made in tandem with an announcement that Apple would be investing an additional $100 billion in its home market. The new pledge raises Apple's total domestic investment commitment in the US to $600 billion over the next four years. For companies like Apple, which have committed to build in the US, "there will be no charge," he told reporters. He warned, however, that companies should not try to wrangle out of pledges to build US factories. "If you say you're building and you don't build, then we go back and we add it up, it accumulates, and we charge you at a later date, you have to pay," he added. The comments were, however, not a formal announcement, and it remains unclear about how world will be impacted. REUTERS



TRACKING TRUMP

Prez orders census that excludes illegals

President Trump said on Thursday that he had ordered the commerce department to begin work on a new census that excludes undocumented immigrants. A new census would be a significant departure for a process stipulated by the Constitution to occur every 10 years. Historically, the census has counted all US residents regardless of their immigration status, a process that helps determine both the allotment of congressional seats and billions of dollars in federal money sent to states. "People who are in our Country illegally WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS," Trump wrote in a post on social media. The push comes as Trump and his allies press Republican-led states to redraw their congressional maps to benefit the party. Congressional maps are redrawn after the census is completed based on the new data. The next census is scheduled for 2030. NYT

Govt forces out more FBI officials

The FBI is forcing out at least two agents, including a former acting head of the bureau, as the director, Kash Patel, continues a purge at the US' premier law enforcement agency, according to people familiar with the matter. Brian Driscoll, who briefly served as the acting director in the early days of the Trump administration, was among those being told to leave by Friday. The reason for Driscoll's ouster was not entirely clear. Another FBI agent being pushed out is Walter Giardina, who was involved in a number of investigations related to Trump, including a case that sent the trade adviser Peter Navarro to prison. NYT

Putin says he hopes to meet Trump next week, likely in UAE

AFP/File



There has been no summit of US and Russian leaders since 2021

Moscow: Russian President Putin said Thursday he hopes to meet next week with US President Trump, possibly in the UAE, although a White House official cast doubt on the summit occurring unless the Kremlin leader also agreed to a meeting with Ukrainian President Zelensky. Putin's announcement came on the eve of a White House deadline for Moscow to show progress toward ending the war in Ukraine or suffer additional economic sanctions.

Asked who initiated the possible talks with the US president, Putin said that didn't matter and "both sides expressed an interest."

The US was still expected to impose those sanctions Friday on Russia, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity. The same official said a US-Russian summit would not happen if Putin does not agree to meet with Zelensky. The official did not specify whether the condition was for Zelensky to be present at the possible US-Russia summit or at a subsequent meeting.

Speaking of possible direct talks with Zelensky, Putin said he has mentioned several times that he was not against it, adding: "It's a possibility, but certain conditions need to be created for it to happen".

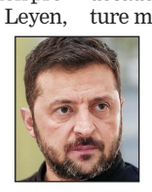
The Kremlin has previously said that Putin and Zelensky should meet only when an agreement negotiated by their delegations is close. Ukraine fears being sidelined by direct negotiations between Washington and Moscow.

Although Putin said the UAE was one possible venue, no location or other details had been determined by Thursday morning, according to the White House official.

If Putin travels to the UAE, it'll be despite the arrest warrant against him issued by the International Criminal Court. Putin is wanted by the court on a warrant dating back to March 2023 for alleged involvement in the abduction of children from Ukraine during the conflict triggered by Moscow's invasion of its neighbour. Since the warrant was issued, Putin has visited Mongolia, an ICC member state. He has also visited China and North Korea, which are not court members. The UAE is not an ICC member state either. AP

Zelensky: Europe must have a role in talks

Ukrainian President Zelensky spoke on Thursday with the leaders of France and Germany and with European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen, and said that Europe must be involved in the peace process.



"The war is happening in Europe, and Ukraine is an integral part of Europe — we are already in negotiations on EU accession. Therefore, Europe must be a participant in the relevant processes," he said on X. He said the war must end with a "dignified peace", and whatever settlement was reached would shape the security landscape of Europe for decades to come. "The near future must show what the consequences will be if Russia continues to drag out the war and disrupt constructive efforts," Zelensky said.

He said various possible bilateral and trilateral meeting formats had been discussed with US President Trump and Ukraine's European allies. "Ukraine is not afraid of meetings and expects the same brave approach from the Russian side," he added.

Zelensky said he had a call with French counterpart Emmanuel Macron to share Kyiv's perspective on his call the previous day with Trump. In a social media post after the call with Macron, Zelensky said that there was still no public response from Russia on its readiness for a "real ceasefire." "We are coordinating our positions and we equally see the need for a common European view on key security issues for Europe," Zelensky wrote. REUTERS

Want to take military control of Gaza: Bibi

'We Don't Want To Govern It, But Want Security Perimeter'

AP



Inconsolable relatives outside a morgue in Gaza. At least 42 more Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes and shootings across Gaza on Thursday, hospitals said

Tel Aviv: Israeli PM Netanyahu said on Thursday Israel intends to take military control of all of Gaza, despite intensifying criticism at home and abroad over the devastating almost two-year-old war in the Palestinian enclave.

"We intend to," Netanyahu said in an interview with Fox News when asked if Israel would take over the entire coastal territory. "We don't want to keep it. We want to have a security perimeter," Netanyahu said in the interview. "We don't want to govern it. We don't want to be there as a governing body We want to hand it over to Arab forces that will govern it properly without threatening us and giving Gazans a good life."

Hamas said that Netanyahu's remark constituted "a coup" amid the Gaza ceasefire negotiations. Israeli leaders have long insisted that Hamas be disarmed and have no role in demilitarised Gaza.

Netanyahu made his comments before the outcome of a meeting he was due to have late on Thursday with a small group of senior ministers to discuss plans for the military to take control of more territory in Gaza. The security cabinet session follows a meeting this week with the head of the military, which Israeli officials have described as tense, saying the military chief had pushed back on expanding the campaign.

Opinion polls show that most Israelis want the war to end in a deal that would see the release of the remaining hostages held by Hamas-led Palestinian militants. The idea, pushed especially by far-right ministers in Netanyahu's coalition, of Israeli forces thrusting into areas they do not already hold in the enclave has generated alarm in Israel.

The mother of one hostage urged people Thursday to take to the streets to end the war. The Hostages Families Forum, which represents captives held in Gaza, urged military chief Eyal Zamir to oppose widening the war and govt to accept a deal that would bring the war to an end. AGENCIES

Munir to visit US for 2nd time in 2 mths

Trip To Deepen Military Ties Stirs Political Backlash

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan's army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, is set to visit the US for the second time in two months, a move that underscores the growing military alignment between Islamabad and Washington yet also highlights the intensifying political divisions Munir faces at home and abroad.

He is expected to attend the farewell ceremony of US Central Command (Centcom) commander General Michael E Kurilla in Tampa, Florida this week. The visit follows Kurilla's own trip to Pakistan in July during which he was awarded the Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Military), one of the country's top honours, for strengthening defence ties.



This renewed military engagement reflects a strategic recalibration after years of tension. In June, Munir made headlines for being hosted at a private White House lunch by US President Donald Trump, an unprecedented gesture for a Pakistani military chief, notably unaccompanied by any civilian leaders.

However, Munir's engagements in the US have not gone unchallenged. On Aug 5, coordinated protests erupted in multiple US and European cities on the call of imprisoned former PM Imran Khan, demanding his release and condemning the military's role in the post-May 9, 2023 crackdown. The demonstrations – organized largely by the Pakistani diaspora and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chapters – signaled Khan's continued influence despite being behind bars. These protests followed similar scenes in June during Munir's previous US visit. Outside Washington's Four Seasons Hotel, demonstrators shouted slogans such as "mass murderer" and "dictator". PTI supporters accuse the military of orchestrating a "civilian façade" to mask what they call outright military rule.

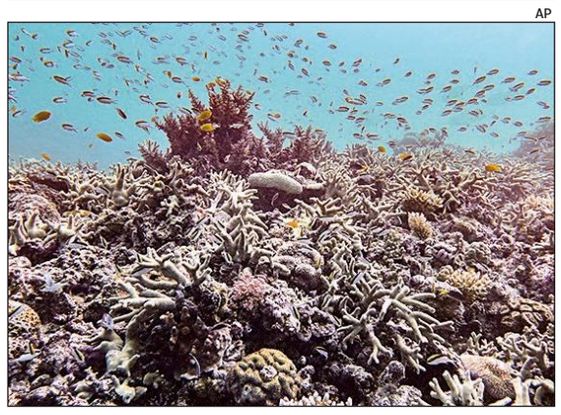
As Munir heads to Tampa, he faces a dual test: to solidify Pakistan's global standing while fending off mounting domestic and diaspora opposition. For now, the military's control remains unshaken — but so does the resistance.

Iran executes N-scientist

Iran executed one of its nuclear scientists Wednesday over allegations that he was a spy for Israel and had facilitated Israel's assassination of another nuclear scientist during the two countries' war in June, according to the judiciary's news outlet, Mizan. The judiciary said the scientist, Roozbeh Vadi, had worked at one of the country's most sensitive nuclear sites and had access to the classified information sought by Iran's enemies. NYT

DAILY PLANET

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CORALS GET A HEAT STROKE: Australia's Great Barrier Reef has suffered the largest decline in coral cover in its northern and southern regions since monitoring began 39 years ago, research released on Wednesday showed, driven by sweltering ocean temperatures in 2024 that triggered 'unprecedented levels of heat stress'

Grok, is that Gaza? AI mislocates news photographs

An image by AFP photojournalist Omar al-Qattaa shows a skeletal, underfed girl in Gaza, where Israel's blockade has fuelled fears of mass famine in the Palestinian territory. But when social media users asked Grok where it came from, social media platform X's artificial intelligence chatbot was certain that the photograph was taken in Yemen nearly seven years ago. The AI bot's untrue response was widely shared online and a pro-Palestinian French lawmaker, Aymeric Caron, was accused of peddling disinformation on the Israel-Hamas war for posting the photo.

Butch Wilmore, who was stuck at ISS for mths, retires

One of Nasa's two previously stuck astronauts has retired from the space agency, less than five months after his unexpectedly long spaceflight came to an end. Nasa announced Butch Wilmore's departure on Wednesday. Wilmore and Sunita Williams launched last summer as test pilots on Boeing's first astronaut flight. What should have been a week-long trip to the international space station turned into a stay of more than nine months because of Boeing's malfunctioning Starliner. Starliner came back empty, and Wilmore and Williams returned to Earth in March with SpaceX.



New Zealand rescues 3 from Antarctica base

The Royal New Zealand Air Force evacuated three people from a US research base in Antarctica on Wednesday, conducting a rare mission through volatile weather and 24-hour darkness. The evacuation was requested after the staffers required medical care and were unable to be treated there, the air force said.

OpenAI launches more powerful GPT-5 for coding and writing

San Francisco: OpenAI launched Thursday its GPT-5 artificial intelligence model, the highly anticipated latest installment of a technology that has helped transform global business and culture. OpenAI's GPT models are the AI technology that powers the popular ChatGPT chatbot, and GPT-5 will be available to all 700 million ChatGPT users, OpenAI said.

The big question is whether the company that kicked off the generative AI frenzy will be capable of continuing to drive significant technological advancements that attract enterprise-level users to justify the enormous sums of money it is investing to fuel these developments.



OpenAI is emphasising GPT-5's enterprise prowess. In addition to software development, the company said GPT-5 excels in writing, health-related queries, and finance. "GPT-5 is really the first time that I think one of our mainline models has felt like you can ask a legitimate expert, a PhD-level expert, anything," OpenAI CEO **Sam Altman** said at a press briefing. "One of the coolest things it can do is write you good instantaneous software. This idea of software on demand is going to be one of the defining features of the GPT-5 era."

One key measure of success is whether the step up from GPT-4 to GPT-5 is on par with the research lab's previous improvements. Two early reviewers said that while the new model impressed them with its ability to code and solve science and maths problems, they believe the leap from the GPT-4 to GPT-5 was not as large as OpenAI's prior improvements.

GPT-5 acts as a router, meaning if a user asks GPT-5 a particularly hard problem, it will use test-time compute to answer the question. This is the first time the general public will have access to OpenAI's test-time compute technology, something that Altman said is important to the company's mission to build AI that benefits all of humanity. Altman believes the current investment in AI is still inadequate. REUTERS

As US plans to burn contraceptives meant for poor, Europeans are alarmed

Jeanna Smialek & Stephanie Nolen

The Trump administration's plans to incinerate $9.7 million in birth control pills and other contraceptives stored in a Belgian warehouse have left European govts struggling as they try to prevent the destruction.

When the Trump administration abruptly de-funded and dismantled the USAID earlier this year, millions of contraceptives it had purchased were stuck in Geel, Belgium. The pills, intrauterine devices and hormonal implants were destined for clinics in the poorest countries in Africa.

With the contraceptives in limbo, the contractor managing the supply explored selling it to outside organizations, including the UN's main sexual and reproductive health agency, the UN Population Fund. The non-profit MSI Reproductive Choices offered to take over the warehousing and redistribute the contraceptives at no cost to the US.

AFP



The Belgian warehouse used to store US-funded contraception products

But last month it emerged that the US govt had instead decided to burn the supplies, at a cost to govt of more than $160,000 in transport and incineration fees. "USAID was allegedly dismantled to prevent future wastage and to deliver value for money for the American people," said Sarah Shaw, the associate director of advocacy at MSI Reproductive Choices. "It's just egregious that they're willing to waste $9 million worth of contraceptives that are so desperately needed."

The decision to destroy the contraceptives has created alarm in Brussels and France as politicians scramble to figure out if the supplies have physically left the warehouse and how they can prevent their destruction.

The state department confirmed that "a preliminary decision was made to destroy certain" birth control products. It declined to explain the decision or to specify the current location or status of the products.

The department referred to policies preventing the US govt from providing aid to overseas nongovernmental organizations that provide or help with access to abortions, based on a rule that the Trump administration reinstated.

Siobhan Perkins, who was an adviser for USAID, said the products slated for destruction were enough to prevent 3,62,000 unintended pregnancies, 11,10,000 unsafe abortions and 718 maternal deaths. NYT



CONTRAPUNTO

History is largely a history of inflation, usually inflations engineered by govts for the gain of govts

– FRIEDRICH AUGUST VON HAYEK

MAGAMATICS

Trump sold America the dream of greatness built on tariffs, but the math doesn't add up

After threats and extensions, Trump's enforced his "reciprocal" tariffs. It's an economic experiment that will bleed foreign sellers and US buyers before it's over, but for Trump it's the foundation for rebuilding American greatness. While campaigning on the 'America First' plank last year, he claimed, "This new American industrialism will create millions and millions of jobs." Will it though? Trump's 2018 tariffs against China "neither raised nor lowered US employment in newly-protected sectors," analysts said last year. However, China's retaliatory tariffs had "clear negative employment impacts" thereafter. It's easy to see why. Tariffs are all about beating rival products with a price disadvantage. But no matter how hard Trump tries, making things cheaply in America is difficult.



US federal minimum wage is $7.25 *per hour,* and most states mandate much more. So, 40 hours' work per week, for four weeks, earns at least $1,160. In California and New York, the minimum shoots up to $2,640, but it's not enough to make ends meet. At California's living wage of $28.7 per hour, you need almost $5,000 per month. But the minimum wage in Shanghai is only $374 *per month*. It's $277 in Delhi for graduate workers, and $189 in Vietnam. How do you bring back low-tech jobs like stitching jeans and making shoes from a $200 per month factory ecosystem to one where $2,000 doesn't suffice? Especially when the $200 ecosystem has built up the advantage of scale.

Apple CEO Tim Cook announced on Wednesday that every iPhone and Apple Watch sold anywhere in the world will now use glass made by Corning in Kentucky. But Corning has 21 plants in China to cater to the other 81% of mobile phones worldwide, plus tablets and other devices. That's why China's price advantage on everything from solar panels to lithium batteries and cars – due to scale – is hard to beat.

Trump is thrilled by growing tariff revenue and vague investment promises from companies and countries – Japan's $550bn, Korea's $350bn – but costly goods, especially non-discretionary categories like medicines, are going to bite US customers. Inflation is already inching up in US, and if India stops buying Russian oil – as Trump wants – the resultant inflationary pressure could be severe. In this scenario, a Trump-Putin meeting that ends the Ukraine war and lifts sanctions on Russia will be in everyone's interest, India especially. But Trump's want of tact and Putin's guile mean we'll be waiting with fingers crossed.

Wheels Within Wheels

SC right on Matheran's hand-pulled rickshaws. But the how part of the change looks tricky

How many mountains might need to be climbed before Matheran's 94 rickshaw pullers can be transitioned into running their own electric rickshaws? Supreme Court has given Maharashtra six months to completely remove these rickshaws from India's lowest hill station, a mostly tribal eco-sensitive zone since 2003 and a getaway for Mumbai residents. SC did well to emphasise that "stressed economic compulsion could not justify degrading labour" – unlike the touristy view of these being a 'quaint throwback'. Hand-pulled rickshaws and horses are Matheran's only conveyance. Authorities also find it a challenge to dispose of the daily tonne of horse dung produced – tiny Matheran is also overrun with 460 horses and 200 ponies catering to tourists way beyond its carrying capacity. E-rickshaws successfully run here already, started years ago as a pilot. They're cheaper than hand-pulled carts or horses, and are a boon for locals.

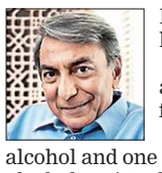


It sounds like child's play to remove these rickshaws. Yet, there will be challenges. At the most basic level, the question of who will fund the purchase of battery-operated ricks for these 94-odd workers? Will authorities treat them as marginalised 'victims' or as gig workers? They should not become victims to an owner-hirer system of e-ricks that will only escalate pullers' exploitation. It must be ensured licences do not go to middlemen or tour operators. As SC noted, in Azad Rickshaw Pullers Union vs State of Punjab (1980) it had devised an interest-free bank loan scheme for cycle rickshaw pullers. But where are the banks that would, without hesitation, extend loans to hand-rickshaw pullers? SC has said it will brook no govt argument on paucity of funds. On paper, even an end to manual scavenging sounds easy. On ground, rehabilitation from degrading work into new livelihoods has been every govt's worst failure. SC must keep a bird's eye view on Matheran.

Bitter medicine

From childhood we are taught that what we dislike is good for us, and what we like is bad

Jug Suraiya



For years I've been using homoeopathic eyedrops in the fond hope that the medication will keep cataracts at bay.

Allopathy dismisses the eyedrops, as it does all homoeopathy, as a mere placebo that has no benefit apart from providing a feel-good factor.

The eyedrops come in two formulations, one which contains alcohol and one without. I use the one with alcohol, in preference to the non-alcohol variety, because when applied the alcohol eyedrops induce a stinging sensation which the non-alcohol version doesn't.

Wouldn't it make for comfort, not to mention common sense, to use the non-alcohol, non-stinging drops, which don't hurt? It *would* make for both. But in this case, as in so many others, comfort and common sense are overruled by the uncommon sense that is drilled into us from our childhood years: that the more bitter-tasting the medicine, the more good it will do us by way of effecting a cure.



This bad-equals-good equation applies not just to medical products, but to almost all things. At school we were told that learning boring things, like multiplication tables, all the way up to 16 times 12 is 192, and mugging up history dates like when the three battles of Panipat were fought, was good for building up our mental muscles.

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Growing up, we are told that all the things that taste nice and which we like to eat, like samosas and jalebis and pizzas and burgers are bad for us, and will give us high cholesterol, and triglycerides, and BP. And all the things that taste bad, like karelas and boiled lauki, are good for us and make us kick serious ass where all that nasty cholesterol and BP are concerned.

Call it the puritanical ethic of asceticism, or the stern voice of duty, or military school discipline, or the gym instructors' injunction that there's no gain without pain, we are programmed to believe that hard is better than easy, tough better than soft.

And that's no stinging eyewash.

India's 21-Day Trump Trap

He's left a short window before penal tariffs apply. There's no question of appeasing him. But GOI can be smartly flexible, like buying more US oil if it's priced competitively or engaging Russia on the ceasefire issue

Syed Akbaruddin



Trade disputes are not new. But when commerce is weaponised to dictate foreign policy, rules of engagement shift. In 21 days, Indian exports to US will face a 25% penalty for continued purchase of Russian oil. Combined with existing reciprocal tariffs, Indian goods will face the highest trade barrier in US alongside Brazil, at 50%. Washington has fused trade, diplomacy, and global strategy into a single ultimatum. The message is clear. The stakes are high. The window is closing fast.

This is not a dispute over market access or pricing, nor is it a technical matter for trade negotiators alone. It is a geopolitical ambush with a 21-day fuse and a public countdown. Washington wants New Delhi to press Moscow towards a ceasefire. The deadline is less a timetable than a test of India's resolve, restraint, and skill.

For India, this touches the core of strategic autonomy. How New Delhi navigates the storm will shape not only its economic resilience but also its credibility as a global actor that charts its own course in a polarised world.

India has called the move unfair, pointing out that many others continue to trade with Russia. Discounted Russian crude has helped stabilise domestic inflation in India and contributed to global energy equilibrium.

India is not alone in balancing energy pragmatism with geopolitical complexity. China continues purchasing Russian oil and gas despite Western disapproval, prioritising economic interests while keeping diplomatic channels open with US. Türkiye, a Nato member, has maintained energy ties with Moscow while facilitating initiatives like the Black Sea grain deal. These cases underscore a broader trend among emerging powers resisting binary choices in a polarised global landscape.

The tariff threat is serious, but not unprecedented. US has had sharp trade disputes even with close allies. In 1980s, Washington targeted Japan's growing automobile and electronics exports. Tempers flared, tariffs followed, but the alliance endured.

Similarly, the long-running aircraft subsidy dispute between US and EU led to waves of retaliatory tariffs. Wine, cheese, aircraft parts and motorcycles became pawns in a global economic chess match. Yet ties between EU and US remained intact. When conditions shifted, tariffs were suspended and cooperation resumed.

Such examples show that sharp trade disagreements need not fracture strong relationships. The key is to adopt calibrated responses. India must be firm in principle but flexible in approach. It must avoid a false choice: appease Trump and lose credibility, or resist and risk economic fallout.

The 21-day delay in implementing tariffs is a tactic.



Image: AI

Washington is signalling urgency, but the delay also leaves space for negotiations. It allows for quiet engagement, where gestures can be exchanged during planned trade negotiations in late Aug, without compromising long-term interests. India could adjust energy sourcing, including more US oil if competitively priced. This can be done without any suggestion of yielding to pressure.

India can also work quietly with other partners to reinvigorate ceasefire diplomacy in Ukraine. NSA Ajit Doval, who has been in Moscow this week, can explore this possibility and turn a geopolitical ultimatum into a diplomatic opportunity.

Trump has announced that 'great progress' was made in the meeting between his envoy Witkoff and Putin. He also signalled openness to meeting Putin next week, with Zelenskyy to follow. If a ceasefire or even a temporary pause emerges, the logic of the penal tariffs collapses.

At the same time, India must prepare for the scenario in which the tariffs are enforced. Diversifying export markets, deepening trade ties with other economies, and examining reciprocal duties, similar to the measured steps India took after the withdrawal of Generalised System of Preferences benefits in 2019, are all on the table.

This moment also offers India a chance to reflect on its own trade practices. It maintains relatively high tariffs across several sectors, which have drawn criticism and limited deeper economic integration. A recalibration towards a more open and competitive tariff regime could enhance India's global competitiveness and attract investment at a time when global companies are rethinking supply chains.

Above all, India must project a consistent message of sovereign decision-making, grounded in economic logic and strategic balance.

The broader India-US relationship has seen moments of friction, but also remarkable resilience. The ties span education, energy, defence, technology, people-to-people exchanges and a shared vision for a stable Indo-Pacific. Neither country benefits from prolonged confrontation. US risks alienating a key partner. India risks disruption in critical export sectors. But while the risks are real, so is the opportunity. This is a chance to reinforce that mature powers can differ on tactics without breaking on strategy.

India must play this phase with quiet confidence. It should neither overreact nor underestimate the seriousness of the move. If handled with composure, the 21-day window can become a platform for diplomatic creativity rather than a countdown to confrontation. What India needs now is the nerve to hold steady and the craft to step out of Trump's trap on its own terms.

Ultimately, this is a test not of how India reacts to tariffs, but of how India upholds its values and vision. Strategic independence, economic pragmatism, and principled diplomacy have long defined India's external conduct. They must now define its response. That is the India the world respects. And that is the India that must respond.

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WHAT PUT DHARALI IN HARM'S WAY?

Climate change is big in the Himalayan region. But instead of mitigating risks, govts are aggravating these. Environmental clearances are undependable. So, local communities pay the price

Anjal Prakash



First and foremost, flash floods that wreaked havoc in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district on Tuesday underline the perils of neglecting ecological fragility in planning. Himalayas are sensitive to temperature rises, glaciers are retreating, and the terrain is increasingly prone to landslides and sudden floods. Post-2013 Kedarnath disaster, there was much talk about stricter regulation and ecological preservation. Yet, unchecked construction, hydropower projects and tourism infra have continued to mushroom, often ignoring environmental clearances. This recklessness has heightened the risk for vulnerable, local communities.

Secondly, the event exposes the shortcomings of our early warning and disaster preparedness systems. The absence of an extensive network of Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) and real-time monitoring means authorities are often reacting late, unable to evacuate or alert populations in time. According to a 2020 report by IMD, only about 150 AWSs are operational across the Himalayan region, far short of the needs dictated by a vast and fragile landscape.

On Tuesday, it was initially assumed that a cloudburst was the cause of the flash floods. Since then, experts have suggested that these may have been caused by the catastrophic failure of a glacial pond or lagoon in the snow-covered mountains to the north of the village.

Some of these glacial ponds have common features across the region. Typically stable, they overflow dangerously during surges in snowmelt or rainfall, particularly the former. In the case of Dharali village, it is believed that one among these glacial ponds burst suddenly, resulting in a huge debris of water and ice that flowed downhill with immense force. The slope caused it to "exponentially get bulldozed" toward the village.

To add to the seriousness of this, the Kheer Ganga river that runs through the village, and that finds its spring in snow-capped mountains near here, has also suffered variations in its course throughout the years. It had previously followed a different direction. It got redirected. Many towns and cities along the river were also built on the path of its new course, often in unplanned or dangerous locations.

The natural topography of the region was also significant in the disaster. Valleys have high slopes, and water flow increases as water travels down these slopes, picking up so much that a single small glacial outburst becomes a flood-wave, which can destroy entire communities in just a few seconds.

At core, this has to be understood as an extreme weather event. Be it a cloudburst or the failure of a glacial pond, both have global warming as their cause. Both say that India has to stop viewing the Himalayas merely as resource reservoirs or scenic spots. Their fragile ecology means the country is inviting calamity by disturbing natural processes unnaturally with the human economy.



The likes of the Char Dham project and the Joshimath eco-tourism corridor focus on traditional gray infra – roads, highways, embankments, dams, concrete channels, no matter how ecologically degrading these are. What takes a backseat is building retention basins, restoring natural slopes, integrating sponge zones – all of which are needed to absorb, store, slow down water, and reduce flood risks.

Shifting focus to climate-resilient infra would also involve due attention to early warning systems and community participation. Increasing tourism and traffic is a myopic goal. Especially with haphazard and dangerous constructions reaching the highest slopes. As seen in Dharali, these constructions have no guarantees or insurance, and put local communities in great danger.

The Himalayas are spread across 13 Indian states and Union Territories, with distinct cultural and developmental contexts. But in their interconnected ecosystem, the risks they face are similar. A state-wise approach is thus insufficient. What's needed is bio-regional planning. This means understanding the ecological boundaries – watersheds, mountain corridors, forests – and managing the resources collectively.

For instance, the Ganga-Brahmaputra basin spans multiple Himalayan states and supports millions. So, coordinated efforts across states to implement upstream flood control, forest conservation, and eco-sensitive development are imperative. We need Himalaya-wide governance forums and we need local communities to be heard properly in these, as much as the environmental experts, govt agencies and policymakers.

Ecological restoration and the creation of natural buffers must become standard practices in all development projects. And there must be strict enforcement of environmental regulations. Right now, large infra projects are often approved after superficial impact assessments. Credible penalties for violations of environmental laws are rare. It is all this that has actively put fragile mountain areas in harm's way.

It is only Nature-based solutions that are sustainable, cost-effective, and adaptable to changing climate conditions. Disasters like Dharali are where our mountains are crying for better protection. Their growing frequency and severity are clear signs of an ecosystem under extreme stress. Climate change has to be mitigated at a global level. But changing course on unplanned development is very much in Indian hands. That's how to save Indian lives.

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Calvin & Hobbes



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If we will be quiet and ready enough, we shall find compensation in every disappointment.

Henry D Thoreau

Use Free Will To Design Your Own Destiny

Jaya Row

As a thinker said, 'We cannot always choose the music life plays for us but we can choose how to dance to it.' You are not a helpless puppet in the hands of an unknown puppeteer. You may not have the power to change your present. But you can change your future. Your present circumstances are the result of choices you have made in the past. To bring about a happier future, you only have to make different choices.

You hold the power to shape your own destiny. With the newfound confidence that comes with knowledge, you can craft a magnificent future. No one can predict your future. Only you can design it – through your thoughts. A single thought can transform your life's course. At times, society, nations, even the world can shift with just that one thought.

The Law of Karm never fails. No one escapes its reach. It works like gravity – unerring and universal. Action is the pivot around which life revolves. Every intentional action yields its corresponding result. Driven by greed, hatred, and delusion, you sow seeds of pain. Motivated by generosity, love, and wisdom, you harvest abundance and happiness.

Action springs from desire. Desire arises from vasana – a deep-rooted inclination or leaning towards something. As your vasana, so are your desire, action, and environment. When you act driven by desire, you create more such vasanas. But when you act out of duty, whether you like it or not, you break free from the stranglehold of desire.

An apple seed will yield apples. No amount of pleading, manipulation or scheming will produce mangoes. The only way to get mangoes is to plant mango seeds. Plant seeds of happiness and success and your life will transform.

Though destiny or prarabdh may steer you one way, you can use your free will – purusharth – to take you on a totally different trajectory. No matter how dark your past may be, steadfast, consistent, positive effort can reshape your life, allowing you to carve out a brilliant future.

THE SPEAKING TREE

The law is clear: As you think, so you become. Your thoughts sketch the blueprint of your character and circumstance. A joyful mind births a joyful world; a bitter mind breeds anger. A petty mind clings to trifles; an evolved mind beholds the universe's splendour. When your surroundings are not conducive, you cannot go out into the world and battle them. Elevate your thoughts and watch the world around you rise in harmony.

You cannot achieve greatness with a small mind. You have to first think big, beyond yourself. Excellence doesn't demand more degrees, sharper skills, or wider networks. It needs elevated thoughts. This is easier said than done. The grip of selfish desire and attachment holds you back. You need wise guidance to spark this change.

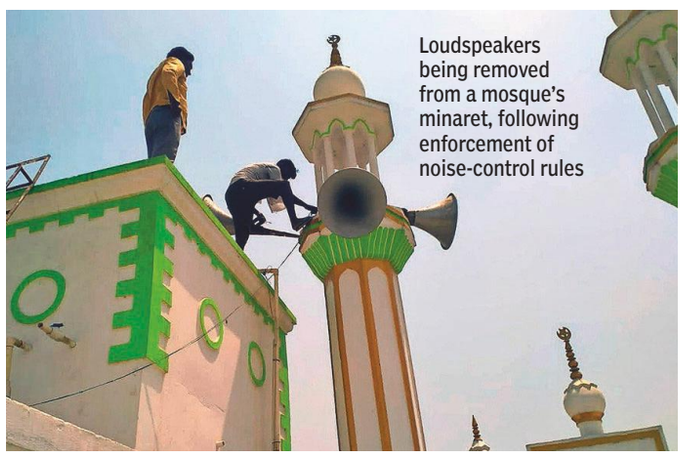
Understand the futility of worldly pursuits. Seek the permanent. With the knowledge of the higher, enjoy the passing, ephemeral joys. Surround yourself with good people, loving and uplifting ideas.

As your mind expands to accommodate the higher, you naturally get detached from the lower. Ultimately, you take that giant leap into the realm of the Infinite.

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Why Mumbai's mosques are falling silent

Muslims navigate silence as the police enforce noise rules, forcing mosques to mute loudspeakers and shift the call to azan to phone apps



Loudspeakers being removed from a mosque's minaret, following enforcement of noise-control rules



S L Shanth Kumar

Ayaz Mohammed Hussain stands in the balcony of his house near Sunni Badi Masjid in Mumbai's Madanpura

Right opposite Sunni Badi Masjid in central Mumbai's Madanpura lives Ayaz Mohammed Hussain's family — in a two-room house in an old building named Chhota Isa. Hussain, 65, a retired railway guard, and wife Shama never had to check namaz time on their wall clock or mobile. The 127-year-old mosque's loudspeakers amplified the azan five times a day. Until the night of June 24, when police took them down.

Residents of Madanpura and many other parts of the city are now experiencing an unexpected stillness in their immediate environment since police in Mumbai began enforcing noise guidelines two months ago.

"We are coming to terms with the new norm. For years, we were used to listening to azan on loudspeakers," says Hussain, standing in the gallery, gazing at the mosque's green minarets, no longer mounted with amplifiers. "Even the announcement of *maiyyat* (deaths) in the mohalla was made on the loudspeakers. This morning, we learnt of a death in the locality only after the *janaaza* (funeral procession) passed through my lane."

Living Without The Call

The city, especially its Muslim pockets, is gradually learning to live without the call for prayer on loudspeakers ever since the Devendra Fadnavis govt, acting on a court order, began to crack down. It's an initiative that has political overtones, given the sporadic protests organised in the past by right-wing outfits against mosques. This time the tipping point has been a lack of resistance from minority religious groups, who would rather take recourse to law to settle the issue.

Bombay high court, through its Jan 2025 verdict, graded the punishment for violation of noise control in three stages — warning, penalty (Rs 5,000 per day) and seizure of loudspeakers. But the cops began enforcing the noise guidelines (55 decibels in daytime and 45 decibels at night) strictly only after BJP leader Kirit Somaiya turned it into a personal crusade. When police teams stopped him from holding protests in the mosques' vicinity, he would visit police stations to remind them about the court order.

Rise Of The Azan App

For the observant, OnlineAzan, an app, has since become the go-to tool for real-time updates from their neighbourhood place of worship. "We began broadcasting the azan on this app soon after police removed loudspeakers. Initially, many opposed it, as they said it might affect the legal challenge to police action against loudspeakers in Bombay high court," says Raees Ansari, a member of the Sunni Badi Masjid's management committee. Nearly 5,000 people in his locality have downloaded the app, and the number is increasing as word spreads, he adds.

The increasing use of the free app indicates a significant change sweeping through Muslim neighbourhoods, where the call to the devout, simultaneously from multiple mosques, would often draw complaints, especially from other communities. "Azan on loudspeakers is not mandated by Islam. Muslims here should have voluntarily removed loudspeakers. Globally, many mosques broadcast azan through apps," says Bandra resident and city Congress general secretary Asif Farooqui.

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> —Ayaz Mohammed Hussain

The Noise Pollution Angle

Anti-noise pollution activist Sumaira Abdulali, who had filed a petition in 2004 demanding enforcement against use of loudspeakers by all faiths, said it was in 2016 that the court said, "Religion is not a reason to break noise rules."

Managing trustee of Mahim Juma Masjid, Fahad Khalil Pathan, informs that 72 mosques in the city have switched to the app, partly indicating the community's willingness to embrace technology for reforms. It also reflects inability of mosque managements to stonewall police action.

Pathan says he was the first in the city to download and introduce it at his mosque. "A group in Chennai created this app a couple of years ago. This has been a big source of relief, since we introduced it after many complained that they didn't have a way of knowing azan time," he says.

What forced many mosques to voluntarily bring decibel levels down to permissible limits or remove loudspeakers was the state additional director general of police (ADGP)'s circular of May 11, 2025. It said all religious places seeking permission for use of loudspeakers needed to submit property cards and registration certificates from the Waqf Board or charity commissioner.

"This was deliberately done to discourage mosques from applying for permission to use loudspeakers. The police have no business to ask for property cards or registration certificates because neither high courts in any state nor the Supreme Court mandated it while giving guidelines on use of loudspeakers," argues former minister Arif Naseem Khan. Khan led a meeting of senior clerics and imams, where it was decided that a legal panel, led by advocate Yusuf Muchchala, would challenge the police action. The matter is sub judice.

Some mosques, including Rahe Medina Masjid in Maharashtra Nagar, within the sprawling slum of Mankhurd, have even installed small sound boxes on request in nearby homes to relay the azan and skirt the ban. "We did it soon after Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) leader Raj Thackeray began protesting against azan on loudspeakers in 2022. Small speakers linked to the machine inside the mosque broadcast the azan to around 50 homes in the locality. It does not disturb anyone," says mosque committee member Razzak Shaikh.

Enforcing Noise Guidelines

Non-Muslims have largely cheered the silencing of the loudspeakers. Abraham Mathai, the former vice-chairman of state minorities commission and a longtime resident of Kalina, which has a sizable Muslim population, says he used to be quite annoyed by the sound through the day. "I welcome this move by many mosques and request people of all religions to take steps to reduce loudspeaker decibels while they celebrate festivals," Mathai says.

Now, as Ganesh Chaturthi, Maharashtra's most popular Hindu festival, nears, many feel Mumbai Police will be on test to ensure they are as proactive in enforcing the noise guidelines at pandals as they were at mosques.

"The police removed loudspeakers from our mosque at night, refusing to wait for the next morning, when a Muslim delegation was scheduled to meet deputy CM Ajit Pawar. Will the cops show such urgency while they deal with complaints of noise-rule violations by people of other faiths?" wonders Ansari, standing at the Madanpura mosque's gate.

UP Police was first off the blocks

UP Police had started a drive to remove loudspeakers from religious places in 2022 — the first such initiative in India aimed at curbing noise pollution. The drive continued through 2023, during which 98,629 loudspeakers were removed from religious places — temples, mosques and gurdwaras — across the state. An additional 1,04,029 loudspeakers had their volume levels reduced to within permissible decibel limits.

The drive was initiated following a directive issued by chief minister Yogi Adityanath on April 23, 2022. This followed an order by Allahabad high court, which said sound systems at religious sites should conform to noise pollution regulations.

The removed loudspeakers were repurposed and handed over to govt schools by the home department. These are now being used for morning assemblies, educational announcements, playing the National Anthem, and other academic activities.

A senior officer at the DGP headquarters said the statewide campaign had concluded, but local station house officers still take action, responding to complaints about excessive noise from loudspeakers. TNN

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NOTIFICATION 01/2025

Roc No. TTD-35021(91)/1/2018-SVIHVS Dated: 06-08-2025

Applications are invited from the eligible Vedapandits to be enrolled under Vedaparyana Scheme of T.T. Devasthanams. Last date for receipt of application is 28.08.2025. Please visit for details www.tirumala.org.

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The TTD management has right to cancel the notification / postpone the enrolment / Interviews if any without any intimation to the candidates on administrative reasons.

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 164). Date : 07-08-2025 **Executive Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
BORDER ROADS WING, BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION
GENERAL RESERVE ENGINEER FORCE
ADVT NO: 10003/Hiring/MOs/89/E1A

(Please Read the instruction carefully before filling up the application form)

1. Application are invited for filling up the vacancies of Medical Officers in various Projects and at various locations in General Reserve Engineer Force (BRO) from Indian Nationals Only.

Appointment	Minimun Qualification	No of Vacancies (Project wise with location)	Fixed Remunerations Per month
Medical Officer	MBBS	Three (03) -01x Darbuk -01x Hanle -01x Shyok (All location in Eastern Ladakh)	95,000/- PM (As per GOI letter No 22D(19)/2017-D(WE/Res-1) (I) 24 July 2025 (Subject to revision by the GoI)

2. **For Terms and Conditions, Application Form and Remuneration** Kindly see our website **www.marvel.bro.gov.in** for additional details.

3. **Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website**. Application as per requisite format alongwith self-attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualifications, Work Experiences, Medical certificate duly signed by SEMO/CMO, Character Certificate/ Police Verification, in a sealed envelope will be dropped in a sealed Tender Box placed at **(Project HQ) Himank, Leh** by **23 Aug 2025 (1200 hrs)** in duplicate. Alternatively, application may be fwd by speed post at the following address.

Address : HQ CE(P) HIMANK, C/O 56 APO, Pin Code: 931710
Tele : 01982-264088/9651237290
Email : bro-hmk@nic.in

4. Any application received after **23 Aug 2025** (1200 hrs) will not be accepted.

5. **Interview Date, Timing & Venue.** The location and timing of the interview will be intimated to each candidate after scrutiny of the application. No extension will be entertained. Candidates must bring all the original certificates/marks sheet/degree of 10/Matric, 10+2 & Graduation/Post Graduation/Diploma/Course, work experience and (discharge book, PPO, service records for ESM only) and 04 PP size colour photographs at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply. The candidates will be intimated about the time and venue of interview through post and email ID.

Government of India Ministry of Defence, Border Roads Organisation
General Reserve Engineer Force
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APPLICATION FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCTOR

1. Full Name(In Capital Letters) _____
2. Father's Name _____
3. Date of Birth _____
4. Sex _____
5. Address for Communication _____
6. Landline & Mobile No _____
7. Email ID _____
8. Educational qualification _____
9. National/State Medical Comission registration No _____
10. Details of Service REndered/Experience (For Ex-SSC MOs of Armed Forces, retired doctors from Central/State Govt, PSUs and Autonomous bodies)_____
11. Date of Retirement from Govt. Service/PSU _____
12. P.P.O Number (for ESM candidates only) _____
13. Training If any attended _____

Affix Self attested passport size photograph

DECLARATION

1. I hereby solemnly declare that all the statement made in the above application are true and correct to be best of my knowledge and belief
2. I fully understand and that in the events of any information furnished being found false or incorrect, action can be taken against me.

Place: _____ **Signature** _____
Date: _____ **Name of applicant**_____

Mandatory Enclosures (copies of) Degree Certificate,
Education Qualification Certificate, Registration Certificate, P.P.O. (Pension Payment Order)
(Original certificates will be required at the time of interview for verification)

HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND, RANCHI

Ref. No. 2012/Accts. **Dated: 07.08.2025**

NOTICE

The Court invites sealed tenders from the reputed firms for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC with spares) for 15 nos. of Digital EPABX systems alongwith intercom telephones installed in the residences of Hon'ble Judges and Judges Bungalow no. 132 (Judges Guest House) of this Court for a period of one (1) year, the details of which may be obtained through website of the High Court of Jharkhand at **https://jharkhandhighcourt.nic.in/tender**.

Sd/- Registrar (Establishment)
LAST DATE:- 20.08.2025 **Jharkhand High Court, Ranchi**

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For details visit at http:// sfacindia.com.

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Advt. No. PGIMS/A-III/2025/9185 **Closing Date: 14.08.2025 Upto: 5:00 PM**

Applications are invited as per prescribed format (available on PGIMS website) for filling up the vacant posts of **Assistant Professor** in Pt. B.D. Sharma, Post Graduate Institute Medical Sciences, Rohtak on contract basis through contractual policy **"Engagement of Contractual Faculty Members in Government Medical, Dental and Nursing Colleges Policy, 2024" dated 03.07.2024**

For details please refer to university website i.e. www.pgimsrohtak.ac.in **as well as www.uhsr.ac.in**

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt.No. 37434/07/08/2025 **DIRECTOR**

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) from eligible Civil Contractors

Intellect Design Arena Limited invites EOI from eligible Civil Contractors for the construction of an Information Technology facility at SIPCOT, Siruseri, Chennai. RCC Structure with Basement, Ground + 11 Floors, Approx. **7.25 Lakh Sq.ft**. Project to start in **October 2025**.

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CANCELLATION NOTICE

With reference to the Post Codes 301, 302, 303 and 304 of Advt. No. 1/2018 for recruitment of the post of Technical Assistant / Group III(1), it is notified that the advertised recruitment to the said posts stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.

For detailed notification, refund of application fees, etc. please visit **www.neeri.res.in**

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BUREAU OF POLICE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED GOVERNMENT SERVANTS IN BPR&D ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

Applications are invited from Retired Government employees for engagement in BPR&D on contract basis.

The detailed Terms & Conditions, Eligibility Criteria, Qualification Criteria are available on the website of the BPR&D @ www.bprd.nic.in

The applicants are advised to send their applications (in duly filled proforma) at e-mail address ad.estab@bprd.nic.in by 14.08.2025. The Competent Authority reserves the right for any amendment, cancellation and change in the Advertisement in whole or part thereof without assigning any reason.

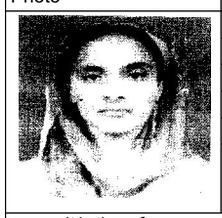
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No:-CB/Look Out Notice/2025/51902-20 **DPHQ Udhampur Dated : 05.08.2025**

LOOK OUT NOTICE

As requested by Dy. SP Hqrs. Udhampur that on 29.07.2025 applicant namely Noor Din S/o Yousaf R/o Bali Nallah Tehsil and District Udhampur lodged a missing report at P/S Udhampur to the effect that his daughter namely Marufa Bibi aged 23 years who was residing at Housing Colony Udhampur is missing since 28.07.2025. The applicant has conducted her search, but she has not been traced out. On this, a missing report has been entered vide DDR No. 15 dated 29.07.2025 at P/S Udhampur and search started. The Photograph with descriptive roll of missing lady is as under :

Photo	Description	
	Name :	Marufa Bibi
	Age :	23 yrs.
	Complexion :	Fair
	Body Built :	Normal
	Height :	5 ft
	Wearing :	Grey colour Salwar Kameez and black green colour shoes in her feet.

It is therefore requested that have a sharp lookout may please be maintained and if traced out or any clue leading to the whereabouts of said missing lady is received an information may kindly be shared on the below mentioned Telephone Nos./Fax/e-mail address for further course of action.

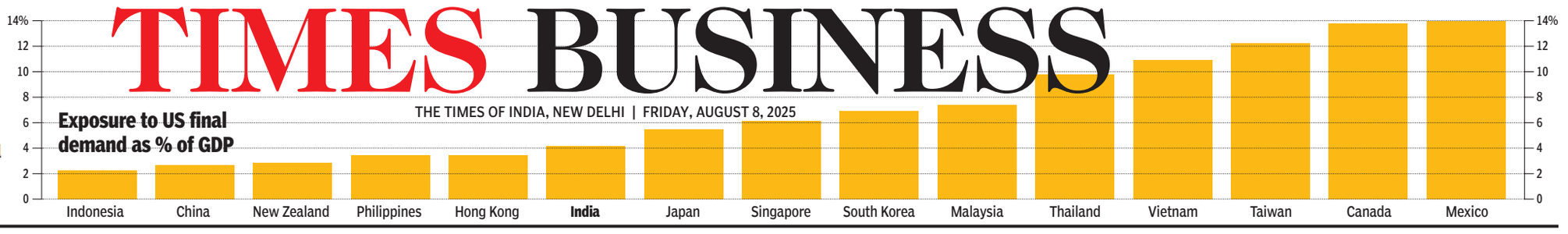
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Phone : 01992-2270210
PCR Udhampur : 01992-276915
SHO P/S Udhampur : 9419134268

DIP No:DIP/J-4372/25/06.08.2025 **SSP Udhampur.**

TIMES BUSINESS
THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

Mexico, Canada and Taiwan have significant **exposure to US final demand** while **India's is relatively low (4% of GDP)**, shows a Goldman Sachs report. It added that the total effective US tariff on Indian imports would be around 32 percentage points after all exemptions





Avg cost of data breach in India rises 13%: Report

Mumbai: The average cost of an organisation for a data breach has risen 13% to Rs 22 crore in 2025 from Rs 19.5 crore in the year-ago period, according to a report. However, despite the surge in costs, the security in artificial intelligence is still lacking, the report by global tech major IBM said. Phishing, or the act of sending fraudulent communication to extract personal information, is the top attack vector, with the usage in 18% of incidents, followed by third-party vendor and supply chain promises at 17%, while vulnerability exploitations accounted for 13%. AGENCIES



Titan Q1 net up 53% on jewellery, watches

Bengaluru: Titan Company reported a 52.5% year-on-year increase in net profit to Rs 1,091 crore for June quarter, backed by strong performances in jewellery and watches businesses, despite elevated gold prices. The Tata group firm's revenue rose 24% to Rs 16,628 crore in the same period. Sequentially, it rose to about 11% from Rs 15,032 crore in the previous quarter. Its EBIT margins expanded to 11.7% from 9.7% a year ago. TNN

Migration boosts salaries, housing demand: Survey

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Internal migration to urban cities is driving up both salaries and housing demand, a survey has shown.

Relocating has led to near doubling of salaries in certain white-collar segments related to IT, finance, and healthcare. It is also true for blue-collar workers, such as domestic helps and factory employees, who reported a 1.6 to two times jump in their earnings. Migrants are increasingly investing in mid-to-premium homes, reshaping the real estate landscape in metros such as Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad, Magicbricks said in a report.

These moves are reflected in housing preferences, which have shifted significantly in line with rising incomes. Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Delhi NCR show a clear preference for 3BHKs in the Rs 1.5-3 crore range, while in Mumbai, 2BHKs account for 40% of demand. As a result, between 2020 and 2025, property prices rose 58% in Mumbai to Rs 30,796 a sqft, while Delhi and Bengaluru saw demand rise 47.2% and 18.8%, respectively.

Bankers See Default Risk As Much Of Exports Are On Credit | Crisis Can Be An Opportunity To Trigger Aggressive Reforms

To beat 50% duty, exporters speed up US consignments

Try To Ship Maximum Before Aug 27, Redeploy Manpower

Sidhartha & Mayur Shetty | TNN

New Delhi/ Mumbai: Having worked out a three-way split of 25% US reciprocal tariffs that kicked in on Thursday, Indian exporters are rushing shipments ahead of the Aug 27 deadline, when Donald Trump's "secondary sanctions" on India will double the customs duty to 50%.

"We are advancing the shipments and planning to ship goods for the four weeks, instead of a fortnight that we normally do," said Israr Ahmed, director of Farida Group, which is into leather and non-leather footwear business.

Similarly, Gurgaon-based Richa Global Exports is seeking to ensure that a large part of the orders for the Fall-Winter season is shipped, so that the damage caused by Trump's tariffs is controlled. "The situation changed yesterday because of the additional 25% tariff. We are trying to ensure that to the extent possible, the work in progress is completed, so that the raw material is not wasted. Given the low margins, we will have to take a hit," said the company's boss Virender Uppal.

For several exporters, advancing shipments has meant that some of the manpower has been redeployed to meet the requirements of US buyers. Like with the 10% tariff, which has been in place since early April, Indian businesses have worked out an arrangement with several buyers where the 25% burden is being split equally, with the seller giving a discount of 7-8%, the American buyer reducing its margin by same level, and the rest being passed on to consumers.

But life isn't easy, especially for small players, who have much lower bargaining power. For them life is going to be difficult. In any case, exporters are worried about what happens once the duty jumps to 50%.

"This is a huge setback to the labour-intensive apparel export industry. There is no way industry can absorb this. I am sure govt also realises that this unreasonable increase in tariff will sound the death knell for the micro and medium apparel industry, especially those who majorly sell to the US market, unless govt steps in with direct fiscal support to the industry," said AEPC chairman Sudhir Sekhri.

Describing it as a catastrophic situation, Tirupur Exporters' Association president Raja M Shanmugam sought govt intervention, arguing that it is no longer feasible to export to the US due to the low margins. For gems & jewellery too, the prognosis is not good, with companies predicting a steep fall in exports.

Bankers said that much of the exports are on credit and there is a risk of default.

WORKING ON A WAY OUT

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After 700-pt fall, sensex bounces back into green

Possible Meeting Between Trump And Putin, PM Modi's Likely Visit To China Bring Hope

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai/New Delhi: After a knee-jerk reaction to US President Donald Trump's latest tantrums related to tariffs on Indian exports to the world's largest economy, late buying helped Dalal Street close slightly higher, indicating low impact of the tariffs' effects on domestic stocks and investments. After sliding over 700 points, sensex recovered all its lost ground in a late buying surge to close a marginal 79 points (0.1%) up at 80,623 points. On NSE, Nifty closed 22 points up at 24,596 points.

The turnaround happened on the back of some positive developments for the market. This included news about a possible meeting between Trump and Russian president Vladimir Putin later this month, and also Putin's expected India visit later in the year. PM Modi's expected visit to China later in Aug also added to the positive sentiment that triggered buying, market players said.

"Domestic equities recovered sharply from the intraday lows amid a volatile weekly expiry day. Although the earlier trade was weighed down by broad-based selling following steep US tariff hikes on India, sentiment improved towards the close as reports of potential peace talks involving Trump, Putin, and (Volodymyr) Zelenskyy (president of Ukraine) raised hopes of a softer US stance on trade," Vinod Nair of Geojit Investments said. "This renewed optimism triggered a strong rebound in the (stocks of) auto, pharma, metals, and energy sectors and aided the market in recalling its trajectory and concluding in the green."

Earlier in the session, brokers and fund managers said higher US tariffs could dent India's GDP by about 0.3-0.5 percentage points. However, govt support and the weakness of the rupee against the world's major currencies could cushion the impact.

"We estimate the overall cumulative impact of tariffs at 0.5–0.7% of India's GDP, with the sharpest effects likely in gems & jewellery, textiles, and mobile phones," said Trideep Bhattacharya, president & CIO—Equities, Edelweiss Mutual Fund. "This is the economic price India may have to pay to safeguard its domestic agricultural economy, as part of 'welfare motive' in our opinion. The broader consequence will be a mix of higher goods inflation, tighter producer margins, and a drag on global trade—a combination that could weigh on valuation multiples globally over time."

During the week, stocks of Indian export-linked companies took a sharp hit after the US hiked tariff rates. Textiles stocks experienced the sharpest setbacks, with Gokaldas Exports plunging nearly 19% since the announcement. Peers KPR Mill and Vardhman Textiles also posted double-digit losses. Engineering goods stocks also suffered, especially capital goods and turbine makers. Triveni Turbine slumped 14.7%, ABB India lost 8%, and others saw cyclical rise and fall. While pharmaceuticals remain exempt for now, stocks in the sector dropped 4–8% amid fears of future tariffs—especially after Trump threatened a 250% duty on drug imports.

BEARING THE TARIFF BRUNT

	July 30 close (₹)	Aug 7 close (₹)	% change
Textile			
Arvind	331	301.5	-9
Raymond	683.6	632.1	-7.5
Pharma			
Aurobindo Pharma	1158	1069.6	-7.6
Divi's Lab	6650	6131.5	-7.7
Engineering Goods			
ABB India	5554	5118	-7.8
BHEL	241.6	227.9	-5.7
Auto Components			
Bharat Forge	1188.6	1161.6	-3
Bosch Ltd	40060	38570	-4
Gems and Jewellery			
Kalyan Jewellers	606.6	590.9	-2.5
PN Gadgil Jewellers	585.7	551.2	-6

Gold crosses ₹1.02L/10gm to hit new high

Hyderabad: Unending tariff wars coupled with weaker-than-expected US macroeconomic data and a depreciating rupee, fuelled gold's rise to record highs in the Indian market on Thursday. The yellow metal crossed the Rs 1.02 lakh/10 gm mark to hit a high of Rs 1,02,155 on MCX and was quoting at all-time highs of Rs 1,02,700 and Rs 1,02,550 in local spot markets like Delhi and Hyderabad, respectively. This was despite international gold prices being well below their all-time highs of around $3,509/Oz. "A depreciating rupee is adding fuel to the fire. The rising trend is likely to continue as gold is likely to move out of the resistance zone of $3,450 to $3,800 now," said Surendra Mehta, national secretary, India Bullion and Jewellers Association. TNN

Trump tariffs: 17% effective rate, $50bn monthly customs revenue

Sidhartha@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: For all the noise over India being the tariff king, the US effective tariff rate for all countries is now estimated at 17%, Fitch Ratings has estimated after the latest reciprocal tariff announcements. The effective rate that Indian goods will pay to enter US before Aug 27 was estimated at 20.8%, including exempted products.

In 2024, the latest period for which data is available with WTO, India's simple average tariff was estimated at 16.2% — 36.7% for agricultural products and 13% for non-agricultural goods. Following the Budget in Feb, the average is estimated to have come down further.

According to the WTO database, the average US tariff in 2024 was 3.3% with farm goods facing a 5% levy, while non-agri products attracting 3.1% import duty. But with additional duties upwards of 10% for most countries, the average tariff is set to jump. In case of India and Brazil, the additional tariff will be 50%, while China and South Africa are in the 30% bracket.

While the average tariff in the US may be low — after all, for decades it was the biggest champion of low tariffs — it does have goods which attract high levies.

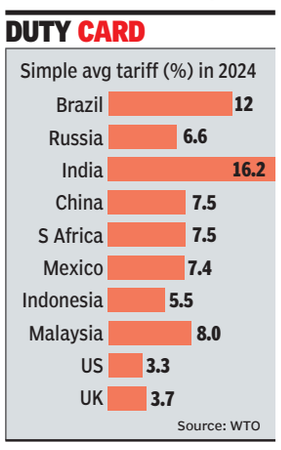
For instance, certain types of peanuts in shells attract 54.6% duty at MFN rate, which after the "reciprocal tariffs" will rise to nearly 105% for India and Brazil. Similarly, peanut butter attracts 44% customs duty in the US and several types of footwear see tariffs of 37.5% on MFN basis.

Dates, apricots and dried onions are in the 30% range, while several types of women's trousers and some tracksuits face 28.2% duty. Boys' trousers and bovine meat are in the 26-27% range.

There are complicated ones too such as wristwatches where there is a mix of specific levies and ad valorem rates as is the case with several other items.

The new tariffs are seen to be a custom revenue generating move by Trump with the tax yielding $30 billion (Rs 2.5 lakh crore) in July. In an interview, US commerce secretary Howard Lutnick on Thursday said that customs revenue is headed to the $50-billion mark (Rs 4.4 lakh crore) — almost twice India's projected customs revenue for govt for 2025-26 financial year.

DUTY CARD



Calls for reforms rise as additional 25% levy may impact growth, jobs

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New Delhi: The potential impact of additional 25% tariff announced by US President Donald Trump on goods imports from India could be larger for economic growth than previously estimated, if they are implemented after Aug 27 deadline, economists said.

Estimates showed initial 25% tariff imposed on Indian exports would have a muted impact on growth in the range of 0.2-0.4 percentage points. However, additional 25% tariff could impact growth and jobs in some of the key export sectors and could hurt overall sentiment. There is a window open for talks, with a team from US expected to visit India on Aug 25, which could help ease some of tariff burden.

Goldman Sachs said it expects some more potential impact on growth due to additional tariff. "We previously estimated a potential direct impact of around 0.3 percentage point (annualised) to India's real GDP growth, following President Trump's announcement of a 25% tariff," it said in a report. "If the new additional duty (including exclusions) is enforced, then that would constitute a potential incremental drag of around another 0.3 percentage points (annualised)," the report said, adding, 4% of India's GDP is exposed to US final demand.

Goldman Sachs, however, said it was not making any changes to its growth forecasts for calendar years 2025 and 2026 for now as there is a three-week window for negotiations until the new incremental tariffs roll out. RBI on Wednesday kept its growth forecast unchanged at 6.5% for the current fiscal year but cautioned about the "headwinds emanating from prolonged geopolitical tensions, persisting global uncertainties and volatility in global financial markets pose risks to the growth outlook."

Trump's announcement of additional 25% tariff for India has sparked dismay and outrage, with external affairs ministry calling the move "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable."

However, it also triggered calls from top industrialists and bureaucrats for more aggressive reforms, from ease of doing business to GST revamp to labour reforms and privatisation, and stepping up tourism to help overcome any adverse impact of Trump's unfair decision.

Industrialist Anand Mahindra said US tariffs would have unintended consequences of creating new growth drivers and India should use the opportunity to unleash reforms like the ones rolled out in 1991 and promote tourism as a forex engine.

Ficci president Harsha Vardhan Agarwal said it was time to focus "all our energies" into strengthening industrial economy and services sector. "Trump has provided us a once in a generation opportunity to take the next big leap on reforms. Crisis must be fully utilised," former G20 Sherpa and former CEO of govt's policy think tank Niti Aayog Amitabh Kant said on microblogging site X.

IT sector may be hit amid AI shift, slower spending

Shilpa Phadnis & Veena Mani | TNN

Bengaluru: As AI-driven efficiency gains increasingly impact deal wins, triggering steeper rate cuts, the 25% additional tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump pose a double whammy to India's IT sector.

Even as the sector anticipated greater trade clarity by Aug—a development expected to boost US consumer spending—the announcement of an additional 25% tariff now threatens to dampen sentiment and stall the fragile recovery in discretionary spending.

Phil Fersht, CEO of US-based HfS Research, said Trump's 25% tariff is the new IT services wrecking ball. "While services aren't directly taxed, the new tariffs stoke inflation in the US, forcing American firms to tighten discretionary spending. As manufacturing, logistics, and retail customers reel from higher input costs, they'll look to slash consulting and IT outsourcing contracts first, slowing deal cycles and delaying rollouts. Deal slippage will be most visible in manufacturing, logistics, and retail verticals by the Sept quarter."

> **As retail customers in the US reel from higher input costs, they'll look to slash consulting and IT outsourcing contracts first, slowing deal cycles and delaying rollouts**

Fersht believes the new levy is forcing American enterprises to slam the brakes on discretionary spending. "A tariff-fuelled downturn in the world's largest economy typically translates into weaker tech budgets, directly crimping Indian software export growth, which depends on US buyers for over half its $190 billion in annual revenues."

In a recent report, Kotak Institutional Equities said the demand environment took a slight hit due to uncertainty over the Trump administration's tariff regime, with considerable impact on retail, logistics, and manufacturing verticals.

"The hi-tech vertical is focused on investing for the future (AI-related capex and opex) while optimising the present (cuts to discretionary spending and prioritising spends away from other bets to AI). The healthcare vertical is operating under considerable uncertainty with payers under cost pressure and Trump ratcheting pressure on big pharma with threats of tariffs and changes to the drug pricing regime," the note said.

AU secures in-principle nod for universal bank

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI has granted its first universal bank approval in a decade, giving AU Small Finance Bank (SFB) in-principle approval to transition from an SFB to a universal bank—the first such nod since Bandhan and IDFC in 2015.

Founded in 1996 by Sanjay Agarwal as AU Financiers, an NBFC in Jaipur, AU became an SFB in 2015. Backed by Warburg Pincus and Temasek, it is now the largest SFB by assets and the first to seek universal status under RBI's new framework. Eligibility for the conversion includes Rs 1,000 crore net worth, five years' operations, exchange listing, recent profitability, strong capital and asset quality, regulatory compliance, and sound governance.

Calling the approval "a validation of AU's business model, governance, and enduring commitment to financial inclusion," Agarwal said, "It affirms AU's evolution into a complete bank... spanning retail, business, and digital solutions." India has 12 public and 21 private sector banks, besides SFBs, payments banks, LABs, and cooperatives. Only universal banks are full-fledged commercial banks, permitted to offer the full range of services and large loans without geographic or customer-type restrictions. In contrast, SFBs and LABs have limited mandates.

Banks to pay for delayed payouts to kin

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI has taken a major step to ensure that grieving families immediately get access to funds and valuables of their deceased relatives. Effective Jan 1, 2026, banks that fail to settle claims related to deceased customers within 15 days of receiving complete documentation must pay up. For delayed payouts on deposits, banks will owe interest at the bank rate plus 4%. For lockers, the cost of delay will be Rs. 5,000 a day.

The new framework, laid out in the RBI (Settlement of Claims in respect of Deceased Customers of Banks) Directions, 2025, aims to eliminate the procedural fog that has long complicated such settlements. Instead of discretionary red tape and inconsistent practices, the rules now offer a uniform roadmap for claimants—be they nominees, survivors, or legal heirs.

15-DAY SETTLEMENTS

- Banks to pay **penalties for delays of more than 15 days** in settling claims related to deceased customers
- For **deposit** payout delays, additional interest of **bank rate + 4%** per year apply
- For **lockers,** the fine for delays will be **₹5,000 per day**

The cleanest route remains through a nomination or survivorship clause. Where these exist, banks are required to release funds or valuables without demanding legal papers like succession certificates or bonds of indemnity. Claimants only need to furnish a death certificate, a claim form, and identification documents. They are, however, treated legally as trustees on behalf of the actual heirs.

In the absence of a nominee, banks must adopt a simplified procedure for claims up to Rs 15 lakh. A legal heir's declaration, no-objection letters from other heirs, and basic documentation are sufficent. For higher amounts, succession certificates or affidavits may be required, along with surety-backed indemnities.

Lockers would follow a parallel process. Nominees or joint holders with survivorship rights are granted access upon verification. In other cases, access is granted to legal heirs, subject to documentation and provided no dispute exists. An inventory of contents must be made in the presence of witnesses and bank officials, with formal acknowledgment from claimants.

The directions also touch upon corner cases: any payments still being credited to the deceased's account will be returned to the sender or held in an estate account, and term deposits may be closed prematurely without penalty on death.

Standardised forms will be available both online and at branches. Banks will also publicise the benefits of nominations.

The move has been triggered by the growing size of unclaimed deposits, a large part of which is because banks are reluctant to release the funds of deceased.

Airtel promoters to sell stake worth over $1bn

Asmita Dey & Partha Sinha | TNN

Mumbai: In one of the biggest block deals this year, Indian Continent Investment, a promoter group entity of Bharti Airtel is selling a 0.8% stake in the telecom giant for about Rs 9,310 crore (over $1 billion). The deal is set to be executed through one or more block deals on Friday and is managed by the Indian units of Jefferies and JP Morgan.

BIG BLOCK DEAL

Indian Continent Investment will offload up to 5 crore shares at a floor price of Rs 1,862 per share, a 3.2% discount to Bharti Airtel's last closing price of Rs 1,923 on the NSE on Thursday. In Feb this year, Indian Continent Investment had pared its stake in Bharti Airtel through block deals. It had sold about 0.85% stake through a deal worth more than Rs 8,000 crore.

There has generally been deal activity in the Sunil Mittal led telecom firm this year. In May, another promoter entity of the company, Singapore Telecom (Singtel) shed some stake in the firm in a near $1-billion block deal. Indian Continent Investment currently holds about 2.4% in Bharti Airtel.

This week also saw two block deals by China's Ant Group worth a total of over Rs 8,000 crore to exit Paytm and Eternal (formerly Zomato).

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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR'S MIDFIELDER MADDISON SET TO MISS MOST OF SEASON AFTER ACL INJURY

SINNER READY FOR CINCINNATI TITLE DEFENCE FOLLOWING BREAK AFTER WIMBLEDON WIN



Reuters



DON'T PICK ON BUMRAH

FALLING PREY TO SOCIAL-MEDIA RHETORIC: Jasprit Bumrah bowls at Old Trafford, Manchester. The premier pacer's workload-management issues have been criticised following his decision to sit out of the Oval Test, which India won thanks to an incredible performance from fellow paceman Mohammed Siraj (below; on the left)

Aspersions Have Been Cast On One Of The Greatest All-Format Bowlers For Not Playing The Full Series In England, Disregarding His Unique Action, History Of Injuries & Incredible Contribution To Indian Cricket...

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Mohammed Siraj's 1113th delivery of the recently-concluded India-England series is still the toast of the nation. Bowled at a speed of 143 kph, it was the fifth-quickest ball bowled by the Hyderabad lionheart, and uprooted Gus Atkinson's stumps to help India salvage a famous 2-2 draw in the series. It was Siraj's superhuman effort in the series, in which he finished with 23 wickets over 10 innings, that sparked the conversation: "Who cares for workload management when a series is on the line?"

Sunil Gavaskar added fuel to the fire when he said that when you are playing for your country "you have to forget the aches and pains in your muscles. That's what happens in the borders".

Without naming anybody, the gun quite clearly was trained at Jasprit Bumrah, who chose to sit out of the fifth Test at the Oval despite a greenish pitch on offer. The Indian cricket board (BCCI), quite promptly, released a statement that Bumrah has been released from the team, and when India went on to win the Test match by six runs, the social media rhetoric changed to "is Bumrah actually needed to win Test matches"? Quite clearly, there's an immediacy bias that has taken over the narrative, completely disregarding what India's greatest matchwinner across formats has done in the recent past.

Let's take you back to Dec 29, 2024, the fourth day of the fourth Test against Australia in Melbourne. The same Bumrah who had made it clear that he would play three Tests in the England series simply didn't stop that day at the MCG. He bowled over after over after over with his quirky action, that too after having played the three Tests before that as well. He took 4/99 and had it not been for a couple of dropped catches by Yashasvi Jaiswal, India might have won that Test.



Eventually India lost, courtesy some injudicious post-tea batting on Day 5, and when Bumrah went to play the fifth Test in Sydney, he suffered a recurrence of a back injury. Yet, he tried to get himself fit, appearing for a fitness test on the decisive third day of the Test. And when he failed, the relief in the Australia camp was palpable.

So, this entire chatter about Bumrah not putting his body on the line for the country doesn't hold water. By his own admission, Bumrah had declined Test captaincy for the England series — a rare honour for any player — because he knew his body didn't have enough to play five Test matches on the trot anymore.

Former India paceman Lakshmipathy Balaji, whose international career was curtailed by a stress fracture of the back, agrees that "it is not possible to play everything when you have suffered an injury like that". "Having said that, I do not know how judicious it is to sit out a crucial series-deciding Test match. It's on the player, he is the best judge of his own body. I can't definitely say what Bumrah should or shouldn't have done because I haven't played a five-Test series," Balaji told TOI.

Aussie legend Glenn McGrath said a few days ago that Bumrah needs a proper off-season to extend his career and be at his effective best. The elephant in the room, that everybody is probably stopping short of commenting on, is Bumrah's 12-game involvement in the last IPL when he was coming back from injury. The paceman was outstanding for Mumbai Indians, bowling at a magical economy rate of 6.67 and taking 18 wickets in the process.

While one can question whether Bumrah should have taken that time off to be fit to fire for every Test in England, we should also keep in mind that T20s are as much a modern-day commitment as five-day fixtures are.

India play four more Tests this year, and after that, it's a T20 festival which culminates in the World Cup in 2026. India broke their decade-long ICC title drought with the T20 World Cup win in West Indies last year, with Bumrah playing a massive role. Make no mistake, the clamour for the paceman's presence will be equally loud when the Men in Blue go out to defend the crown at their own backyard in Feb-March.

In this World Test Championship Cycle, barring the two Test matches that India play in New Zealand later next year, there aren't too many 'Bumrah has to play' games. Most Tests are in the subcontinent and the only five-Test series that India play is against Australia, that too at home at the end of 2026, a series in which spinners will have a bigger role to play.

Former India strength and conditioning coach Ramji Srinivasan says that in this day and age, the team management has all the data at their disposal and there is no way a player can just choose not to play. "The current trainer Adrian le Roux is extremely capable and knows what he is doing. If Bumrah has decided that he can only last three games in a series, there has to be enough data that backs up why he is doing so. We have to remember that Bumrah is a three-format player and India are not keen to sacrifice him completely in any format," Srinivasan said.

One would hope the team management will give Bumrah the space to operate on his own terms.

71 Bumrah's wicket-aggregate at 14.92 runs apiece in 13 Tests in 2024 is a record for any bowler in a calendar year. His tally of five five-wicket hauls that year was also the highest by any bowler, spinner or pacer.

32 Wickets at 13.06 in the five-Test series vs Australia in 2024-25 is a record for an Asian bowler in a Test series in a SENA country.

46.4 Bumrah's strike rate in SENA countries (minimum qualification 75 wickets) is the best ever by an Asian bowler.

JASPRIT BUMRAH IN TESTS

	Tests	Wkts	Ave	Best/inns	Best/match	5WI	SR	ER
Total	48	219	19.82	6/27	9/86	15	42.6	2.78
Home	12	47	17.19	6/45	9/91	2	35.5	2.89
Away	36	172	20.54	6/27	9/86	13	44.6	2.76
in **wins**	20	110	14.50	6/27	9/86	9	32.1	2.70
in **losses**	23	85	26.24	5/42	9/156	4	55.9	2.81
drawn game	5	24	21.41	6/76	9/94	2	44.0	2.91
in **SENA*** countries	34	159	21.46	6/33	9/86	11	46.4	2.77

(***SENA** — South Africa, England, New Zealand, Australia)

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

159 Bumrah's tally of wickets at 21.46 in 34 Tests is the highest by an Asian bowler in SENA countries.

2 Bumrah is one of only two Asian bowlers to record 11 five-wicket hauls in SENA countries, the first being Wasim Akram (32 Tests).

3 Man of the Match awards won by Bumrah — twice vs Australia (Melbourne 2018 & Perth 2024) and once vs England (Visakhapatnam, 2024). He has also won three Player of the Series awards — vs England (2021-22), South Africa (2023-24) & Australia (2024-25).

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

INJURY PRONE: TESTS MISSED BY BUMRAH SINCE HIS TEST DEBUT*

	Matches	Won	Lost	Drawn	Winning %
Played by India since his debut	76	**40**	**28**	8	52.63
Played by Bumrah	48	20	23	5	41.67
Missed by Bumrah	28	20	5	3	71.43

*vs South Africa in Cape Town on Jan 5, 2018

'Never considered not going out to bat'

London: England bowler Chris Woakes said he felt it was his "duty to go out to bat for everyone" in the Oval Test and that he was still gutted England lost. "I don't know what it is. You just know you're part of something bigger. It's not just you that you're playing for out there," said Woakes, who is awaiting more scans on his dislocated shoulder. "It's your team and your teammates, all the hard work and the sacrifices they put in, the people watching at home and in the ground. You just feel a duty to do it for everyone. I'm still gutted, devastated really, that we couldn't get the fairytale win. But I never considered not going out there, even if it had been 100 runs still to win or whatever," he added.

'Said sorry to Rishabh Pant'

Woakes also said he had said "sorry" to Rishabh Pant for the delivery that broke his toe. Woakes had struck Pant's foot during the fourth Test in Manchester, causing a fracture and ruling him out of the series-deciding fifth game.

Both Woakes and Pant became symbols of heroism for their respective teams by coming out to bat despite major injuries. While Pant padded up with his broken toe in Manchester, Woakes came out during the fifth Test despite dislocating his shoulder while fielding. Woakes said it felt nice to walk out to a standing ovation but does not read much into it. "It was nice to have the ovation and some of the Indian players came over to show their respect. But any other player would have done the same. You couldn't just call it off at nine wickets down," he said.

Woakes revealed he began practising batting one-handed from the fourth day onwards with England assistant coach Marcus Trescothick. "I defended one normally and, oh mate, it was agony," he said. "We soon worked out that a left-hander's stance would shield the shoulder and at least allow me to sort of block with my top hand in control. I hit a few, missed a few, but it felt like the only way to survive," he added.

"I saw Rishabh (Pant) had put an image of me on Instagram with a salute emoji, so I replied saying, 'Appreciate the love and hope the foot is okay,' Woakes told the *Guardian*. "He then sent me a voice note saying, 'Good luck with the recovery and I hope we meet again out there some day'."PTI

COURAGE IN A SLING

Chris Woakes, suffering a dislocated left shoulder, showed remarkable courage when he turned up to bat with a sling at the Oval. Incidentally, in the fourth Test of the famous 'Blackwash' series in 1984, England's Paul Terry was struck by a rising delivery from Windies pacer Winston Davis at Old Trafford. Despite a broken arm, Terry came out to bat in a cast and a sling. His brief stay allowed Allan Lamb to complete the two runs needed for his century.





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GILL TO LEAD NORTH ZONE IN DULEEP TROPHY

New Delhi: Test skipper Shubman Gill was on Thursday named captain of the North Zone squad for the upcoming Duleep Trophy, beginning Aug 28. Gill is expected to play in North Zone's opening clash against East Zone before the Asia Cup. Gill's appointment as North Zone skipper means he will be back in the domestic fold less than four weeks after an energy-sapping two-month overseas tour. Meanwhile, Dhruv Jurel was on Thursday named captain of Central Zone. The squad also includes left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav. North Zone will face East Zone, while Central will take on North East Zone in the season-opening matches in Bengaluru on Aug 28.

KONSTAS, MCSWEENEY NAMED IN AUS 'A' SQUAD

Sydney: Australian openers Sam Konstas and Nathan McSweeney, who made their debut against India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy earlier this year, were on Thursday named in the 'A' squad that will play two four-day matches against an India 'A' side in Lucknow next month. Konstas had replaced McSweeney during the last India-Australia series Down Under but failed to nail his spot at the top of the order. He endured a disappointing outing in the Caribbean even as his side thoroughly dominated the West Indies. The 19-year-old Konstas is the only current Test player to be named in the 'A' side while the other capped players include McSweeney, Cooper Connolly and spinner Todd Murphy. AGENCIES

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I've shown other women that we don't have to limit ourselves: Kipyegon



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They call her the 'Smiling Destroyer'. It's almost an oxymoron of a nickname, but then, when you interact with Faith Kipyegon, you can see she certainly smiles a lot. And if you're someone who has closely followed her track exploits, you'd have to admit she stands guilty of having caused a notable amount of destruction too.

At 31, Kipyegon has pretty much done it all. Olympic champion? Check. The Kenyan star, in fact, happens to be the first and only woman to win the gold medal in her pet event, the 1500 metres, in three Olympic Games (Rio 2016, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024). World Champion? Check. Not only has Kipyegon been crowned world champion three times in the 1500m, at the 2023 edition in Budapest, she completed the double by winning the 5000m gold as well.

World record holder? Check. As of today, Kipyegon holds the world record in both, the mile (4:07.64) and the 1500m (3:48.68), clocking the latter just last month.

As if all this wasn't enough, there she was in June, attempting to become the first woman to run the mile under four minutes in a much hyped event titled Breaking4 hosted by Nike. She may have fallen short, for once, but she conveyed what she wanted to.

"It's a kind of mindset," Kipyegon told reporters during a virtual interaction on Thursday ahead of next month's World Athletics Championships. "If you set your mind that I want to achieve this goal and do this... it's all about the mind and also about the preparation and being patient.

"It's also about what more you still want to achieve for the next generation to look up to you. For me, the goal was to be the first woman to run under four minutes in the mile. I didn't do what I wanted to do. It was a message sent out that it is possible one day, one time, and if it did not come my way, it will be someone one day. One day, there will be a woman running under four minutes in the next generation or in our generation."

It's why, Kipyegon underlined, she keeps going, despite everything she has already achieved. "I've achieved all the medals. I have achieved in Olympics and the World Championships. But I still have the drive to show the other women that we are capable of doing what we have to do in this world so that they believe they too can do it," she said.

It's crazy in a way, even for Kipyegon, to process what all she has gone on to accomplish after taking a break in 2018 to give birth to her daughter Alyn when she was just 24. Although not uncommon today to see women across sports making an attempt to return to elite competition after giving birth, Kipyegon's case stands out, with two Olympic titles and three World Championship golds coming after she became a mom.

"It's not easy as an elite athlete and also as a mom, but if you have people around you who believe in you and support you, that is the easiest thing," she said. "Having Alyn has been my strongest point, as I came back strong and I'm still running very fast. I'm still breaking the world records, which is unbelievable even for me as an athlete.

"Sometimes, it's not easy to come back and break records after maternal leave, but I believe that I've shown other women that we don't have to limit ourselves. "Sometimes one can be afraid of wanting to start a family because (you think) 'I don't know if I will come back as strong as I was before'. But I think I'm a good example to them that, you can be even stronger when you go to maternal leave and come back to sport."

KNOW FAITH

- Won her first Olympic gold medal in the 1500m at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Continued her success with another 1500m gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- In 2023, broke three world records in under 50 days, including the 1500m and the mile.
- First woman to win the 1500m and 5000m double at the 2023 World Athletics Championships.

Anti-doping on agenda: Sharath

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New Delhi: Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) Athletes' Commission on Thursday outlined the key areas during its meeting on Thursday, the first since a truce was reached between the sports body's president P T Usha and the executive council (EC) members.

The commission, led by table-tennis legend and vice-chairperson Sharath Kamal, identified creating anti-doping awareness, safeguarding players from harassment or any form of abuse, and facilitating career transitions for sportspersons by partnering with universities, multinational companies and corporates as its primary objectives.

The meeting was attended in-person by Sharath, OP Kharana, Bhavani Devi and Shiva Keshavan at the Olympic Bhawan here. Bajrang Lal, Rani Rampal, and PV Sindhu participated online, with inputs also from committee members Abhinav Bindra and Gagan Narang.

The commission highlighted the need for anti-doping education. Collaborative efforts with the National Anti-Doping Agency (Nada) will be pursued to educate athletes.

"Anti-doping is first and foremost on our agenda. The commission will have to work with Nada to ensure that we pull in our resources and reach out to athletes during national and domestic competitions to educate them about diet, supplements and nutrition," Sharath told **TOI**.

The commission also discussed the importance of safeguarding athletes and establishing a robust mechanism to protect their rights and well-being.

"It's not just about physical or mental abuse. We need to groom the young athletes about what is safe sport and how to react during situations," Sharath added.

A key decision was to establish a dedicated 'Athletes Department' within the IOA, staffed with professionals committed to addressing athlete needs.

Grants from IOC and OCA

The financial framework for these initiatives was also discussed. The commission acknowledged support from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), which provide $10,000 (Rs 8.3 lakh) and $5,000 (Rs 4.15 lakh) grants, respectively, Sharath said.

Lovlina's case discussed

Sharath also informed that Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist boxer Lovlina Borgohain's complaint against Boxing Federation of India (BFI) official, Col (retd) Arun Malik, was discussed, and the commission members called for an expedited resolution.

India find China tough to handle

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Nagpur: Defensive lapses at the three-point arc proved costly for India as World No. 30 China raced away with a facile 31-point (100-69) victory in the Asia Cup men's basketball tournament in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday.

While China's pressure game with full-court marking made it tough for Indian forwards to find regular baskets, their shooting guards displayed a 53% conversion from beyond the arc. China converted 15 of their 28 three-pointers, but the 76th-ranked Indian cagers were able to make just six of 20 attempts. After winning the battle of rebounds 43-25, China scored 24 points off the 12 turnovers India committed.

Speaking with **TOI**, India's American coach Scott Flemming said, "They made us pay for our lapses. They are a team that is ahead of us in experience and development. They had many players that could knock down the 3-point shot. We hope to be where they are in the future. Today was a good lesson for us."

BASKETBALL

RESULT: China (Mingxuan Hu 17, Jiayi Zhao 17) bt India (Arvind Muttu Krishan 16, Sahaij Sekhon 14, Pranav Prince 14, Harsh Dagar 8, Princepal Singh 8) 100-69 (29-14, 24-17, 22-17, 25-21).

GALLERY

Zimbabwe falls for 125 vs NZ

Bulawayo: Matt Henry took 5-40 and Zakary Foulkes picked up 4-38 as New Zealand pacers dismissed Zimbabwe for 125 runs in the second Test. **Brief Scores:** NZ 174/1 (Conway 79*, Gwandu 1-31) lead Zim 125 (Taylor 44, Henry 5-40) by 49 runs.

Mboko stuns Rybakina to set up Osaka final: Victoria Mboko rallied to reach the National Bank Open final, beating Elena Rybakina 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Khachanov downs Zverev: Karen Khachanov rallied to defeat top seed Alexander Zverev 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7/4) to book an ATP Toronto Masters title clash with Ben Shelton.

Cheema emerges leader in round three: Angad Cheema returned a three-under 69 to move into the lead at the India Open in Ahmedabad on Thursday.

WFI suspends 11 wrestlers for age fraud: The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) suspended 11 grapplers for submitting fake birth certificates after a verification drive by MCD.

Women's team climbs to 63rd in FIFA rankings: The Indian women's football team has jumped seven places to 63rd in the latest FIFA rankings.

Five Indian boxers assured of medal: Five Indian male pugilists have joined seven women compatriots in the semis of the U19 Asian championships.

India drawn with Iran, 3 others: India have been placed in Group D alongside Iran, Palestine, Chinese Taipei, Lebanon in AFC U17 Asian qualifiers. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: Zim vs NZ, 2nd Test, 1.30 pm (Fancode); The Hundred, 7.30 pm & 11 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode); **FOOTBALL:** Durand Cup, 4 pm & 7 pm (Sony Sports); **TENNIS:** Cincinnati Open, 8.30 am (Sony Sports).

Can't recognise the game I played 10 years ago: Anish

World No. 10 Says Computers Have Ensured It's An Immense Challenge To Stay On Top Of Constant Changes In Chess

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Chennai: Anish Giri has been there for a while, posing stiff challenge to two back-to-back generations of champion chess players. After he burst onto the chess scene, the current world No. 10 had the unenviable task of going toe to toe with the likes of the legendary Magnus Carlsen, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana.

Now, the Dutchman is dealing with the young brigade comprising world champ D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and Nodirbek Abdusattorov, among others. In order to remain a force, Anish had to smartly "adapt" to the sweeping changes that the game has undergone over the last decade.

The 31-year-old put the drastic shift down to the emergence of chess engines. "Chess is a very dynamic game and a lot has changed because of the development of computers. It has been changing throughout our history, but what previously took 10 years is now taking only one year. I can no longer recognise the game that I play now. It has nothing to do with the game that I played 10 years ago," said Anish, who will strive for success in the Chennai Grand Masters.

"Most of them (from the previous generation) are still playing at the top, but the game is just completely different. The approach and way we prepared were different. I have suffered from this change at some point, but I am at least satisfied that I was able to show good results relatively quickly. It is very different for the young players because they see the game as it is now. They need not make that adjustment," Anish added.

The high volume of games played these days and the data extracted from those have greatly contributed to the changes. The chess-engine "explosion" in recent years has meant that the top players are hardly bereft of ideas. "The great players from many years ago — they more or less played 2,000 games in their entire life. But during the Covid-19 pandemic, I played 700 games in just one year. That is nearly two games every day," said Anish.

"Tons of players are working with the newest engines and playing daily games. The chess databases are now flooded with games. There are hundreds of games every day with relevant openings. The explosion of opening preparation has changed the game dramatically."

While Anish acknowledged that the chess culture in different countries and philosophies have had an effect on the game, he maintained that engines have been the top influencers.

Arjun off the blocks with win

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Chennai: Ahead of the Chennai Grand Masters, Arjun Erigaisi emphasised the importance of gaining confidence in the lead-up to the upcoming World Championship cycle events.

On Thursday, the world No. 5 took the first step towards making a turnaround in classical chess as he began his Chennai GM campaign with a victory over American youngster Awonder Liang. Arjun, playing with white pieces, was largely in control during his 49-move win and was the only Indian victor in the masters category on the day.

After displaying solidity in the first round, the 21-year-old expressed satisfaction. "It does not matter if it is the opening day or not, it is always nice to win. I believe that I made some inaccuracies. But apart from those, I played well overall," said Arjun.

The India No. 2 stressed that making a positive start would not be of much help if he does not maintain the momentum. "It is nice to start with a win but it does necessarily mean much. In the previous classical tournaments (this year), I started well but did not finish well," Arjun added.

AIFF assures clubs of a top-tier league, but no clarity on ISL yet

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"It makes no sense to play the Super Cup if there is no confirmation about the ISL." —A club CEO

Panaji: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has assured all 13 ISL clubs that they will have the same number of matches to compete like previous seasons with the Super Cup expected to take place in Sept and a top-tier league to follow.

The next edition of the Indian Super League (ISL), India's top-tier football league since 2019, was scheduled to start on Sept 14. But with uncertainty over the contract with its marketing partners beyond Dec 8 this year, when the 15-year Master Rights Agreement (MRA) concludes, the league has been paused. Odisha FC, Bengaluru FC and Chennaiyin FC have suspended operations and put player salaries on hold. Six clubs have not yet started pre-season.

"The Super Cup and (top-tier) league both will happen," AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said after meeting representatives of clubs in the presence of FSDL, its marketing partners, in the Capital on Thursday. "Super Cup will happen first because the clubs have a (financial) commitment towards squads of 30-40 players, and they have to plan the season as per the number of matches. We have told them that whatever matches they were supposed to play, it will take place."

The Super Cup, usually a season-ender, involves clubs from ISL and second division I-League with the winners being offered a spot in AFC Champions League Two playoffs. It previously had a league-cum-knockout format, while last season only 15 teams took part in a knockout format.

AIFF said they were willing to introduce a new format for the Super Cup but clubs were not convinced. "It makes no sense to play the Super Cup if there is no confirmation about the ISL," a club CEO told **TOI**. "What is the point of assembling a squad only for the Super Cup? There is about Rs 30 crore investment at stake and no owner will be willing to take a risk. There was no assurance on ISL. They only said we will have a league to play."

Club representatives met Chaubey and senior AIFF officials with Mohun Bagan Super Giant, East Bengal and Odisha all joining the meeting virtually.

MOHAMMEDAN SC'S WINLESS RUN OVER WITH DURAND WIN
Kolkata: Mohammedan SC brushed aside BSF 3-0 to finish their Durand Cup campaign with a result that might give the fans something to cheer about. NEROCA FC and Indian Navy FT drew 0-0 in Imphal.

Barca strip Ter Stegen of captain's armband



Barcelona: Barcelona on Thursday said they had stripped Marc-Andre ter Stegen of the captain's armband in a continuing dispute over the German goalkeeper's fitness status. Barca said vice-captain Ronald Araujo, a Uruguayan defender, would take over.

The dispute centres on 33-year-old Ter Stegen's refusal to cooperate with an attempt to have him classified by La Liga as a long-term injury case, which would allow the club to deduct part of his pay from their official wage bill.

Barcelona are again struggling to satisfy Spanish financial fair play rules. If they cannot, they may not be able to register new players. Ter Stegen decided to undergo back surgery in July. He has refused to sign a form releasing his medical data to La Liga, preventing Barca's attempt to have him officially declared a long-term absentee. AFP

Nine PSG stars on Ballon d'Or shortlist, McTominay makes cut

Paris: Nine players from treble-winning Paris St Germain have been nominated for the men's Ballon d'Or this year along with the club's coach Luis Enrique as France Football announced the list of nominees.

Ousmane Dembele, Gianluigi Donnarumma, Desire Doue, Achraf Hakimi, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Nuno Mendes, Joao Neves, Fabian Ruiz and Vitinha are all on the list of 30 players nominated for the big prize.

Dembele scored 35 goals and claimed 16 assists in all competitions. Other nominees include Barcelona's Raphinha (34 goals, 25 assists), Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (34 goals, 23 assists), who was named Premier League Player of the Season, and Manchester City striker Erling Haaland (34 goals, five assists). Scott McTominay, Serie A's Most Valuable Player after guiding Napoli to the title, was



also nominated as the first Scotsman in 38 years to make the shortlist. Barca's Lamine Yamal (18 goals, 25 assists) made the cut.

Along with Luis Enrique, Enzo Maresca, who guided Chelsea to the Club World Cup title, and Liverpool's Arne Slot, who won the Premier League crown in his first season at the club, were nominated for the men's Coach of the Year award. REUTERS

United agree 85m euro deal to sign Sesko

Manchester: Manchester United have agreed a deal worth up to 85 million euros ($99 million, £74 million) to sign striker Benjamin Sesko from RB Leipzig on Thursday, according to multiple reports in England.

The BBC, Athletic and Sky Sports reported United will pay an initial 76.5 million euros for the 22-year-old with a further 8.5 million euros due in add-ons.

Newcastle were also interested in signing the Slovenian, possibly to replace wantaway star Alexander Isak, a target for Liverpool.

Son costs LAFC record $26m
Los Angeles: South Korea star Son Heung-min said he was "here to win" on Wednesday as MLS's Los Angeles FC welcomed the arrival of the "global icon" from Tottenham. The 33-year-old will reportedly cost an MLS record $26 million transfer fee.

Mueller signs with Whitecaps
Montreal: Bayern Munich and Germany forward Thomas Mueller has signed with MLS's Vancouver Whitecaps. The 35-year-old has signed through the end of the 2025 MLS season with an option for 2026. AGENCIES



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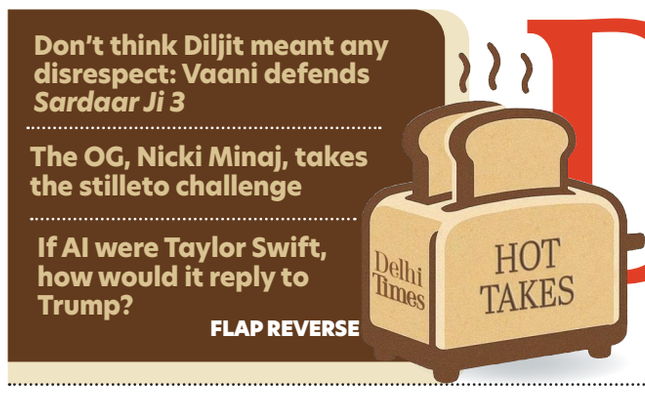
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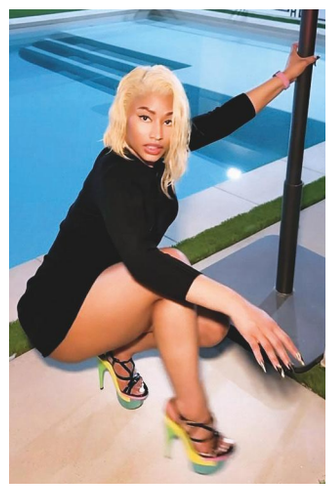
Vaani Kapoor defends Diljit over the Sardaar Ji 3 controversy



Vaani Kapoor, in a recent interview with a news outlet, weighed in on the controversy surrounding *Sardaar Ji 3*, starring Diljit Dosanjh and Pakistani actor Hania Aamir. Defending Dosanjh's decision to release the film overseas, she noted that it was likely shot before the Pahalgam terror attack, "I'm assuming his film was shot before the atrocious attack. I don't think he was trying to disrespect the nation," Kapoor said.

Nicki Minaj joins viral 'stiletto challenge', teases of what's next

Nicki Minaj finally responded to the viral 'stiletto challenge' trend set to her 2013 track *High School*. In a recent Instagram post, the rapper shares her light-hearted take on the challenge, which involves balancing in stilettos near a pool. "Both feet on the ground though, ten toes," she adds, hinting at a second attempt in something more comfortable. Minaj also teased that a more official version of the challenge might be on the way, suggesting fans can expect something more polished soon.





Sunburn festival heads to Mumbai for the first time

EDM festival, Sunburn is moving to Mumbai for the first time this year, ending the festival's 18-year run in Goa. The three-day electronic music event will be held from December 19 to 21. As per their press note, the shift from Goa to Mumbai follows a fan survey conducted by the organisers, which "found that one in two respondents were keen to explore the flagship festival outside of Goa, with a clear preference for Mumbai."

Pattinson's Batman sequel enters pre-production phase

The Batman: Part II, starring Robert Pattinson, has officially entered pre-production, with filming scheduled to begin on January 1, 2026, in London, according to *ProductionList.com*. The update follows the completion of the screenplay by director Matt Reeves and co-writer Mattson Tomlin. Originally delayed by industry strikes and script revisions, the sequel is now set for a theatrical release on October 1, 2027. Supporting cast announcements are expected in early 2026, with returning members including Jeffrey Wright, Andy Serkis, and Colin Farrell.



Jolie reportedly plans memoir amid ongoing legal battle with Pitt

Angelina Jolie is reportedly preparing a tell-all memoir and TV interview that could reveal new details about her split from Brad Pitt, as their legal battle over the Chateau Miraval vineyard continues. Sources say Jolie has warned she may go public if Pitt "keeps coming at" her,as reported by *RadarOnline*. The move follows claims that she was pressured into signing a non-disclosure agreement as part of the winery deal. The memoir is said to include her side of the story, with potential offers over $50 million (approx. ₹415 crore).





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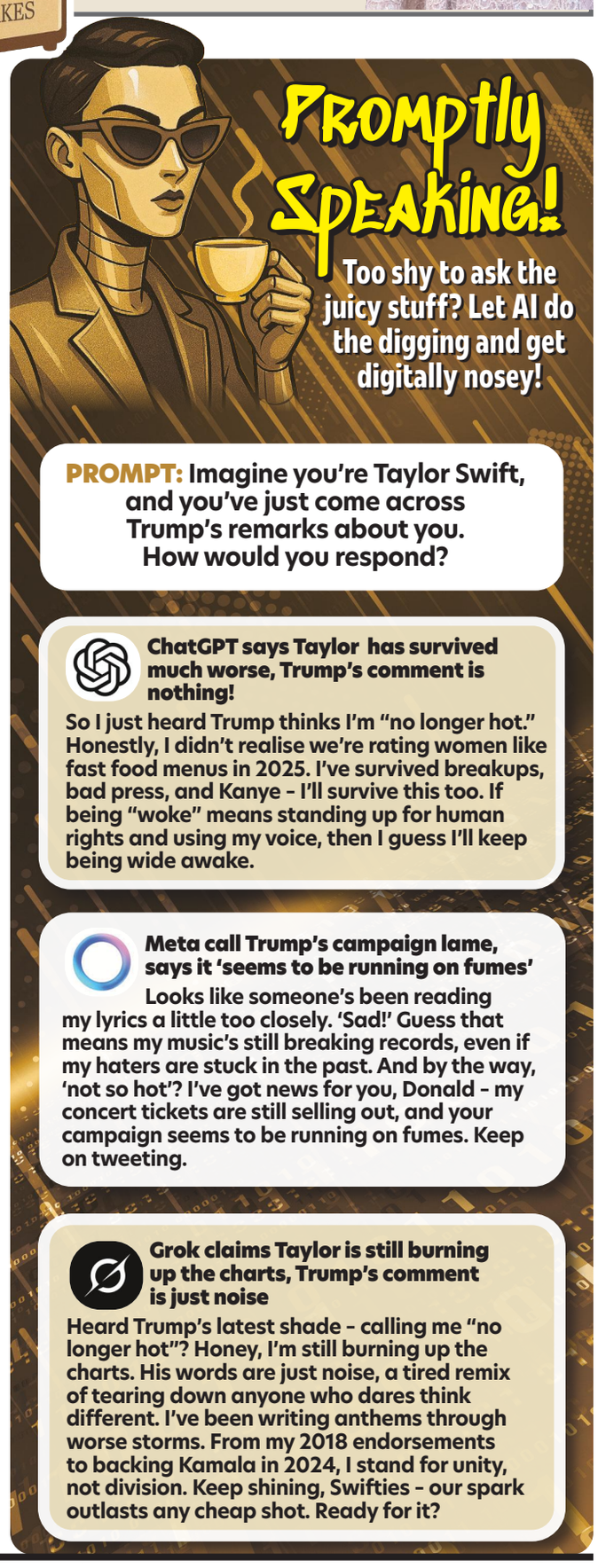
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Hometown Diaries

Today, we begin a new series – Hometown Diaries – where storytellers of Hindi cinema take us back to the places where their roots lie. With hearts full of *bachpan ke kisse-kahaniyaan*, they revisit the old, familiar lanes that have shaped their present. Join us as we kickstart this journey with Anubhav Sinha as he revisits *Banaras ki galiyan*.

Ranjit Kumar



ANUBHAV SINHA

'Mumbai mera shareer hai... Banaras meri aatma'

Meera Vohra

When Anubhav Sinha recently revisited Varanasi, we accompanied him as he walked through the lanes of his old school, sipped *chai* at *tapris*, and stopped by iconic cinema halls. The filmmaker shares that this is the city that shaped both his memories and his movies. In the first chapter of our Hometown Diaries, Sinha tells us about his bond with the city and how it has influenced him in myriad ways – from his taste in cinema to his taste in food.

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"In Varanasi, if you meet someone's eyes, they'll smile at you, no matter who you are or where you're from. People are genuinely friendly. That spirit is something I carry within me, even now

"I am happy that even if I stay in a plush hotel, I like eating at a nondescript or no-frills place. Being a Banarasi at heart, I am equally comfortable at five-star hotels and roadside *dhabas*

'Main jo bhi hoon yahin se hun'

A visit to his alma mater, Government Queens Inter College, triggered a flood of memories - from his first day of school to playing cricket on the sprawling field. With a smile, he says, "*Main jo hoon, woh yahin se hoon*." The *Bheed* director fondly remembers the day he got admitted to the school. "My parents took me for admission. My mother had written the principal's name on a small piece of paper and slipped it into my father's pocket. Someone had told her it was a *totka* to make things go your way. When my admission was approved, I could see that glint in her eyes, like the *totka* had worked. That's the kind of belief people had back then, that a name on paper could change your luck," he laughs.

Sinha also recalls playing *gend-tari*, a local game where kids strike each other with a ball. "During monsoon, the moisture made it hit really hard (to play) but it was great fun," he grins. One cricket match also stands out. "I lost track of time while playing, and when I looked up after scoring a run, I saw my father standing across the field. Instead of completing the run, I ran straight home. But I got a spanking later from my father for being late," he laughs.



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SHOTS FIRED AT SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S STATUE IN HARYANA

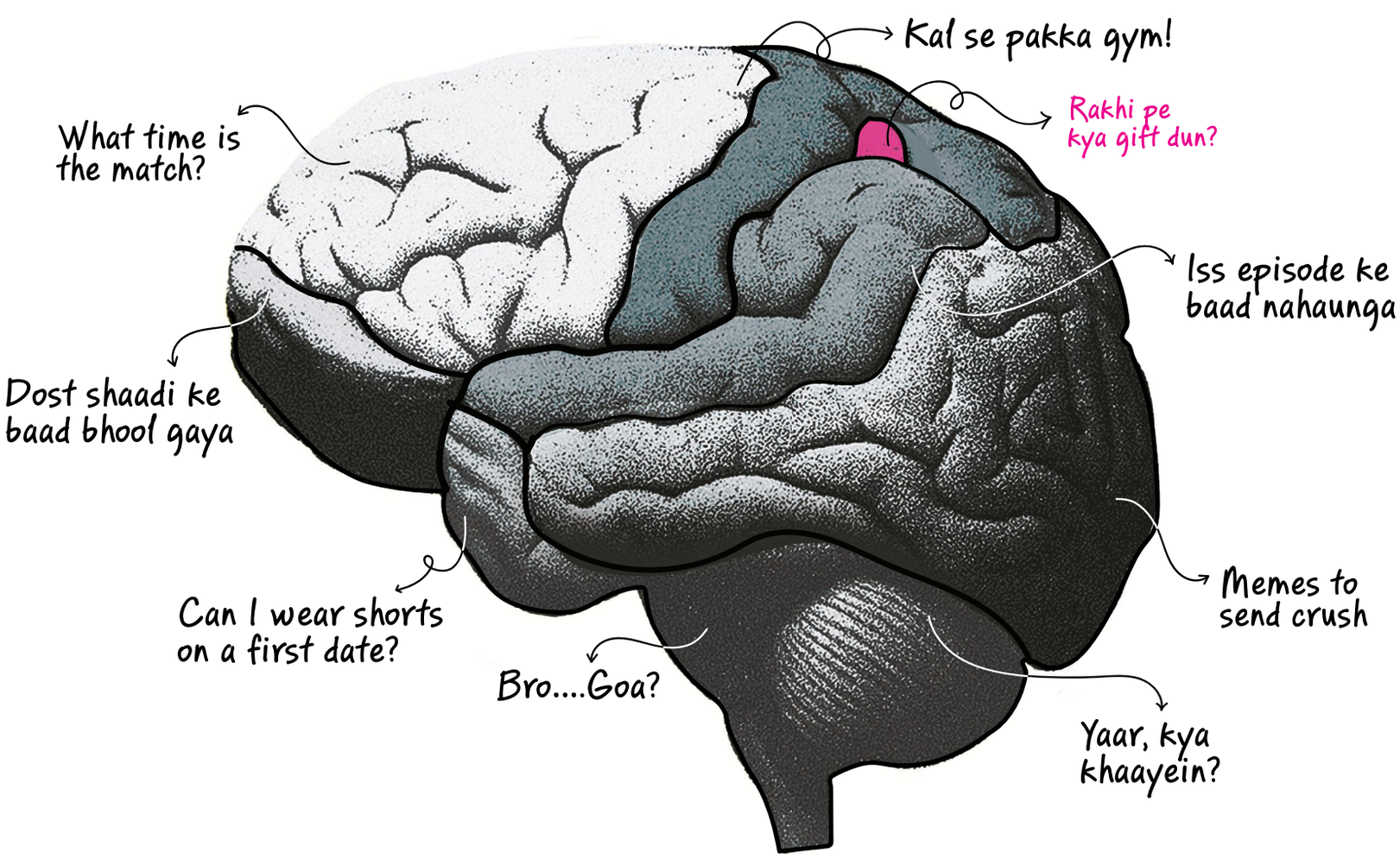
Multiple shots were fired at a statue of **Sidhu Moosewala** in Dabwali, Haryana. In a post on Instagram, his mother Charan Kaur wrote (translated from Gurmukhi), "It's an attack on our son's memory, a wound to our soul. The enemies of my son's life are not leaving him even after he went away." According to a news report, the Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for firing at Moosewala's statue, which was installed last year. Agencies

HE'S NOT INVOLVED IN DISTRIBUTION OF COOLIE: AAMIR KHAN'S TEAM



Following reports that **Aamir Khan** is facilitating the release of the Rajinikanth-starrer *Coolie* and seeking premium showcasing ahead of *War 2* to avoid a clash, a spokesperson from the actor's team issued a clarification: "Neither Aamir Khan nor anyone from his team is involved in the distribution of *Coolie*. He has not made any calls to any exhibitor or distributor. His cameo in the film is purely a gesture of his bond with director Lokesh Kanagaraj and Rajinikanth."

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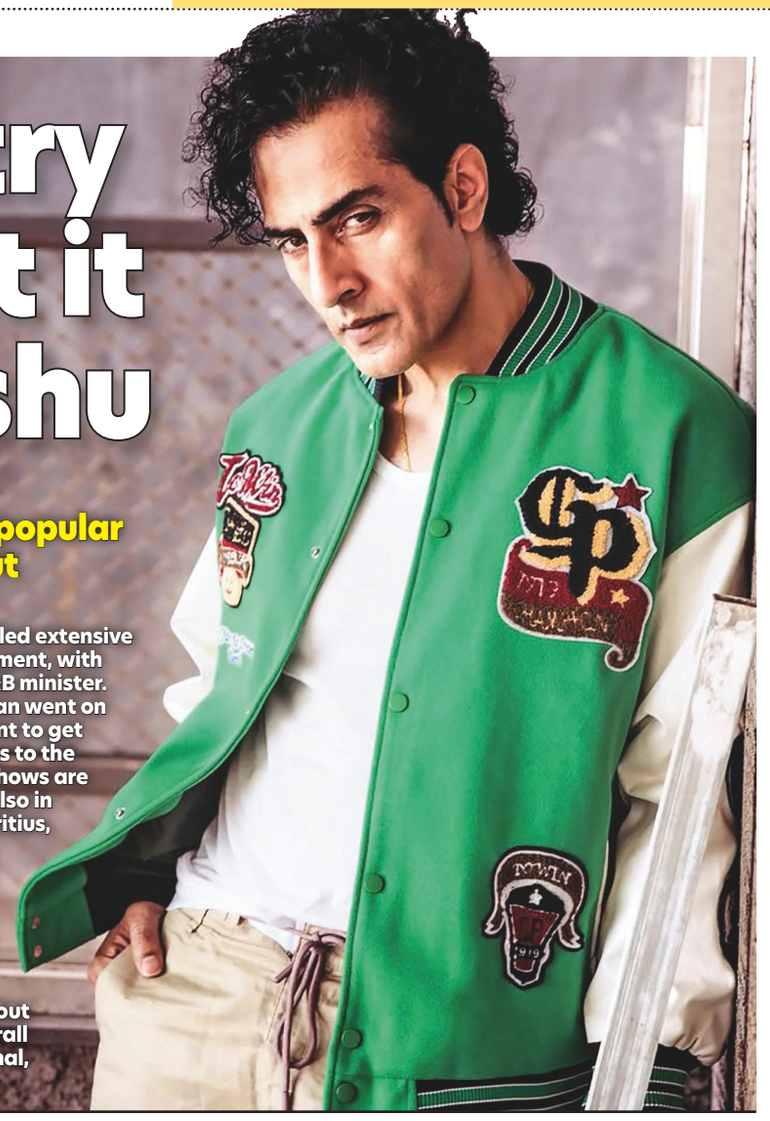
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Why has TV industry not got the respect it deserves: Sudhanshu



Sudhanshu Pandey reflects on his long-standing push for national recognition for Indian television artistes

Hasti Doshi

With the National Awards once again in the spotlight, actress Rupali Ganguly recently voiced the long-standing sentiment that Indian television deserves recognition at the national level. Incidentally, her *Anupamaa* co-actor, Sudhanshu Pandey, had raised this point back in 2021. Sudhanshu tells us how he felt strongly about the issue and had tried to take things ahead then. "I wanted to make it a full-fledged campaign and had worked in that direction. We had organised a televised panel discussion featuring industry colleagues on this topic," he says.

'TELEVISION GENERATES THE LARGEST REVENUE'

Talking about the time when the thought first struck him, he shares, "We were shooting *Anupamaa* during the pandemic in a bio bubble 24/7, away from home. I saw the commitment and effort made by the crew, editors, actors... everyone. That's when I felt *yeh* industry *itni badi hai, itna* strong *iska* influence *hai*, why hasn't it got the respect it deserves? Television generates the largest revenue compared to other mediums and provides employment across the country."

'Our TV shows are popular not just in India, but everywhere'

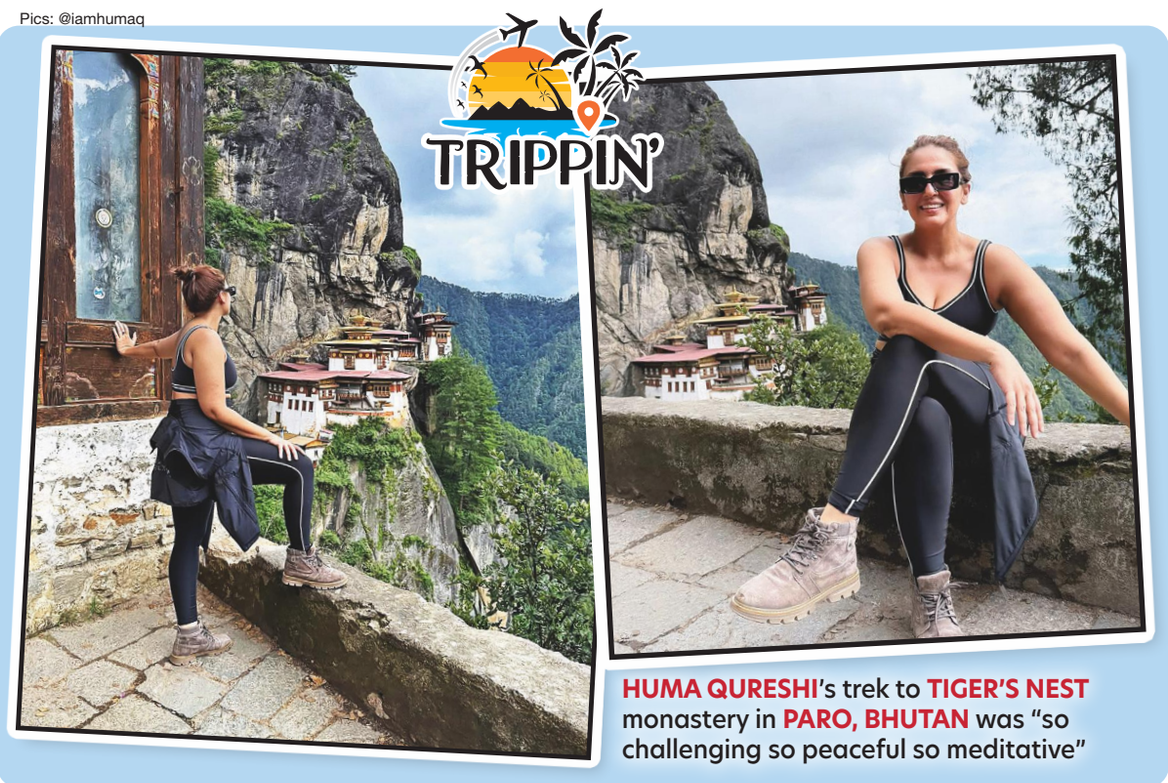
Sudhanshu says he had compiled extensive data to present to the government, with plans to approach the then-I&B minister. "Due to some reasons, that plan went on the back burner, but now I want to get everyone together to bring this to the government's notice. Our TV shows are popular not just in India, but also in London, the US, Canada, Mauritius, Nepal – everywhere. It's high time the industry gets its due," he says.

Sudhanshu insists that the appeal is not just about parity. He says, "It's not about asking for a National Award. It's about the recognition the overall industry, including regional, rightly deserves."

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HUMA QURESHI's trek to **TIGER'S NEST** monastery in **PARO, BHUTAN** was "so challenging so peaceful so meditative"

'WE'RE BESTIES NOW!'



Content creator Ankush Bahuguna just casually dropped images and videos from his day spent with Selena Gomez and her fiance Benny Blanco, in which the three of them can be seen baking pistachio tiramisu. "Yes, that really happened! Baked Tiramisu with @selenagomez like it's no big deal. Yeah, we're besties now," he wrote

Ground your egos before you fly

POV

In the span of just one week, India witnessed two deeply unsettling air travel incidents: a passenger slapping a panicked co-flyer mid-air, and a violent scuffle at a check-in counter that left four airline staffers seriously injured. The world above may be crowded, but the patience of Indians on ground is wearing dangerously thin.

For weeks, we all talked about the collective anxiety triggered by the Air India tragedy and subsequent incidents of flight disruptions and trauma. We flew with a prayer on our lips and an anxious heart. But then we are also confronted by disturbing visuals of fellow citizens showing utter and despicable lack of empathy or civility. It makes you wonder: what are we really afraid of? A crash, or each other?





Air travel, once seen as a symbol of aspiration or utility, now exposes an undercurrent of entitlement – whether of class, caste, community, or rank. From a terrified passenger being slapped, to a brawl between staffers and a passenger over excess baggage, one thing binds them – they're often at the receiving end of unjustified, unbridled rage. Flying today isn't about adventure or convenience. For many, it is a necessity. But even that doesn't seem to ground people's egos.

Consistent flight delays, mismanaged baggage, and soaring ticket prices understandably spark frustration. But unchecked anger – especially when it erupts into violence – signals something darker. When a high-ranking official allegedly assaults airline staff over excess baggage, leaving them with fractured jaws and spinal injuries, it is not inconvenience, it is privilege. This isn't just indiscipline; it's entitlement weaponised.

Social media now acts as both witness and amplifier. Travellers are quick to rage, slow to reflect. Yes, airlines must be held accountable. But rules apply to everyone, regardless of their surname, salary or service branch.

The airport today mirrors society's frayed nerves and eroding tolerance. It's not just about delayed flights, it's about a delayed cost of living, collapsing empathy, dying patience, and never-arriving conflict resolution. Until we learn to differentiate between poor service and people simply doing their jobs, anger will keep taking off.

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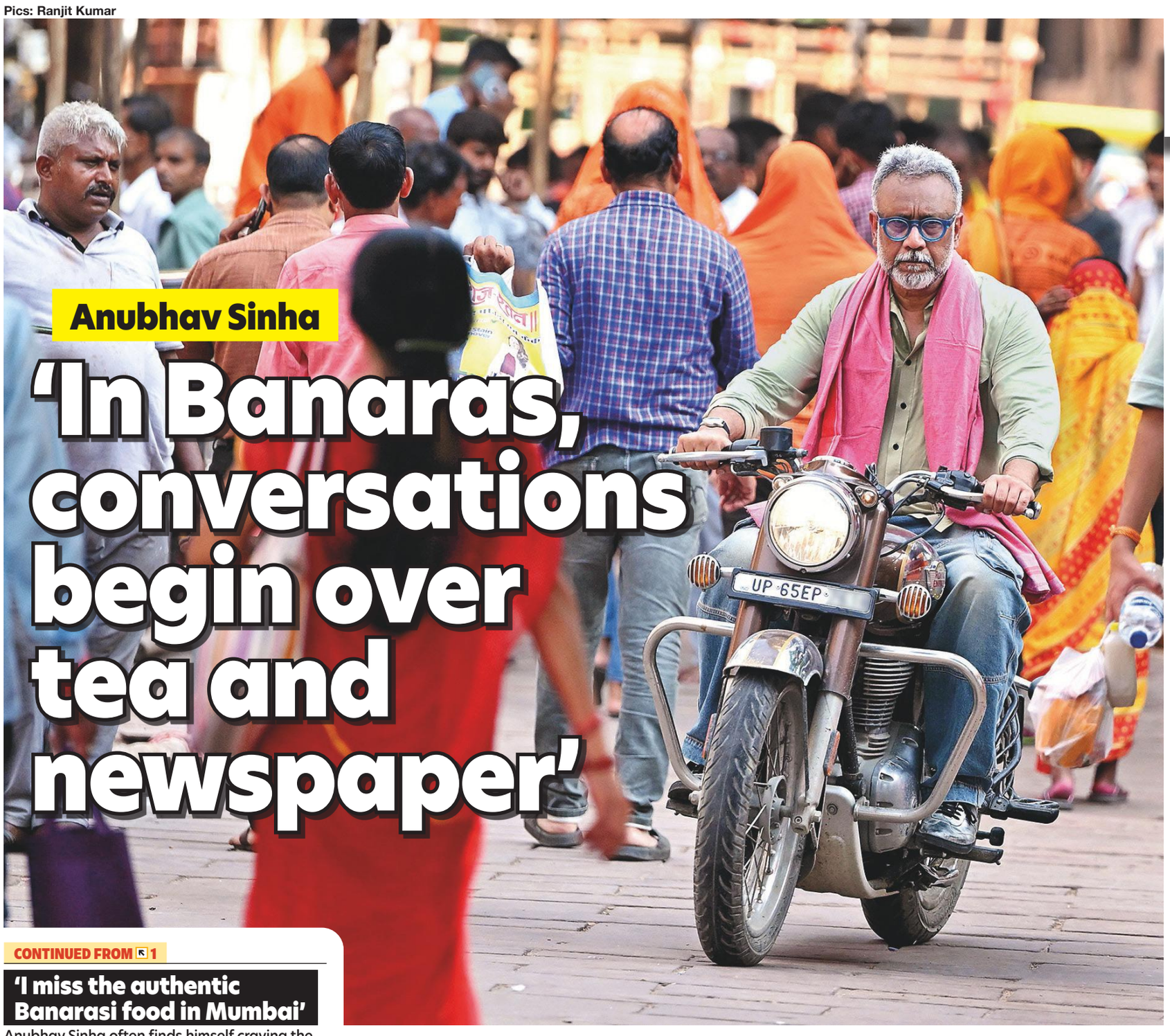
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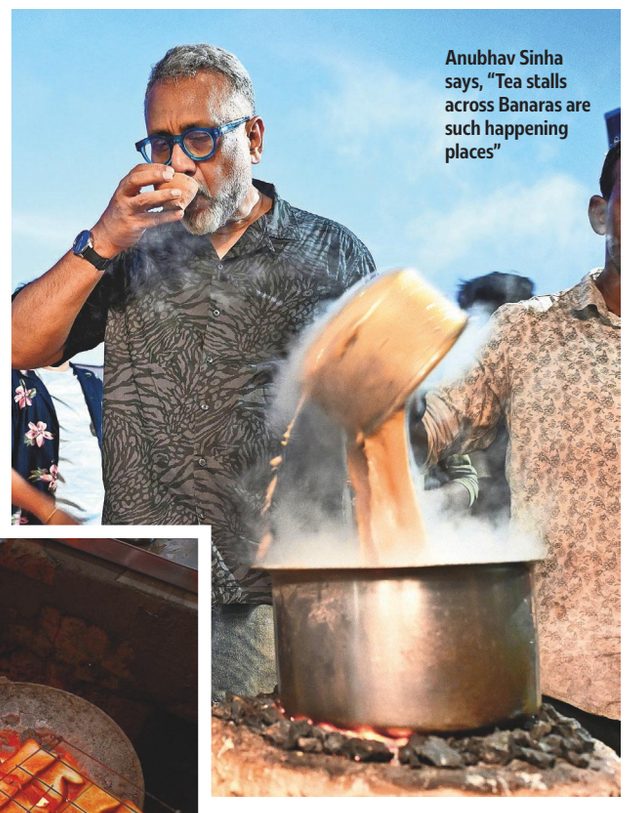
'I miss the authentic Banarasi food in Mumbai'

Anubhav Sinha often finds himself craving the flavours of his hometown, Varanasi, especially the authentic Banarasi food he struggles to find in Mumbai. He fondly recalls his childhood visits to Basant Bahar, a local Varanasi restaurant where his father would take him and his elder sister. "We used to wait eagerly for the *kaju-wala dosa*. It was slightly expensive than the regular ones - ₹2 at the time - which was a lot back in the 70s. We'd feel bad later that papa had to spend extra for us," he smiles.

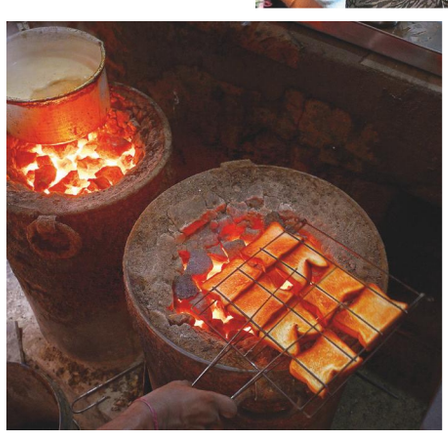
The taste of *jalebi* and *lassi* brings back a flood of memories. "I only eat *jalebi* and *lassi* when I'm in Banaras, I don't even remember the last time I had *lassi* in Mumbai," he says, sipping from his second *kullhar* of *lassi* at Basant Bahar, the place where, he reveals, he had his first proper dining-out experience.

After his mother passed away, Sinha and his family turned to YouTube and recipe blogs in search of that elusive Banarasi taste. "We never thought we'd need to learn her recipes, it never occurred to us that *maa* wouldn't always be around. But once she was gone, we missed her food terribly. We figured out how *saunf* is used in Banarasi *sabzis*, but there's still a lot to learn to get that taste right," he admits.

For special occasions like Holi, Sinha even flies down a cook from Banaras who brings with him local spices just to recreate the flavours of home. "The food tastes awesome. *Ghar ki yaad aa jaati hai*," he says.



Anubhav Sinha says, "Tea stalls across Banaras are such happening places"



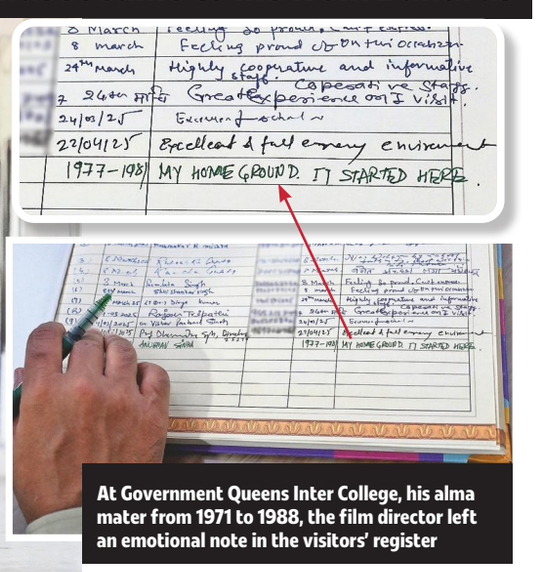
He also reminisces about his mornings spent at the city's *chai tapris*, sipping on *kullhar wali chai* amid buzzing conversations. "It was never just about the tea. These stalls were the meeting grounds for most Banarasis, where everyone gathered - you'd pick up a newspaper, chat with strangers and discuss everything from local news to world politics," he says. Interestingly, Sinha found a similar culture in Rome. "Just like in Banaras, people there start their mornings with coffee, a croissant, and the newspaper. In Banaras, it's tea and a newspaper at a tea stall. *Uss akhbaar ki khabron se phir baat ka silsila shuru hota hai.* These tea stalls across Banaras are such happening places," he adds.



'The jo hoga, dekha jayega mindset came to me from Banaras'



The filmmaker revisited his old school's classroom in Varanasi



At Government Queens Inter College, his alma mater from 1971 to 1988, the film director left an emotional note in the visitors' register

> I used to go early in the morning to fetch milk from a dairy in Kabir Chaura, where many music legends lived. While waiting for my turn, I'd hear them doing *riyaaz*. *Woh sangeet ki aawaz abhi tak mere zehan mein hai.* My love for literature also began here

Sinha credits Varanasi for nurturing his love for music, literature, and his laid-back approach to life. The city's warmth and unhurried charm have deeply influenced his interactions with people, even in a fast-paced city like Mumbai, where he now straddles two very different worlds.

The famed Banarasi attitude of *'jo hoga, dekha jayega'* stayed with him. So did the spirit of connection. "My friends in Mumbai get surprised that I talk to everyone, from the building guard to the taxi driver. They ask, 'Why do you chat with everyone?' I tell them, it's not planned. It just comes from within." He believes that ease comes from Banaras. "There, if you meet someone's eyes, they'll smile at you, no matter who you are or where you're from. People are open, confident, and genuinely friendly. That spirit is something I carry within me, even now."

Balancing the philosophies of both cities isn't easy, he admits. *"Mumbai mera shareer hai aur Banaras meri aatma hai. Inn dono ke beech mein ladai chalti rehti hai.* But I am happy that even if I stay in a plush hotel, I like eating at a nondescript place. Being a Banarasi at heart, I am equally comfortable at five-star hotels and roadside *dhabas*."

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Sinha visited the single screen cinema hall Anand Mandir in Varanasi



'My fascination with films began here'

Sinha also took us to Anand Mandir Cinema in Teliyabagh, the only single-screen theatre still running in Varanasi. "I brought the entire star cast of my first film *Tum Bin* (2001) here nearly 24 years ago because I wanted my hometown to see what I'd created. Their opinion mattered to me the most," he recalls. The show ran to a full house, a moment that overwhelmed Sinha. "Back then, the theatre screened Hindi films too, contrary to only regional cinema nowadays," he adds. His connection with Anand Cinema goes back even further. "It was in the vicinity of my school, so one day I bunked classes and watched *Love Story* (1981), the Kumar Gaurav film, my first movie without my parents. *Jab yeh silsila ek baar shuru hua, toh phir chalta raha.* You could say my fascination with films began right here."

In the lanes of Varanasi, Anubhav Sinha captures the spirit of the sacred city





BANARAS THROUGH THE LENS OF ANUBHAV SINHA: The filmmaker set out to capture the soul of the Varanasi – often dubbed the spiritual capital of India – with frames of *kanwariyas* to *sadhu babas*



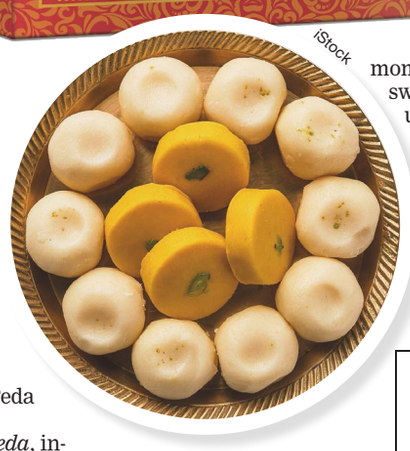
Right from the way he likes his food to his love for cinema — Varanasi is at the heart of it all for Sinha. He sums up this all-encompassing emotion about the city in these words: "Mumbai *mera shareer hai aur* Banaras *meri aatma*"

Sweeten your sibling bond with the perfect peda



Raksha Bandhan is around the corner. And while *rakhis* are being picked and gifts wrapped, we all know what truly brings everyone together – *mithai*. Because no *rakhi* is complete without something sweet on the side. And it has to be one that says, "You're special."

This is why the *peda* fits the bill. It's rich and sweet, and a must-have during celebrations. So, whether you're gifting your sibling, stealing one from the *pooja thali* or planning a surprise sweet box delivery, here are two *pedas* that make the moment even more heartfelt – Amul Kesar Peda and Amul Malai Peda.


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So this Rakhsha Bandhan, celebrate not just with a *rakhi*, but with the magic of delicious *pedas*.

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School Buzz

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION nie

Gyan Bharati School, Saket, observed its Investiture Ceremony recently. Lata Vaidyanathan, director of the school, Dr Mudita Sharma, principal, Sanjay Bharadwaj, vice principal, accompanied by housemasters and other faculty members pinned badges on newly-elected council members, house captains, and club leaders. Addressing students, Dr Sharma encouraged students to "focus on the the values of leadership, responsibility, and discipline". Vaidyanathan advised student leaders to foster a school culture rooted in excellence and empathy.


Gyan Bharati School, Saket

Paul George Global School (PGGS) recently celebrated the 'Summit of Honour: The Scholar & Leader Confluence', marking 10 years of inspiring minds and shaping futures. Professor John Varghese, principal, St Stephen's College, Delhi, graced the occasion as the chief guest, along with Dr Sara George Muthoot, director, Alexander George Muthoot, vice chairman and other dignitaries. Professor Vargese conferred badges and titles on the newly-elected student council. "Leadership, entrepreneurship, and humanity are three important things for growth in life," he remarked in his address to students. Students of 2024-25 session and academic achievers were felicitated by Dr Sara George Muthoot and Alexander George Muthoot, respectively. Earlier, Rosemary Gaikwad, principal,PGGS, reflected on the school's journey in her welcome address. One of the major highlights of the event was 'Agragami', a performance by students on courage and strength.


Paul George Global School

In a bid to create awareness among students on an eco-friendly environment,**Salwan Public School, Rajinder Nagar**, recently organised a session on sustainable living. Titled 'Plastic-free future', the session was attended by students from class VI-VIII. Prabjhot Sodhi, senior programme director for circular economy, Centre for Environment Education and Hem Kumar Pande, chairman, Salwan Public School and former secretary to the government of India, graced the occasion. Students presented the school's eco-initiatives such as tree plantation drives, waste management, e waste and paper recycling, among others. It was followed by a session that covered plastic waste management, microplastics, and innovative recycling efforts. Real-life examples, including a project that saved crude oil worth ₹180 crore, showcased the impact of environmental action.


Salwan Public School, Rajinder Nagar

As part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, **Modern School, Vasant Vihar,** launched a coffee table book 'Heritage to Horizon: 1975 to 2025 and Beyond', chronicling the 50-year journey of academic excellence, innovation, and transformative education. The ceremony was attended by members, board of trustees, Modern Schools, eminent alumni, dignitaries, former and present faculty members, and distinguished guests, all of whom have played a pivotal role in shaping the school's trajectory.


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LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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HOW TO PLAY

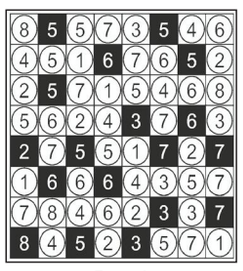
Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)
2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6(4)6)
6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 666)

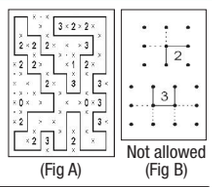
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Example

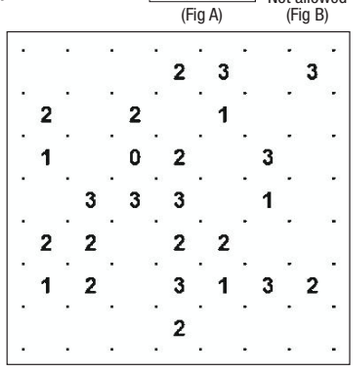
LOOP THE LOOP

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.


(Fig A)

Not allowed (Fig B)

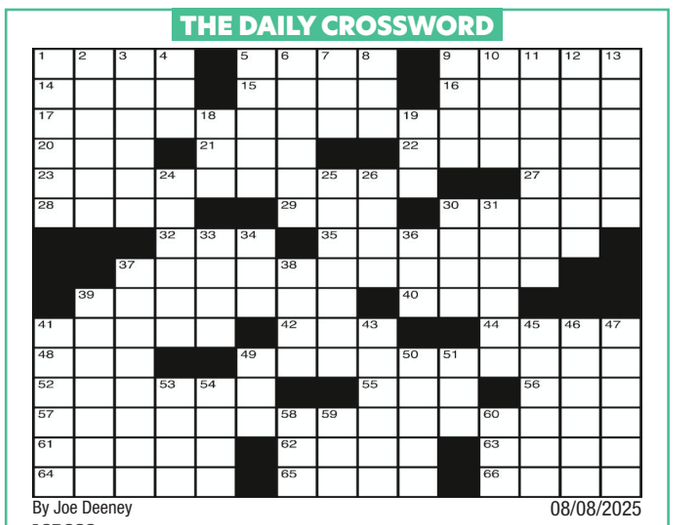


HOW TO BEGIN:

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



By Joe Deeney 08/08/2025

ACROSS

1 Rash reaction?
5 Pool float
9 Tune in
14 Branch of Islam
15 Santa __: California winds
16 "Here for you"
17 Designation for who or what, perhaps
20 Couple of dollars?
21 Chapel vow
22 Cosmetics brand with a So Fierce! collection
23 Designation for tri-tip or flap steak, perhaps
27 Reel Big Fish genre
28 Eye ailment
29 Fitting
30 "Not all heroes wear __"
32 Yellow __
35 Potential auction winner
37 Designation for "Unforgiven" or "Tombstone," perhaps
39 True to life
40 "Big" and "Bang Bang" singer Rita
41 Minor tussle
42 Actress Zadora
44 "Curses!"
48 Furry foot
49 Designation for mozzarella or cheddar, perhaps
52 Principal dancer in a ballet company
55 Hundred Acre Wood hopper
56 Beach bottle no.
57 Designation for Ticonderoga or Faber-Castell, perhaps
61 Tire out
62 Stand up
63 Second-most-traded currency in the world
64 Asks (for)
65 Basic sammies
66 Frosh, probably

DOWN

1 Bits of green in blue
2 Whole kit and caboodle
3 U.S. operative
4 Possessed
5 Shore leave, informally
6 Second-largest Portuguese-speaking country
7 Page to check before contacting customer service
8 Historically Black school in Houston, briefly
9 Sensible
10 When Miranda says, "O, brave new world / That has such people in 't!"
11 Severe decline
12 Not on the up-and-up
13 Dyes used for some body art
18 XXX divided by X
19 Directional suffix
24 Choose
25 One of the two women in "Hamlet"
26 Terse assurance
30 "Strong Enough" diva
31 Rub the wrong way?
33 Regarding
34 AC meas.
36 Classic Pontiac
37 Alter ego of DC's Kate Kane
38 D.C. daily
39 Spotlight
41 Forks out
43 Immobile
45 Shelter adoptee
46 Set lofty goals
47 Nonstick coating
49 Cologne's land: Abbr.
50 Gets by
51 Groundbreaking tool
53 As above, in a footnote: Abbr.
54 Perspective, metaphorically
58 Planet, e.g.
59 Love of another sport?
60 Basket part

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

G	L	O	B	E		F	E	T	A		S	W	A	M	P
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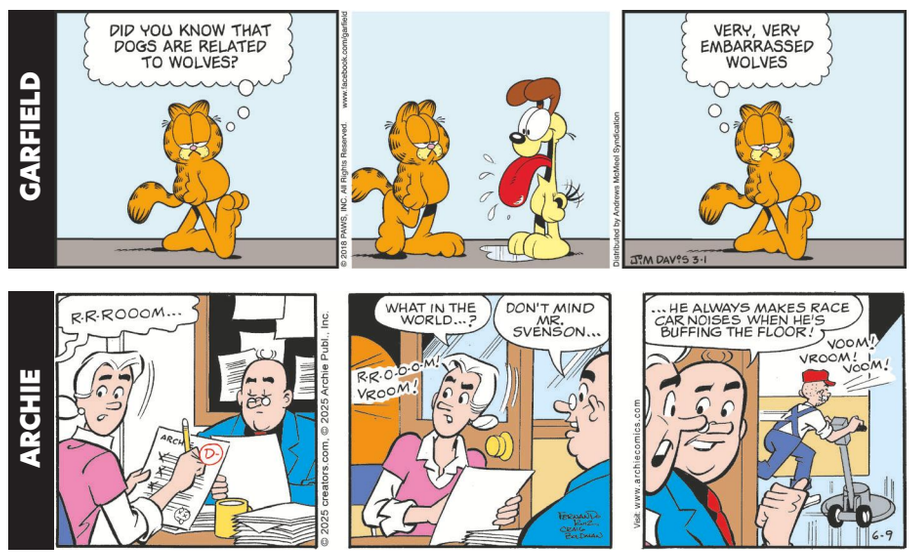
Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

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FIKRS
CEIKPT
ERRWYH

HOW TO PLAY

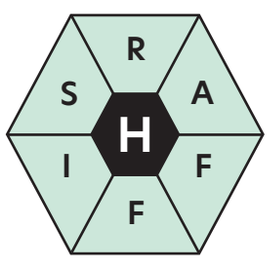
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

Where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our ___. - Oliver Wendell Holmes (6)



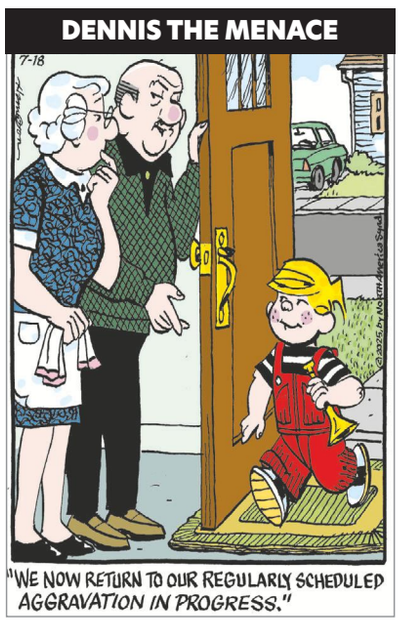
SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
02-average | 03-good | 04-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.

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ARIES: Get ideas on how to showcase your special talents and use what you know to put yourself in the best possible light. The chance to really do it well now could bring you lots of appreciation. Sounds like a situation where you just cannot lose.

TAURUS: You feel pulled in two directions at once trying to take in the information that bombards you know all of it clamouring for your attention. Breathe. Take things one at a time. And do not get pushed into intellectual overload.

GEMINI: Your urge to act on a matter you feel strongly about gets support from your creative talents. You find ways to accomplish what you want using your own special skills in ways that put you in the spotlight which will create better opportunities in the future. Creative lightning could strike again soon.

CANCER: An industrious, efficient mood lends good support to ambitions and goals that involve teamwork. The willingness to lend a hand and tend to all the little details that turn a project into a masterpiece can win you a lot of points now from people whose help you want to call on in the future.

LEO: Work goes smoothly by joining forces with others, using their resources, talents, and suggestions to your advantage. Acting on their practical suggestions, you can provide helpful service that brings benefits to everyone.

VIRGO: You'll be assigned a new task. Dig in with a smile on your face. Careful planning, patience, and an eye for detail can make the projects you are working with now yield unexpected dividends. You will see how much a clear vision and plenty of hard work can achieve.

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SCORPIO: This is the best time for understanding motives, discerning secrets, and finding meaning in events. A distinct tone of forgiveness and understanding accompanies this unusually spiritual blend.

SAGITTARIUS: Ambition, willpower, and self-control combine to exert authority, forge alliances with people who can help you achieve goals. You see objectives now more clearly than before and ways to get where you want to go, using dependable plans and the assistance others can provide.

CAPRICORN: A practical, get-the-job-done mood combined with humility can help achieve goals. It is a methodical approach to business, the calm and realistic expectations it supports, and stable attitude it helps maintain may be more than welcome.

AQUARIUS: You can make your ideas a reality, and you will be pleased with your progress. It is a time of feeling totally committed to what you are trying to do and knowing you can depend on the results you envision.

PISCES: This is your chance to enjoy adventure and company of special friends. Your intellectual spirit has wonderful ways to apply its energy. It is a joyful time of watching your dreams coming to reality.

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

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8	7	1	4	6	9	3	5	2
3	4	2	5	8	7	9	1	6

LOOP THE LOOP



TIMES HITORI

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■	1	4	2	■	6	3	■	5
3	■	5	6	8	■	4	2	■

SPELLATHON

fish, hair, RAFFISH, rash

SCRAMBLE

Words: Paper, frisk, picket, wherry
Answer: Where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

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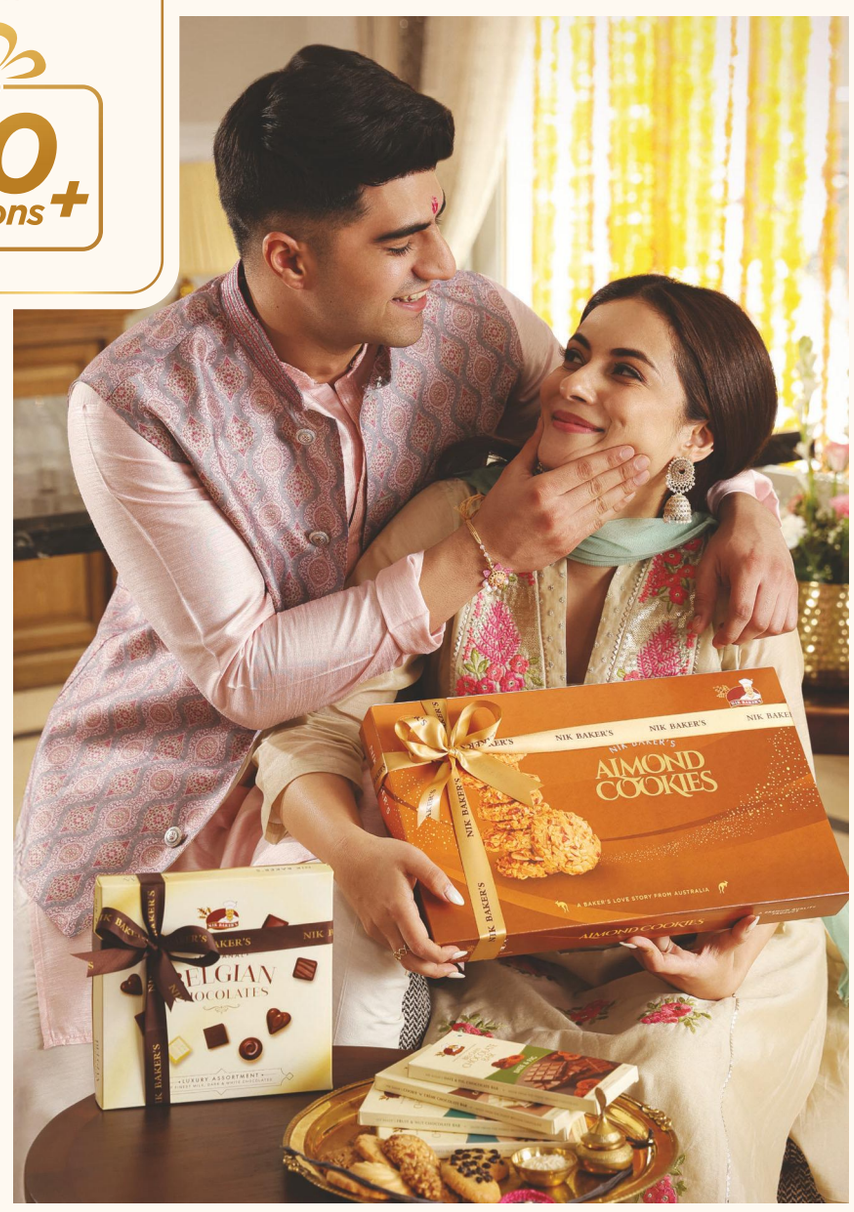
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Make room for shrooms!

Head out for a fungi foray in Delhi



A visitor smelling a stinkhorn

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Agaricus Sp

Shivika Manchanda

Delhi's forest floors are beaming with fungal life, inviting nature lovers and shroom seekers to step out in the wild to meet them. Continuing their monsoon tradition of fungi forays, self-taught mycologist and artist Malavika Bhatia has been hosting these walks at Sanjay Van, Jahanpanah City Forest, Lodhi Garden and Hauz Khas Forest this year.

Look beneath decaying barks, on moist soil and in the areas devoid of sunlight, those are the ones you'll find mushrooms in, suggest fungi spotters.

'FORAGING CONNECTS YOU TO THE LAND AND NATURE IN A SIMPLE, DIRECT WAY'

During a recent walk at Jahanpanah City Forest, fungi spotters saw reishi mushrooms, mycelium holding together leaves and barks, and varieties like Earth star, schizophyllum commune, stinkhorn, split gill fungus, and protista, to name a few. "Foraging connects you to the land and nature in a simple, direct way. It reminds you that food does not come from grocery delivery apps, but from earth. This is our fourth year of hosting fungi forays in Delhi, and every year we find new species," mentions Malavika, whose walks give many a chance to discover the city's diverse mycoverse.

A GROWING CURIOSITY FOR MUSHROOMS

From reishi mushroom tea tasting experience to bio music concerts, mushroom enthusiasts have been hosting and participating in mycological experiences. "There are many experiences centred around mushrooms these days," says Sumit Sharan, owner of a gourmet mushroom farm in NCR. He adds, "These walks are not niche anymore. Such walks appeal to everyone, they are easy, interesting, and within the city. There is enough momentum to have more mushroom-related experiences in Delhi."

Mycoverse (noun) refers to the world co-created by fungi, emphasising their interconnectedness and influence on life on Earth. It highlights the idea that fungi, form vast networks that link organisms and ecosystems, impacting everything from plant life to human health

A beginner's guide

- Join a guided foraging walk, carry a basket or box if you wish to forage
- Take the help of a field guide to identify fungal beings because you can touch any mushroom, but cannot eat until identified as edible
- Observe mushrooms at different stages. Pluck out only the mature mushrooms. If you are picking a mushroom, pick a few from the patch, not all
- One can identify the mushrooms by taking a spore print and IDing the mushroom. Mushrooms dry out quickly, so take their pictures from all angles
- If you are in an urban forest, trace back the same path to where you started, you will definitely notice more mushrooms on your way back

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Earth Star

During the walk, participants get to learn about fungi, its life cycle, morphology of a gilled fungus and polypore fungus and Delhi's myco-diversity

> I've always been fascinated by the queendom of fungi. I've leveled up in my mushroom spotting skills. I had no idea the forests of Delhi held such rich biodiversity
>
> – Raghav Kumar, natural builder

> Weekends are my chance to explore and get inspired by new experiences. Being in nature makes me realize how intricate ecosystems are, like a single twig can be home to a whole family of mushrooms, each at different stages of growth. It's moments like these that make me pause and reflect
>
> – Sreemanjari Raizada, a designer, who attended a foray at Jahanpanah City Forest



Amanita Manicata

"There are more fungi we don't know about than the ones we know about. It is different every time – week to week, things change. In a city like Delhi, where you may feel that each day is the same, fungi remind you that nature is extremely dynamic. Its presence is a message of coexistence" adds Malavika

"Fungi are bioaccumulators, so, Delhi is not the city to experiment eating mushrooms growing in the wild," suggests Malavika

Bioaccumulation (verb) is the process where a substance, often a pollutant or toxin, builds up in a living organism over time

How to: Easily grow mushrooms at home

MUSHROOM GROWING KIT

Consider buying a pre-made mushroom growing kit, which is readily available online or at local gardening stores. These kits contains mushroom spawns which are essentially the seed of the mushroom. These kits typically come with a growing medium already planted with a mushroom spawn.

PICK YOUR SPOT

Find a cool, shaded spot on your balcony. Try to avoid direct sunlight and strong winds, as mushrooms prefer temperatures between 18-24°C.

ACTIVATE THE KIT

Follow the instructions provided with your kit. Generally, this involves cutting open a section of the bag or box to expose the growing fungi.

fungi alley



MAINTAIN HUMIDITY

Mushrooms need high humidity to thrive. Mist the exposed area lightly with water 2-3 times a day, ensuring the fungi stays damp but not waterlogged. You can also place a tray of water nearby to increase ambient humidity.

HARVEST TIME

Within 2-3 weeks, you'll start seeing small mushrooms appear. Harvest them when the caps are fully formed but before they flatten out. Gently twist them to remove them from the base.

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Meeting Point: Chawri Bazar Metro Station, Gate no 1
When: Sun
Time: 9.30am

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(Nature walk led by Chandan Tiwari)
Where: Buddha Jayanti Park
When: Sun
Time: 8am - 10am

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If you're up for a Rakhi outing with sibling

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Where: SPV Turf, Khan Market
When: Sun
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When: Sun
Time: 6.45am

Ajay Kumar Gautam

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When: Fri
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Where: Alliance Française de Delhi
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Where: Bikaner House
When: Sun
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Where: Hauz Khas Forest
When: Sun
Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Kuch Panne
(Play directed by Seema Pahwa)
Where: LTG Auditorium
When: Sun
Time: 5pm, 7.30pm slots

Frisbee Club
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Where: Broadway, Vasant Kunj
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Where: Litchi Bistro, Malviya Nagar
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Where: ChalkBoard, Hauz Khas
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Where: Odella, Green Park
When: Fri
Time: 9pm

Friday Night Jazz
Where: Siyah Arthouse, Saket
When: Fri
Time: 9pm

Pottery Session
Where: NIV Art Centre
When: Sun
Time: 11am

Love, Death & Ketchup
(Stand-up comedy by Varun Grover)
Where: Kedarnath Sahni Auditorium
When: Sun
Time: 8pm

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Where: Comedy Country, Sec 104, Noida
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Where: DLF Promenade Mall, Vasant Kunj
When: Fri - Sun
Time: 10am

Serendipity Arts Residency Open Studio
Where: C 340, Defence Colony
When: Fri
Time: 11am - 6pm

Paint N' Vineyard
(Recreate *Girl With A Pearl Earring*)
Where: The Piano Man, Eldeco Centre
When: Sun
Time: 4pm - 7pm

DELHI IS TALKING ABOUT **SHOULD BE**

WHEN HOOLIGANISM MASQUERADES AS CULTURE, OUR SILENCE IS COMPLICITY

By Invitation



MEERAN CHADHA BORWANKAR
Former Commissioner of Police (Pune), headed Mumbai's Crime Branch. Recipient of the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service

"As a civil society, if we do not raise our voices now, such shows of dominance on the streets may soon reach our own doors"

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'This is Our Maharashtra': Women Clash Over Language in Mumbai Local, Force Commuter to Speak Marathi

It starts with a few isolated, sporadic incidents, which may even go unnoticed. By the time citizens wake up to them, the fanaticism and bigotry takes on gigantic proportions.

I am referring to the recent spate of intolerance for food habits and languages and the verbal and physical violence perpetrated by miscreants in different parts of India.

In different states, whenever reported or caught on camera, criminal cases have been registered by the police against such culprits. But a large number of incidents still seem to go unreported. Such miscreants are aware of the slow criminal justice system in our country and exploit the fact that trials would be conducted many years after a brutal incident – and that the chances of acquittal are high.

Latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau (2022) shows that promoting enmity between different groups has a conviction rate of only around 37%. Wrongful restraint/confinement and causing hurt have conviction rates of 27% and 30%, respectively. Many victims do not want to pursue their complaints, fearing retaliation. Witness protection programmes are not well developed in India.

The Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita has introduced Section 103 (2) for mob lynching and expanded the definition of Section 153(A) of the old IPC as Section 196 of the BNS. The Act has enhanced punishment from three years to five years. Unfortunately, legislation is in stark contrast to the ground reality — and most culprits tend to get away. Law enforcement agencies like the police are ineffective till citizens join them against disruptive ruffians.

The Constitution of India prohibits discrimination based on 'religion, caste, sex or place of birth'. It defends the right of citizens to preserve their culture and does not permit any one to impose their particular values on others. Article 21 of the Constitution as interpreted by the judiciary not only means right to life but to 'life with dignity.' But in many parts of the country, exactly the opposite is taking place.

If a particular section of the society does not eat non-vegetarian food during the month of Shravan, it gives them no authority to stop others from eating the same. Mobsters have started checking shops, restaurants, delivery services and are also imposing their language preferences on others. One wonders if there are self-seeking political actors who encourage them and promise a 'good return' for violent shows of religious, linguistic and cultural dominance.

As a civil society, if we do not raise our voices now, such shows of dominance on the streets may soon reach our own doors. These law-breakers have no sensitivity towards the privacy of citizens. For them, the Constitution that sanctifies equality and diversity is itself a scurrilous document. They do not believe in the values that have sustained us; cultural richness and inclusion are 'elitist' phrases for them, while they brand their hooliganism as 'earthy'.

Most Indians are open-minded by nature; we appreciate our diversity. They are busy earning their livelihood and any kind of violence and vandalism that disrupts their normal life is abhorred. It is the responsibility of those who are comfortably placed to build a strong public opinion against cruelty in the name of religion, language and culture. The frequency of such incidents is a wake-up call to all right-thinking people. If we do not want India to become a banana republic and if we respect the rights of diverse communities, we need to raise our collective voice against the unconstitutional acts of the raucous rowdy. Or as Niemoller said:

'…Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me'

#constitutionofIndia #BNS #mob #violence #righttolife #diversity

Pics: Ajay Kumar Gautam and Lokesh Kashyap

Magnet rakhis to lumbi threads: Unique rakhis rule markets in NCR

From quirky to traditional, *rakhis* flood Khan Market, Sadar Bazaar and MG Road, Gurgaon



How to: Make DIY gifts for Rakhi



SCENTED CANDLES
Melt wax using a double boiler. Add broken crayons for colour. Stir in 8-10 drops of essential oil once melted. Place wick in the center of the jar and pour in wax. Let it set for a few hours. Trim wick to 1 inch. Decorate jar with fabric, twine, beads, or *rakhi* motifs. Add a tag: "May your days be lit with love."

MINI MESSAGE BOTTLES
Roll paper into mini scrolls. Write memories or inside jokes. Tie each note with thread or secure with washi tape. Drop messages into the bottle with a pinch of glitter/confetti. Seal with a cork and wrap a *rakhi*-style thread around the bottle neck. Add a small charm or tag saying: "Open when you miss me".

PHOTO BOOKMARKS
Stick photo on cardstock and cut into a rectangle (bookmark size). Write a note or memory on the back. Laminate the card or cover with transparent tape. Punch a hole at the top and tie a *rakhi* thread or tassel. Add stickers or quotes like: "Forever my partner in crime".

MEMORY SCRAP ALBUM
Cut 4-5 equal-sized rectangles from old greeting cards or craft paper, and fold in half. Stick childhood photos, doodles, travel tickets, or messages on each page. Decorate with washi tape. Bind using a ribbon. Add a note: "A flipbook of our fun days."

HANDMADE MAGNETS
Shape clay into hearts, initials, or rakhi motifs. Use a toothpick or blunt knife to carve initials, tiny messages, or patterns. Let dry and paint with acrylics. Stick magnets on the back using strong glue. Personalise with your sibling's name or quotes.

HAND-PAINTED COASTERS
Paint *mandalas*, doodles, or inside jokes on coasters. Let dry completely and seal with varnish if desired. Bundle in sets of 2-4 with ribbon and a tag: "For your *chai* time thoughts and musings."

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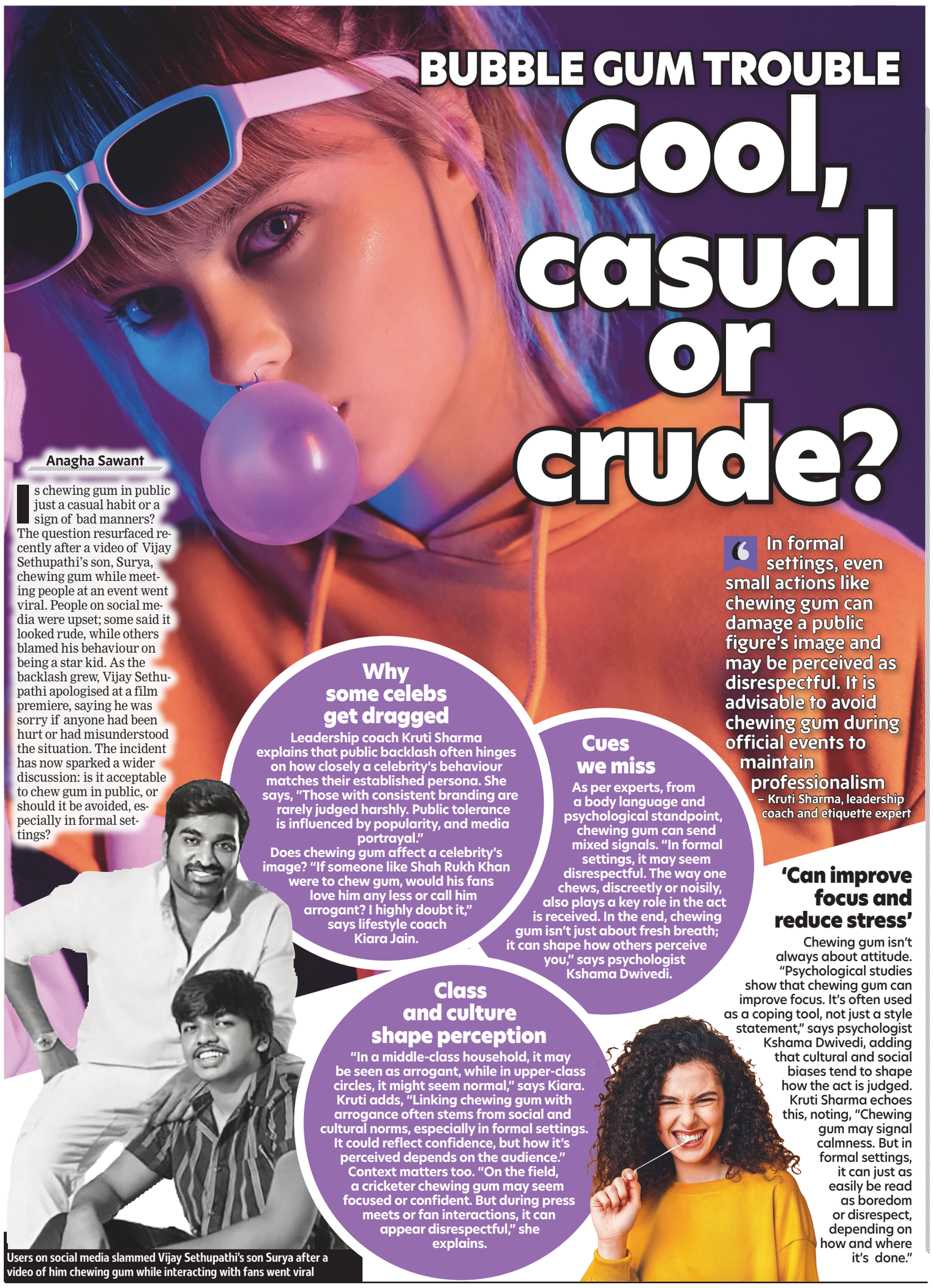






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BUBBLE GUM TROUBLE
Cool, casual or crude?

Anagha Sawant

Is chewing gum in public just a casual habit or a sign of bad manners? The question resurfaced recently after a video of Vijay Sethupathi's son, Surya, chewing gum while meeting people at an event went viral. People on social media were upset; some said it looked rude, while others blamed his behaviour on being a star kid. As the backlash grew, Vijay Sethupathi apologised at a film premiere, saying he was sorry if anyone had been hurt or had misunderstood the situation. The incident has now sparked a wider discussion: is it acceptable to chew gum in public, or should it be avoided, especially in formal settings?

> In formal settings, even small actions like chewing gum can damage a public figure's image and may be perceived as disrespectful. It is advisable to avoid chewing gum during official events to maintain professionalism
> – Kruti Sharma, leadership coach and etiquette expert

Why some celebs get dragged

Leadership coach Kruti Sharma explains that public backlash often hinges on how closely a celebrity's behaviour matches their established persona. She says, "Those with consistent branding are rarely judged harshly. Public tolerance is influenced by popularity, and media portrayal."

Does chewing gum affect a celebrity's image? "If someone like Shah Rukh Khan were to chew gum, would his fans love him any less or call him arrogant? I highly doubt it," says lifestyle coach Kiara Jain.

Cues we miss

As per experts, from a body language and psychological standpoint, chewing gum can send mixed signals. "In formal settings, it may seem disrespectful. The way one chews, discreetly or noisily, also plays a key role in the act is received. In the end, chewing gum isn't just about fresh breath; it can shape how others perceive you," says psychologist Kshama Dwivedi.

Class and culture shape perception

"In a middle-class household, it may be seen as arrogant, while in upper-class circles, it might seem normal," says Kiara. Kruti adds, "Linking chewing gum with arrogance often stems from social and cultural norms, especially in formal settings. It could reflect confidence, but how it's perceived depends on the audience." Context matters too. "On the field, a cricketer chewing gum may seem focused or confident. But during press meets or fan interactions, it can appear disrespectful," she explains.

Users on social media slammed Vijay Sethupathi's son Surya after a video of him chewing gum while interacting with fans went viral

'Can improve focus and reduce stress'

Chewing gum isn't always about attitude. "Psychological studies show that chewing gum can improve focus. It's often used as a coping tool, not just a style statement," says psychologist Kshama Dwivedi, adding that cultural and social biases tend to shape how the act is judged. Kruti Sharma echoes this, noting, "Chewing gum may signal calmness. But in formal settings, it can just as easily be read as boredom or disrespect, depending on how and where it's done."

Less walking, more benefits? Why 7,000 steps may be enough

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Walking 10,000 steps a day has long been a fitness cliché. But new research suggests that the health benefits of walking ramp up until about 7,000 steps – before levelling out. This has made fitness goals more attainable.

'NEW RESEARCH CONNECTS 7,000 STEPS A DAY TO LOWER RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES'

Decades of research shows that walking improves metabolic health, making the heart stronger and more efficient while also reducing weight, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, as per the University of California.

"While most scientific reviews have looked at how higher step counts are linked to lower risk of cardiovascular disease and death, this new analysis found that walking 7,000 steps a day was associated with a lower risk of Type 2 diabetes, depressive symptoms and cancer, when compared with 2,000 steps," according to the study.

Experts said the most surprising finding was the nearly 40 percent lower risk of dementia in people who walked 7,000 versus 2,000 steps a day. While the exact mechanism isn't clear, exercise is linked to new neuron growth, greater blood flow to the brain and less neurological inflammation. – The New York Times

Add a twist to your walks

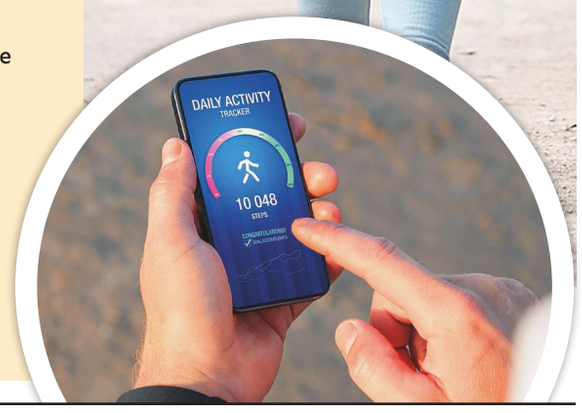
Health experts' advice on adding twists to your daily walks such as lunges, picking up the pace or choosing a route with hills or stairs. Any number of steps are good steps. While not everyone can remember how many minutes they've exercised, almost everyone can track their steps over time with their smartphone.



Skip the treadmill for the trail – walking is the trending wellness flex

Debunking myths

- According to the study, for years, 10,000 steps a day was seen as the gold standard for health, but research shows it's more myth than science, with no real proof behind the number.
- The health benefits of walking are like juicing an orange: The first few squeezes give the most juice, but after a while, things start to dry up.
- Doubling steps from 2,000 to 4,000 can help cut disease risk by 36%, as per the new research



Gym freak or vegan lover: Curate a fancy feast for your brother



Mehwash Hussain

This Raksha Bandhan, let the *puri-sabzi-halwa* take a back seat, and make your brother something that truly reflects his personality. Whether he's a gym freak or a dessert lover, there's something for everyone. From quinoa *bhel* to jackfruit kebabs, we've got a variety of modern dishes, but with a global flair.

For the gym freak

- Quinoa *bhel* and mint chutney
- Samosa with spiced *paneer* and oats
- Yoghurt *shrikhand* with chia seeds
- Dry fruit *laddoos*



For dessert lovers

- *Rasmalai* tiramisu jars
- Chocolate *barfi*
- *Malpua* tacos with pistachio cream
- *Gulab jamun* cheesecake

For the explorers

- *Paneer* roll sushi
- Thai curry *khichdi*
- *Kokum* mojito
- Coconut creme brulee

For vegan lovers

- Jackfruit *galouti* kebabs
- Sweet potato hummus *chaat*
- Almond *thandai* with saffron
- *Ragi* chocolate fudge bars



> A fusion meal is a reflection of how we celebrate today by holding onto tradition and embracing the global cuisine, making the festival all the ore meaningful
> – Chef Trisha Mookerjee

> Traditional festive foods tend to be high in carbohydrates. Fusion helps in mindful swaps like using quinoa, dry fruits and natural sweeteners. It is a smart way to modernise celebration without any guilt – Dr Rahul Ghai, a nutritionist

Indulge in a fun sibling cook-off

Want to make your Raksha Bandhan celebrations more interesting? A dessert cook-off is just what you need to reignite that sibling rivalry. And here are some simple fusion desserts to get you started...

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Rasmalai pancakes

***Rasmalai* pancakes:** Start off with a pancake duel before you get together to layer them with saffron-infused *rasmalai* cream

***Gulab jamun* ice cream sundae:** Take your favourite store-bought *gulab jamuns* which can be paired with creamy vanilla ice cream. Finish off with lavish strokes of rich chocolate sauce

Chocolate *peda*-dipped strawberries: Chocolate and strawberries are a match made in heaven. How about giving it an Indian upgrade by dipping the fruits in molten *peda* chocolate?

***Motichoor* mousse cups:** Make these cups for the whole family and see who finishes first! This dessert features a light whipped cream mousse layered with crumbled *motichoor laddoos* for a rich, airy dessert

***Kulfi falooda* parfaits:** Nothing beats a chilled tall glass of *kulfi falooda*, right? Upgrade it to a modern fusion dessert like parfait by layering *kulfi* with *falooda sev*, rose syrup, and nuts in fancy tall glasses



Motichoor mousse cups

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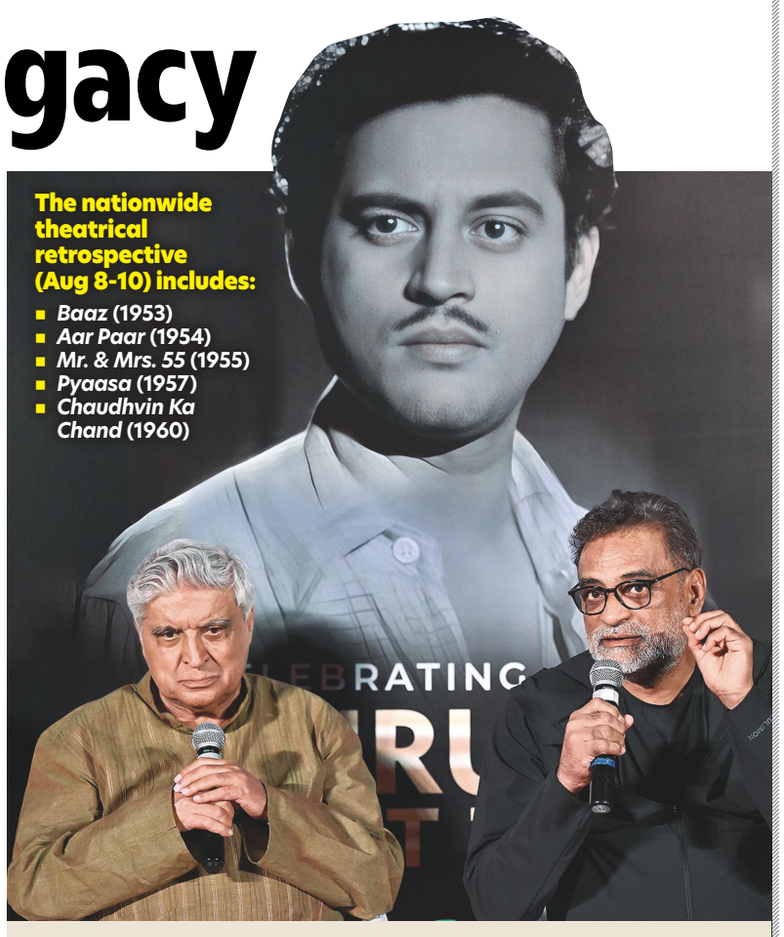
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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GURU DUTT

Bollywood reflects on his legacy

Debarati S Sen

As a part of the centenary celebrations of the legendary **Guru Dutt**, a three-day theatrical retrospective of his most iconic films, restored for today's audiences, is being shown in over 250 cinemas across the country. Organised by NFDC (National Film Development Corporation Ltd.) and National Film Archive of India, the event began with notable personalities of Hindi cinema, including Javed Akhtar, R Balki, Sudhir Mishra and Hansal Mehta sharing anecdotes about Guru Dutt and his films.



The nationwide theatrical retrospective (Aug 8-10) includes:

- *Baaz* (1953)
- *Aar Paar* (1954)
- *Mr. & Mrs. 55* (1955)
- *Pyaasa* (1957)
- *Chaudhvin Ka Chand* (1960)

Guru Dutt was the first filmmaker who spoke through visuals: Javed Akhtar

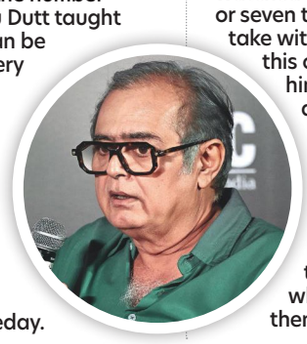
In college, I used to see a lot of films and decided that after my graduation, I'd join Guru Dutt for a few years and then become a director. I thought I'd manage to meet him because Sahir *sahab* (Sahir Ludhianvi) was a good friend of Guru Dutt, and he'd written songs for *Pyaasa*. Unfortunately, I came to Mumbai on October 4, 1964, and he passed away on October 10. While I never met him, he left a deep impression on me. I think Guru Dutt was the first filmmaker who spoke through visuals; he taught us this skill.

After watching his films, I realised I'd never felt so happy about feeling sad: R Balki

One day, the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) had organised a homage to Guru Dutt and wanted me to talk about him. I didn't know anything about him then, but in the next two weeks, I saw everything that Dutt ever made and acted in. Due to an emergency, I was unable to speak at the event that day, but I was stunned by the repository of emotions within me. I'd never felt so happy about feeling sad. When I was writing *Chup: Revenge of the Artist*, I used all that I had watched and learnt.

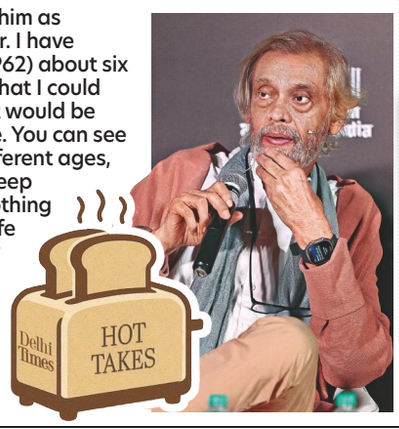
Guru Dutt taught me heartbreak is very cinematic: Hansal Mehta

I came to know about Guru Dutt because my closest friend was his nephew. So, I used to hear stories about him. I discovered his films much later. *Pyaasa* is the first film I saw which left a lasting impression on me. I think I have had more heartbreaks in love than the number of films I have made. Guru Dutt taught me that pitying oneself can be beautiful, heartbreak is very cinematic. The very first time I shot a film was in 1994 in FTII. I fully plagiarised Guru Dutt's song sequence from *Kagaz Ke Phool* in colour, it was the most vulgar replication. Fortunately, those negatives are destroyed! I will make a better tribute to him someday.



Guru Dutt is an experience: Sudhir Mishra

Guru Dutt never left me. I first saw him as a 12-year-old with my grandmother. I have watched *Sahib Bibi Aur Ghulam* (1962) about six or seven times. If there was a film that I could take with me to a desert island, it would be this one. Dutt is an experience. You can see him again and again at different ages, and like a great poem, I keep revisiting him. There is nothing that I have done in my life that is not influenced by him. Dutt has taught us how to make films, how to see a scene, how to take that blueprint which is the script and then rewrite it on film.





Row over Rolling Stones guitar

The guitar, nicknamed 'Keithburst', owned by Keith Richards was used during the Stones' first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* (1964)

A guitar once played by two *Rolling Stones* members is at the centre of a dispute between former guitarist Mick Taylor and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. The 1959 Gibson Les Paul, with its striking 'starburst' finish, was given to the Met by billionaire collector Dirk Ziff as part of a gift of more than 500 vintage guitars. Reportedly, the museum disputes his claim, stating, "This guitar has a long and well documented history of ownership."

The report also quotes Taylor's business manager, Marlies Damming, who has called for an inspection, "An independent guitar expert should be able to ascertain the guitar's provenance one way or the other." AP

Lightsaber from original Star Wars films could sell for £2.2M at auction

A lightsaber used by Darth Vader in the original *Star Wars* films is now on display in London before it goes up for auction, where it's expected to sell for millions of pounds. This lightsaber was used in the famous fight scenes in *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *Return of the Jedi*(1983). It could fetch as much as £2.2 million (₹25.8 crores approx).

It's one of over 1,000 film props and costumes being sold at auction, together valued at around £7.5 million (₹88 crores approx).The prop is currently on display at a private event at The Dorchester hotel in London. The auction, run by Propstore, will take place in Los Angeles from September 4 to 6. AFP



The 32cm-long lightsaber was used on set by David Prowse, who played Darth Vader



The lightsaber was originally made from a 1950s camera flash bulb attachment which was transformed into the iconic weapon by the production team

